NOAA’s Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary was established to protect endangered humpback whales and their habitat in Hawai‘i. Federal regulations prohibit approaching humpbacks within 100 yards in Hawai‘i without authorization from NOAA’s National Marine Fisheries Service and the State of Hawai‘i.

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