



US Coast Guard responding to a whale entanglement incident



Bubble-net feeding in Alaska

"Thar She Blows!" Managing for Recovery of the North Pacific Humpback Whales

Hawaii has been dubbed "the endangered species capitol of the world," but some species listed under the Endangered Species Act have made remarkable comebacks from the brink of extinction. Among the success stories is the North Pacific humpback whale, which by some estimates may now exceed the pre-whaling population.

Come learn how the North Pacific population has rebounded, and the new challenges we face with having more humpback whales in our waters than we have ever known.



HIFWMS (permit # 782-1719)

JUNE 27, 2012 (WED)
6:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.
HARBOR VIEW CENTER
1129 N. NIMITZ HWY
(HONOLULU HARBOR PIER 38)
FREE PARKING

- Hear from John Moran, a researcher from the NOAA Alaska Fisheries Science Center, on the impacts of humpback whales on Alaska's fish populations.
- Do you have a burning question about humpback whales? Interact with experts from NOAA Fisheries, Humpback Whale Sanctuary and the U.S. Coast Guard!



Whale with trailing gear

Enjoy Informational Booths, Presentations, Family Activities and Prizes !



This Forum is part of the 154th meeting of the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council, being held June 26-28, 2012, at the Laniakea YWCA-Fuller Hall, 1040 Richards Street, Honolulu, Hawaii. The Council was established by Congress in 1976 to manage fisheries in the exclusive economic zone waters surrounding the U.S. Pacific Islands.

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