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Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary

Research:

Despite increases in the overall NOAA budget under the Obama administration, the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries is likely to continue to see actual funding levels of some 15-20% below requested levels at least through FY11. Consequently, the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary (Sanctuary) research effort will be hard-pressed to meet basic priorities. An alternate approach might be more research collaborations involving the Sanctuary, universities, and private sector companies. MTS members are asked to keep the Sanctuary in mind for future collaborations and to contribute ideas, results and technology to developing and on-going Sanctuary research endeavors.

Management Plan Review (MPR):

There are plans for public input and involvement for the MPR, starting with public scoping later this year (August/September). Significant issues that came from the public during the last MPR include: additional species, changes in boundaries, use and exclusion ("zoning"), and enforcement. MTS members' participation, both personal and professional, is requested throughout the MPR process.

For more information about the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary, please visit <http://hawaiihumpbackwhale.noaa.gov/>