

Ocean Ambassador Volunteer

Description: Hawaii's false killer whale population is listed under the Endangered Species Act, with only 139 individuals remaining. This volunteer position plays a critical role in raising public awareness of this population's hope for survival by building community support for stronger protections against commercial fishing practices driving their decline.

Key Responsibilities:

- **Education and Outreach:** Actively engage with the public, including visitors and residents, to raise awareness of Hawaii's endangered false killer whales and the threats they face, including competition and bycatch from commercial fishing.
- **Advocacy and Petition Support:** Gather signatures in support of stronger protections against the commercial fishing practices threatening false killer whales with extinction.
- **Guided Messaging:** Share updates on PWF's latest false killer whale research, encourage reports through the Marine Mammal Hotline (888-256-9840) as well as donations, and other ways the public can get involved.

Qualifications:

- **Passion:** Deep love for the ocean and a strong commitment to marine conservation, particularly endangered species advocacy.
- **Excellent Communication Skills:** Ability to effectively communicate conservation concepts and advocacy messaging to diverse audiences, including children and adults.
- **Team Player:** Willingness to work collaboratively with staff, volunteers, and partners.
- **Reliability:** Three-hour commitment for at least three months at Maui Ocean Center.

Volunteer Benefits:

- **Training:** Receive training on false killer whale biology, threats, and PWF's advocacy efforts.
- **Networking Opportunities:** Connect with like-minded individuals passionate about ocean conservation, including fellow volunteers, researchers, and environmental advocates.
- **Professional Development:** Gain hands-on experience in environmental education, community outreach, and advocacy campaigning.
- **Recognition and Rewards:** Earn recognition for your contributions to marine conservation through volunteer appreciation events, awards, and certificates.
- **PacWhale Eco-Adventures:** Every fourth shift, share false killer whale petition with guests on a cruise during volunteer hours.

Volunteer Requirements: While previous volunteer experience is not required, a strong desire to learn and contribute to marine conservation efforts is essential. Apply for the Ocean Ambassador position by visiting the [PWF website](#) and completing the online application form. For further inquiries, please contact Kaitlyn Arcia, Volunteer Specialist at kaitlynarcia@pacificwhale.org.



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