PMNM Expansion Implementation

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Expanded Boundaries

Ko Hawai‘i Pae ʻĀina - Hawaiian Archipelago

- Hōlanikū
- Kure Atoll
- Manawai
- Pearl & Hermes Atoll
- Kamole
- Laysan Island
- Kamokuokamohoali‘i
- Lalo
- Maro Reef
- French Frigate Shoals
- ‘Onūnui, ‘Onūiki
- Gardner Pinnacles
- Mokumanamana
- Nihoa
- Kaua‘i
- O‘ahu
- Moloka‘i
- Maui
- Lāna‘i
- Kaho‘olawe
- Hawaii‘i

Previous Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument Boundary
New Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument Boundary
U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone around Hawai‘i
Management Framework

- New Proclamation 9478
- Does not impact or change previous Proclamations 8031 and 8112
- Shared management responsibility under DOI thru US FWS and DOC under NOAA
- Prepare a joint management plan w/in 3 years
Prohibited and Regulated Activities*

**Prohibited**
- All Commercial fishing
- Oil, gas, mineral extraction or exploration
- Alien species introductions
- Drilling, dredging, or construction
- Anchoring on living or dead coral

**Regulated – permit required**
- Native Hawaiian practices
- Research and exploration by third party
- Education & conservation and management
- Non-commercial fishing

*No permits required for research activities conducted by management agencies*
Sanctuary Designation

• Sec of DOC ‘should consider initiating the process’ to designate PMNM as a National Marine Sanctuary
• Inner boundary seaward of the FWS Refuges (this boundary is not well defined for HINWR)
• State of Hawaii will also have to determine whether they want their waters considered in or out
• Timeline for Sanc designation may follow the development of the joint management plan
• While Sanc designation provides many benefits, including more permanent protection to the overall designation, there are still several unanswered questions before we can begin this process.
Additional Considerations
OHA as 4\textsuperscript{th} Co-Trustee

- On Aug 26 2016, DOI and DOC Secretaries agreed to Gov Ige’s request to elevate OHA to a 4\textsuperscript{th} Co-Trustee
- They directed the MMB agencies to draft a new MOA within 90 days for signature
- Draft MOA is being finalized and should be approved in near future
Fishing Regulation

• WESPAC to revise fisheries management plans and make recommendations to NOAA on regulations for non-commercial fishing permits in the expanded Monument area

• Commercial fishing is no longer allowed

• Public meetings to gather input on the fishing recommendations to occur in Feb-Mar time frame.

• NMFS and WESPAC staff can provide more details as needed
Mahalo