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## US: Hawaii group "Pump, Don't Dump needs help protecting humpback whales

February 27, 2006: 12:00 AM

ALERT: The Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary is failing to live up to its name. For years thousands of snorkel and whale watching tour boats have dumped their toilet contents into the Sanctuary.

Sanctuary rules were written to allow dumping of sewage into the Sanctuary, and the rules provide few protections for the whales and other marine life purported to be protected.

After local grassroots protests by "Pump, Don't Dump", Maui County has recently provided pumper trucks at the docks of one harbor. Unfortunately, many tour boats continue to dump concentrated tourist sewage and treatment chemicals into the Sanctuary.

For more information, go to: www.pumpdontdump.com

ACTION: Please contact governments below and demand it be made illegal to dump sewage into the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary.

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