

# Holomua Marine Initiative



## What is the Holomua Marine Initiative?

The Holomua Marine Initiative is a call to action for local communities to come together & collaboratively design an island-based management strategy in partnership with the Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR) to effectively manage nearshore areas, ensuring healthy reefs and abundant resources for future generations.

## How is the Holomua Marine Initiative different?

Unlike most government processes, this is a bottom-up, inclusive approach that is community-driven and community-centered. Local communities, not the government, create and propose management solutions that support healthy nearshore marine ecosystems and sustainable harvesting practices. To learn more about the background and evolution of Holomua, visit <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/holomua/faq/>

## Where is Holomua Now?

The Holomua Marine Initiative launched the pilot process on Maui in October 2022. A 16-member Navigation Team that was nominated by the Maui community drafted a management proposal that supports sustainable harvesting practices and healthy reefs. The Navigation Team, comprised of local Maui community members, will present this draft proposal to the broader Maui community through Information Exchanges this fall to gather input on management actions and revise the proposal as needed. An overview of the process and where we are now is shown below.

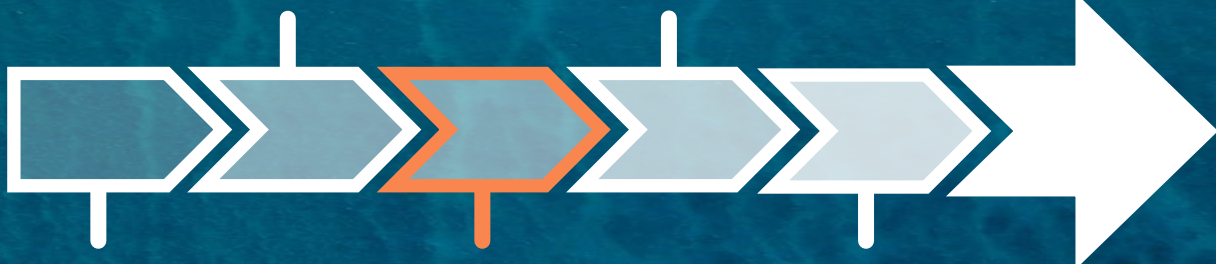
## Navigating Holomua

### Navigation Team Planning:

A community nominated team drafts management goals, solutions, and actions.

### Scoping and Rule-Making:

DAR conducts public scoping and hosts hearings for the Navigation Team's revised proposal.



### Talk Story Sessions:

Local communities engage in conversations to exchange knowledge, ideas, and offer guidance.

### Information Exchanges:

The Navigation Team presents their proposal to the community for feedback and revision.

### Implementation

of Navigation team's Island-wide management plan.



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## What about the other islands?

The Maui Pilot Process is just the beginning for the Holomua Marine Initiative. Once completed, DAR will review the lessons learned from the process and adapt it for communities and regions on other islands willing and interested in collaborating with DAR. Holomua will go island by island to commit enough resources and time for each place and community.

## How can I participate?

The best way to get involved with the Holomua Marine Initiative is from the very beginning during the community engagement process for your region or island. To find out more about ways to get involved, please visit <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/holomua/get-involved/> and sign up for the newsletter to get updates.

If you are a resident on Maui, stay tuned for the upcoming Information Exchange sessions this fall where the draft proposal will be shared and you can provide your input! Sign up for our newsletter or follow us on social media to get updates.



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