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<td><strong>Scientific Name:</strong> Megaptera novaeangliae</td>
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<td><strong>Hawaiian Name:</strong> Koholā</td>
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<td><strong>Type of Whale:</strong> Baleen Whale</td>
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<td><strong>Birth weight &amp; size:</strong> About 1.5 tons &amp; 10-16</td>
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<td><strong>Sexual maturity weight &amp; size:</strong></td>
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<td>Female: About 45 tons &amp; 45 feet</td>
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<td>Male: About 43 tons &amp; 42 feet</td>
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<td><strong>Sexual maturity age:</strong> 5-9 years</td>
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<td><strong>Life Span:</strong> About 40-50 years</td>
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<td><strong>Gestation:</strong> 10-12 months</td>
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<td><strong>Calving interval:</strong> 1-3 years</td>
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<td><strong>Life Cycle:</strong> Breed, calve and nurse in Hawai‘i in the winter (November-May), then migrate to the Gulf of Alaska and other areas in the North Pacific to feed in the summer (May-November)</td>
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<td><strong>Diet:</strong> Krill, plankton, and other small fish. Scientists believe that humpbacks fast while in Hawai‘i</td>
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<td><strong>Migration Distance:</strong> About 2,500 miles between Hawai‘i and Northern feeding grounds.</td>
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<td><strong>Average migration speed:</strong> Continuously travel at approximately 3-7 miles per hour with very few stops</td>
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