

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT – Please post and distribute**

July 14, 2020

**Sanctuary Advisory Council to hold virtual meeting on July 29**

The Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary advisory council will meet virtually on July 29, from 9:00 am – 11:30 am HST. The meeting will be held via GoToWebinar and can be accessed via the link posted below. The public is invited to attend. The council will meet to discuss previous action items, receive sanctuary updates, and address questions from members and the public.

Public comment will be taken at approximately 10:00 am HST. If you would like to comment during the virtual meeting, please sign up in advance by selecting “yes” during the online registration. The order of comments will be based on your date and time of registration. Please note, no public comments will be audio or video recorded.

Please register in advance at

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8466893051952339472>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

If you cannot participate in the virtual meeting, you may send comments to

[cindy.among-serrao@noaa.gov](mailto:cindy.among-serrao@noaa.gov)

With the exception of the public comment portion of the meeting, the 81<sup>st</sup> Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary advisory council meeting will be audio recorded for the purposes of accurately developing meeting minutes. All public comments received, including any associated names, will be captured and included in the written meeting minutes, will be public, and will be maintained by the advisory council coordinator as part of its administrative record.

The sanctuary is administered by a partnership of NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries and the State of Hawai'i through the Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR). The sanctuary works to protect humpback whales through research, education, conservation and stewardship. Join us on [Facebook](#).

**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 Division of Aquatic Resources: <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/dar/>

###