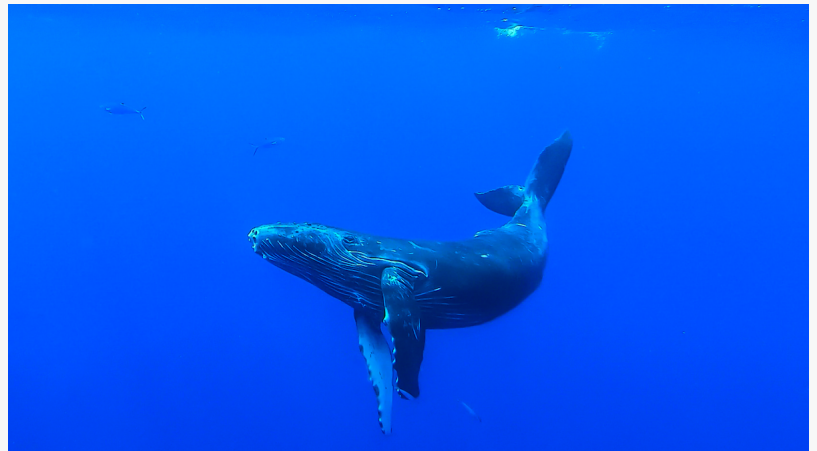


PBS Changing Seas features Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary

Hawai'i humpback whales and our national marine sanctuary are featured on South Florida PBS's "Changing Seas", premiering online Wednesday, June 22.

MAUI, HAWAII, USA, June 21, 2022 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Hawai'i humpback whales and [Hawaiian Islands National Marine Sanctuary](#) are featured on South Florida PBS "[Changing Seas](#)", premiering Wednesday, June 22, online at [changingseas.tv](#).



Humpback whale calf in waters off Maui. NOAA permit 22750

"Vanishing Whales" takes a closer look at the humpback population that migrates between Hawai'i and Alaska. Its decades-long recovery from commercial whaling is considered a conservation success story. But when sightings of animals suddenly dropped, people became concerned. Now, scientists in both locations are trying to understand what happened to the whales.

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We are excited to share four very timely ocean science stories across such a variety of locales this season”

*Alexa Elliott, Series Producer,
PBS Changing Seas*

"Humpback Health" delves deeper into the many mysteries that remain about these ocean leviathans. When in their Hawaiian breeding grounds, the humpbacks fast for an extended period, while expending energy on mating and giving birth. Now, for the first time, a team of scientists is making remarkable discoveries about how the whales'

body size and overall health change across the animals' migratory cycle.

On Wednesday, June 22, the programs are both available for viewing online at [changingseas.tv](#) or on the "Changing Seas TV" YouTube channel, where they will be available for streaming anytime.

Other episodes of Changing Seas this season include "Kelp: Hidden Treasure of the Salish Sea", taking audiences on an exciting journey to the Pacific Northwest; and "Saving Florida's Starving

Manatees", examining why Florida's iconic sea cows are dying in record numbers.

For the last fourteen years, Changing Seas has taken viewers on exciting adventures to the heart of our blue planet. The series goes to sea with scientists, giving audiences a first-hand look at how oceanographers and other experts study earth's last frontier. Produced by South Florida PBS, Changing Seas has aired on 95% of public television stations in the U.S. and in more than 39 countries across the globe.

Every winter, thousands of humpback whales travel to the warm, shallow waters of Hawai'i to mate, give birth, and raise their young. Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary protects these whales and their habitat. From November through April, visitors to the sanctuary can see whales from shore and at sea.



Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary offices and visitor center in Kihei, Maui.



Humpback whale on the feeding grounds in Southeast Alaska. NOAA permit 19703

NOAA's Office of [National Marine Sanctuaries](#) serves as the trustee for a network of underwater parks encompassing more than 620,000 square miles of marine and Great Lakes waters.

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