



Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

Resolution in support of designating Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument as a National Marine Sanctuary

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WHEREAS Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument (PMNM) was first created as the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve by presidential executive order 13196 in 2001 by then President Clinton. In 2006 PMNM was then established as a marine national monument by presidential proclamation 8031 by then President Bush. In 2010 PMNM was designated a World Heritage Site for its natural and cultural significance. PMNM was then expanded by presidential proclamation 9478 in 2016 by then President Obama and was designated a world heritage site for both cultural and biological purposes in 2010;

WHEREAS the National Marine Sanctuary System comprises 15 national marine sanctuaries and Papahānaumokuākea and Rose Atoll marine national monuments;

WHEREAS national marine sanctuaries and marine national monuments are two different types of protections and are created under different federal laws. National marine sanctuaries are designated under the National Marine Sanctuaries Act, while marine national monuments are established under the Antiquities Act;

WHEREAS national marine sanctuaries benefit from community groups called Sanctuary Advisory Councils that represent relevant interested parties that provide advice and important input to sanctuary managers. Additionally, friends groups and chapters of the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation act as community partners, which allows volunteers to dedicate themselves to citizen science, monitoring, outreach, and education programs in benefit of the sanctuary;

WHEREAS there is no obligation under the Antiquities Act for marine national monuments to have education programs, an advisory council, or public and community engagement;

WHEREAS the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary has the largest advisory council (over 30 members) in the entire national marine sanctuary system;

WHEREAS we represent a number of different and varied community groups, including fishing, diving interests, transportation, cultural, and research specialists, as well as state and federal agencies;

WHEREAS Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument consults the public through its Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Reserve advisory council;

WHEREAS the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary advisory council (SAC), considers itself a sister advisory council to the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Reserve advisory council by sharing some of the same marine ecosystem issues (climate change, marine debris, biological / species etc.) as well as some members who sit on both councils;



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WHEREAS the value of a national marine sanctuary has been proven to enhance protections of the marine environment, further research and provide educational opportunities to communities adjacent to the sanctuary boundaries;

WHEREAS PMNM protects some of the world's most unique and endangered marine ecosystems and biota in the world;

WHEREAS the protections of PMNM are critical to the entire ecological health of the Hawaiian archipelago and thus directly affects the protections of the humpback whales and their marine habitat;

WHEREAS the SAC views our sister sanctuaries as cornerstones of protection in the marine waters around the United States;

BE IT RESOLVED that the SAC supports the designation of Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument as a National Marine Sanctuary.

ADOPTED by Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council during a virtual meeting on November 8, 2023.

Solomon Pili Kaho'ohalahala, Chair

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