



PAPAĀNAUMOKUĀKEA  
Marine National Monument

*A World Heritage Site*

Recommendations of the  
Planning, Evaluation, and Sanctuary Designation  
Subcommittee  
to the  
NWHICRER Advisory Council



# General Recommendations

1. In all sanctuary and plan documents - consider use of 'PMNM' vs. 'NWHI'
1. Ensure Mai Ka Pō Mai guidance is considered in the revision process

# Vision

*To forever protect and perpetuate ecosystem health and diversity and Native Hawaiian cultural significance of Papahānaumokuākea*

The PESS recommends revisiting the vision statement for clarity and impact. Examples for consideration include:

- That the vast coral reefs, diverse ecosystems and historical, cultural and natural resources of the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands - unique in the world - be preserved and protected forever.'
- 'To forever protect & perpetuate the rich diversity, ecosystem health and Native Hawaiian cultural resources of Papahanaumokuakea.'

# Mission

*Carry out seamless integrated management to ensure ecological integrity and achieve strong, long-term protection and perpetuation of NWHI ecosystems, Native Hawaiian culture and heritage resources for current and future generations.*

The PESS recommends retaining the mission as-is

# Principles

Minor revisions to some of the principles are suggested, and new principle is proposed:

# Principles

## *Management actions:*

1. Are consistent with the vision and mission.  
→ **Keep as-is**
2. Recognize the resources of Papahānaumokuākea are administered by the Co-Trustees for the benefit of present and future generations  
→ **Revise to clarify meaning of 'benefit'**
3. Affirm Papahānaumokuākea and its resources are important, unique and irreplaceable  
→ **Keep as-is**

# Principles

4. Honor the significance of the region for Native Hawaiians  
→ Incorporate reference to Mai Ka Pō Mai
5. Honor the historic importance of the region  
→ Keep as-is
6. Incorporate best practices, scientific principles, traditional and an adaptive management approach  
→ Keep as-is
7. Err on the side of protection when there is uncertainty in available information on the impacts of an activity  
→ Keep as-is

# Principles

8. Enhance public appreciation of the unique character and environment of the NWHI.

→ Incorporate language to the effect of ‘while bringing the place to the people instead of the people to the place’

9. Authorize only uses consistent with Presidential Proclamation 8031 and applicable laws.

→ Update per new Presidential Proclamations and laws

10. Coordinate with federal, state and local governments, Native Hawaiians, relevant organizations and the public

→ Keep as-is



# Principles

11. Carry out effective outreach, monitoring, & enforcement to promote compliance

→ Revise ending: ... to promote management effectiveness and compliance

12. Recommended New Principle: Co-management

# Goals

Minor revisions to two of the goals are suggested, and two new goals are proposed:

# Goals

1. Protect, preserve, maintain, and where appropriate restore the physical environment and the natural biological communities and their associated biodiversity, habitats, populations, native species, and ecological integrity

→ Keep as-is

2. Support, promote, and coordinate research, characterization and monitoring that increase understanding of the NWHI, improve management decision making, and are consistent with conservation and protection.

→ Incorporate 'cumulative impact assessment'

# Goals

3. Manage and only allow human activities consistent with Proclamation 8031 to maintain ecological integrity and prevent or minimize negative impacts for long-term protection.

→ **Revise to reflect 'applicable proclamations and laws'**

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4. Provide for cooperative conservation including community involvement that achieves effective Monument operations and integrated management.

→ **Keep as-is**

5. Enhance public understanding, appreciation and support for protection of the natural, cultural and historic resources.

→ **Keep as-is**

# Goals

6. Support Native Hawaiian practices consistent with long-term conservation and protection.

- → Keep as-is

7. Identify interpret and protect Monument historic and cultural resources.

- Keep as-is

8. Offer visitor opportunities at Midway Atoll to discover and appreciate the wildlife and beauty of the NWHI, enhance conservation and honor its unique human history.

- Keep as-is

# Goals

## Recommended New Goals\*:

9. **Threats:** The PESS supports a goal re recognizing and addressing threats: climate change, marine debris, invasive species, maritime transportation & aviation and others

10. **Evaluation and Adaptive Management:** The PESS supports a goal that supports evaluation and adaptive management processes as described in the current management plan.

\*PESS will revisit the Goals once the structure of the management plan is better known.

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