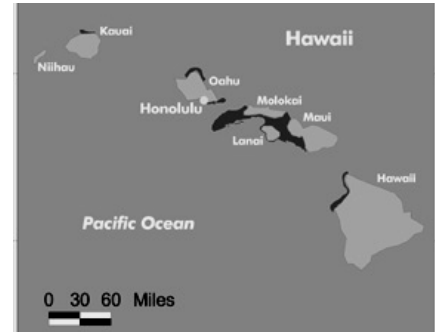


Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary



- **Year Designated:** 1997
- **Size (area):** 1,370 square miles
- **Location:** Extends seaward from shore to 100-fathoms, includes areas around the islands of Maui, Lana'i, and Moloka'i, and parts of O'ahu, Kaua'i and the Big Island of Hawai'i
- **State Waters:** Includes 714 square miles
- **Purpose:** To (1) protect humpback whales and their habitat; (2) educate and interpret for the public the relationship of humpback whales to the Hawaiian Islands marine environment; (3) manage human uses of the Sanctuary consistent with the designation and [the National Marine Sanctuaries Act]; and (4) provide for the identification of marine resources and ecosystems of national significance for possible inclusion in the Sanctuary.
- **Fully-Protected Areas:** None
- **Date Management Plan Issued:** 1997, reviewed in 2002
- **Date of Management Plan Review:** The management plan is scheduled to undergo a second review in 2007.



Map credit: Humpback Whale NMS

Sanctuary Website: <http://hawaiihumpbackwhale.noaa.gov/>

Sanctuary Regulations: 15 C.F.R. § 922, Subpart Q

Examples of Research and Monitoring Activities in the Sanctuary:

- SPLASH (Structure of Populations, Levels of Abundance, and Status of Humpbacks), an international cooperative research effort to understand the population structure, levels of abundance and status of humpback whales across the entire North Pacific, will take place from 2004 to 2007.
- A Research Plan and Program is being developed to: 1) improve understanding of the central North Pacific population of humpback whales and their wintering habitat; 2) address and resolve specific management concerns; and 3) coordinate and facilitate information exchange among various researchers and institutions, agencies and the public.

Examples of Endangered and Threatened Species in the Sanctuary:

Endangered	Threatened
Humpback Whale	Green Sea Turtle
Hawaiian Monk Seal	Newell's Shearwater
Hawksbill Sea Turtle	
Hawaiian Petrel	
Short-tailed Albatross	

**Summary of Regulation of Activities and Uses in
the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary**
(For full regulations, see 15 C.F.R. § 922 and contact the regulating agencies)



Type of Use	Regulated by the Sanctuary (NMS)				Examples of Other Regulating Agencies, States/Territories, or Laws (may not be comprehensive list)
	Zoned (areas closed to this type of use)	Restricted	Prohibited	Comments	
Commercial Fishing				Not regulated by NMS regulations	State of Hawaii, Western Pacific Fishery Management Council
Recreational Fishing				Not regulated by NMS regulations	State of Hawaii, Western Pacific Fishery Management Council
Bottom Trawling				Not regulated by NMS regulations	State of Hawaii, Western Pacific Fishery Management Council
Collecting Aquarium Fish				Not regulated by NMS regulations	State of Hawaii, Western Pacific Fishery Management Council
Aquaculture				May be regulated under Discharges and Alteration of or Construction on Seafloor; Aquaculture in the NMS has been allowed in the past	State of Hawaii, Army Corps, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, Environmental Protection Agency
Alteration of or Construction on Seafloor			√		
Seabed cables or devices				Not regulated by NMS regulations	Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, Army Corps, U.S. Coast Guard, FCC
Exploring for, Developing, or Producing Oil and Gas				May be regulated under Alteration of or Construction on Seafloor	Minerals Management Service, Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act
Exploring for, Developing or Producing Other Minerals				May be regulated under Alteration of or Construction on Seafloor	Minerals Management Service, Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act
Removal/Damage of Natural Resources		√		Take of humpback whales or possession of any part of a humpback whale is prohibited	
Removal/Damage of Cultural or Historical Resources				Not regulated by NMS regulations	Abandoned Shipwreck Act of 1987
Overflights		√		Restricted to at least 1000 feet above any humpback whale	Marine Mammal Protection Act
Use of motorized watercraft		√		Restricted to more than 100 yards from a humpback whale; State regulations are more restrictive	State of Hawaii, Marine Mammal Protection Act
Underwater Noise				Not regulated by NMS regulations	Marine Mammal Protection Act
Discharging or Depositing Material Within the NMS			√		U.S. Coast Guard
Discharging or Depositing Material Outside the NMS that Might Injure NMS Resources			√		U.S. Coast Guard

Other Regulations: The Sanctuary does not issue permits, instead working within the existing permit processes of other Federal and State authorities. The Sanctuary's penalty schedule for violations of regulations protecting humpback whales is stricter than under the MMPA.