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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

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Public invited to attend free recreational fishing seminar

The public is invited to attend a free seminar on Saturday, August 24, highlighting better ways to fish sustainably. The "Best Practices Recreational Fishing Seminar" will include presentations from The Sportfishing Conservancy, National Marine Fisheries Service, and Conservation International's Hawai'i Fish Trust on sustainable fishing methods, ethical angling and catch-and-release techniques.

When exercising best fishing practices, fishers can improve sustainability and promote the long-term health of the ocean environment. Ben Wong, host of the local TV show "Let's Go Fishing," will lead the seminar.

- WHAT:** Best Practices Recreational Fishing Seminar
- WHEN:** Saturday August 24, 2013, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- WHERE:** The Wharf Cinema Conference Room, plaza level
(across from Banyan Tree Park at Lahaina's harbor front)
- WHO:** Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary, The Sportfishing Conservancy, Conservation International's Hawai'i Fish Trust, National Marine Fisheries Service, State of Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources

The seminar is being held in conjunction with the 2013 Sanctuary Classic, a free fishing and photo contest that encourages responsible recreational fishing in America's national marine sanctuaries and runs through Labor Day. For information on the 2013 Sanctuary Classic, visit: www.sanctuaryclassic.org.

The sanctuary is administered by a partnership of NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries and the State of Hawai'i through DLNR. The sanctuary works to protect humpback whales through research, education, conservation and stewardship. Join us on [Facebook](#).

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On the Web:

Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary:
<http://hawaiihumpbackwhale.noaa.gov>

Sanctuary Classic:
<http://sanctuaryclassic.org>

Additional Partner Sites:

NOAA Office of National Marine Sanctuaries: <http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov>

State of Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources: <http://dlnr.hawaii.gov/>

NOAA Fisheries Service, Pacific Islands Region, Recreational Fisheries:
http://www.fpir.noaa.gov/SFD/SFD_rcf_index.html

Conservation International's Hawai'i Fish Trust:
<http://www.conservation.org/global/marine/initiatives/fisheries/hawaii/Pages/hawaii.aspx>

The Sportfishing Conservancy:
<http://sportfishingconservancy.org>

Let's Go Fishing
<http://benwongtv.com>

Lahaina Restoration Foundation
<http://lahainarestoration.org>