



## CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENT

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### HAWAIIAN ISLANDS HUMPBACK WHALE NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY TO HOST “WELCOME THE WHALES” FAMILY EVENT

The Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary, Turtle Bay Resort and the North Shore Ocean Coalition will host a public family day event “Welcome the Whales” at Turtle Bay Resort on Saturday, February 8th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Scientists from NOAA and the University of Hawai‘i will host education booths with children’s activities, family oriented lectures, an award winning video about humpback whales, and special guided nature walks. Na Kama Kai Youth Clinic will feature children’s paddle board and canoe paddling sessions. Hawaiian story-telling and entertainment will be provided by Lopaka Brown and Keiki hula groups.

**WHAT:** Welcome the Whales Family Event

**WHEN:** Saturday, February 8, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Turtle Bay Resort, 57-091 Kamehameha Hwy., Kahuku 96731

**WHO:** Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary, Turtle Bay and North Shore Ocean Coalition

The sanctuary is administered by a partnership of NOAA’s Office of National Marine Sanctuaries and the State of Hawai‘i through the Department of Land and Natural Resources (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>

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

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