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I am pleased to invite you to the first International Conference on Marine Mammal Protected Areas (ICMMPA). The Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary (HIHWNMS) is hosting this event in the period March 30 – April 3, 2009 at the Grand Wailea Resort, Maui, HI, USA.

On behalf of the Steering Committee for this event, I am pleased to invite you to attend this event and I look forward to stimulating meeting. As you prepare for this event, please consult the very helpful information on the events web site, [www.ICMMPA.org](http://www.ICMMPA.org), about travel and meeting arrangements.

I encourage you to apply as early as possible (90 days in advance of your arrival if possible) for visas to enter the United States for the meeting. Please accept this letter as an invitation from me as Superintendent of the HIHWNMS. A copy of this letter may be requested by the U.S. consular office processing your visa applications. Please consult the supplemental information provided on the web site, for additional details on visa applications.

I look forward to seeing you in March.

Yours sincerely,



Naomi McIntosh, Superintendent:  
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