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## King's Proclamation

September 5, 2016

Let the following be known:

Our Kingdom of Hawai'i is blessed by the presence of members of the Cetacean Family (Whales and Dolphins). For millennia, Humans have honored and interacted with these beings. Today, we hold the Cetacean Family in the highest esteem and acknowledge them for their wisdom, playful spirit, intelligence, and spiritual energy.

The Kingdom is dedicated to protecting the Cetacean Family when they are guests in our waters. The Kingdom is also dedicated to continuing the efforts by members of the Hawaiian Family to establish and develop communications with the Cetacean Family.

The value of developing interspecies communication cannot be exaggerated. The first benefit comes from Humans acknowledging the possibility of such communications. That acknowledgement carries with it a humility that is a gift to our species, which has too often treated the Earth and its living creatures as simply a resource for Humans and rarely considered that other intelligent life shares the planet.

The second benefit is the opportunity for the Human Family to reconnect with the Natural World and restore a balanced relationship that has been lost in the rush to exploit the Earth for Human consumption.



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The third benefit is to expand Human consciousness to consider the possibility of intelligence in Nature and to develop the skills to understand and relate positively to that intelligence.

The Kingdom understands that the United States National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) have issued a proposed rule to govern interactions between Humans and Dolphins. While there are a number of options offered, including leaving the interactions to continue as they are now, the NOAA and NMFS presentation of their rule appears to be designed to make the case for restricting Human/Dolphin interactions.

The NOAA and NMFS presentations also seem to be limited to considering only the most rudimentary aspects of those interactions for which the agencies have very little evidence and omit any discussion of the far more profound spiritual and scientific aspects of those interactions.

NOAA and NMFS have no legitimate authority over Kingdom waters. Their presence in the Kingdom islands is simply a manifestation of the illegal destruction of the Kingdom Government by traitors and United States Marines and the replacement of the legitimate Kingdom Government with United States governmental institutions, such as NOAA and NMFS. As heirs to the criminal overthrow of the Kingdom Government, NOAA and NMFS lack true jurisdiction and legitimacy.

While there may have been instances of inappropriate interaction by unconscious Humans with the Dolphins, there is no question that those who have interacted with the Dolphins for decades have shown the highest respect for the Cetaceans, provided invaluable insights into the Dolphin cosmology, and begun the process of building a true interspecies bridge.

I call upon NOAA and NMFS to honor the work the Hawaiian people have done to create a bond between the Cetaceans and the Human Family and cease attempting to define that relationship through the very limited perspective those agencies have demonstrated to date.



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Alternative 1 in the NOAA and NMFS presentation is to leave matters as they are. I commend the agencies for including that alternative and urge them to adopt that option. To the extent there are any problems created during such interactions, NOAA and NMFS should work with and defer to those who are most deeply engaged with the Dolphins in coming up with solutions.

**Ua Mau ke Ea o ka 'Aina i ka Pono,**



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