



# Holomua Marine Initiative



## What is the Holomua Marine Initiative?

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

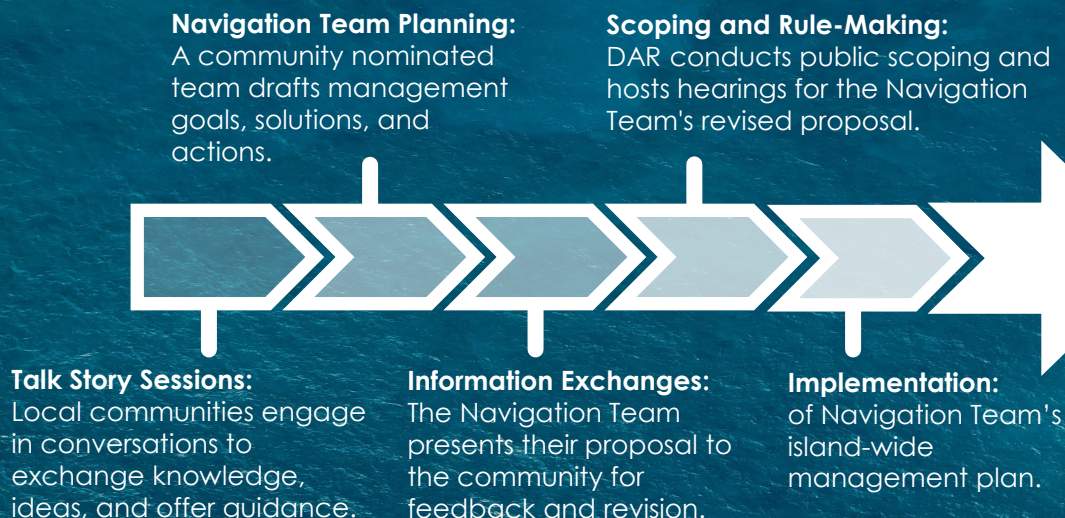
## How is the Holomua Marine Initiative different?

Unlike most government processes, this is a bottom-up, inclusive approach that is **community-driven**. 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 is launching its community engagement process on Hawai'i Island in May of 2026. The pilot process was first initiated on Maui in late 2022, where a 16-member community-nominated Navigation Team drafted a management proposal that supports sustainable harvesting practices and healthy reefs. Phase 3 of the 5-stage process was recently completed, and the Maui Navigation Team is now finalizing their proposal based on feedback received before advancing to the rule-making process. Holomua remains committed to moving at the community's pace on Maui while dedicating fresh capacity to begin working on Hawai'i Island. An overview of the process is shown below.

## Navigating Holomua





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## What about the other islands?

The launch of the Holomua Marine Initiative on Maui and Hawai'i Island is just the beginning. Once completed, DAR will review lessons learned from the process and adapt it for communities and regions on other islands that are willing and interested in collaborating with DAR. Holomua will go island by island to ensure that enough resources, time, and commitment are dedicated to each place and community.

## How can I participate?

The best way to get involved with the Holomua Marine Initiative is by attending the Talk Story sessions on your island and staying engaged with your island Navigation Teams.

For Maui, please stay tuned for upcoming opportunities to provide additional feedback on the island management proposal.

To get updates and find out more about how to get involved, please visit <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/holomua/get-involved/> and sign up for the newsletter or follow us on social media!



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