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It's Take Action Tuesday! In honor of Capitol Hill Ocean Week, we are asking you to submit comments to Secretary Zinke urging him to leave our marine national monuments intact!

President Trump's April 26 Executive Order charged Secretary Zinke with reviewing 27 of our national monuments and providing recommendations for altering their boundaries or rescinding them outright. All five marine national monuments, which are units of the Refuge System, are included and under threat from this review:

- Papahānaumokuākea MNM
- Pacific Remote Islands MNM
- Mariana Trench MNM
- Rose Atoll MNM
- Northeast Canyons and Seamounts MNM

From thermal vent communities and poorly understood deep-corals to productive seamounts and open ocean, our five marine national monuments protect a variety of marine habitats home to untold biodiversity.

Only yesterday, Secretary Zinke released his interim report on Bears Ears National Monument in which he recommended that President Trump "revise" the existing boundaries. This threat is real, and the Refuge System's monuments could be next.

Twelve national wildlife refuges are located within the marine monuments. The additional protections afforded by the marine national monuments ensure effective, landscape-scale conservation for the wildlife species that call these refuges home.

For example, Wisdom, the world's oldest-known breeding bird, returns to Midway Atoll NWR each year to nest and raise her chick along with close to one million of her Laysan albatross companions. These birds forage in the vast ocean seascape surrounding Midway, which is protected as part of the Papahānaumokuākea MNM.

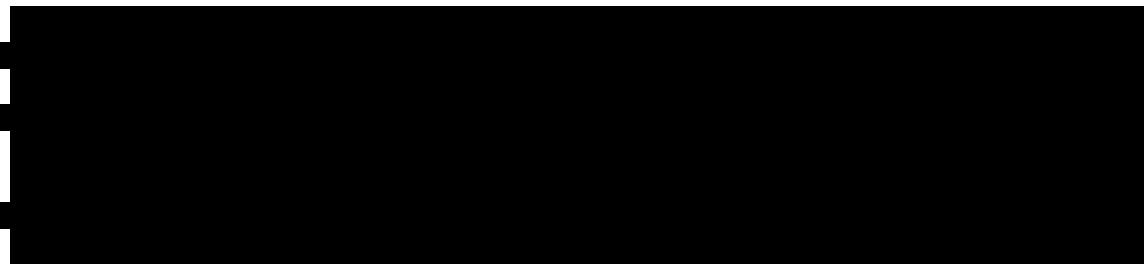
The Refuge System's marine national monuments aren't just good for wildlife they're good for people too. With many of today's global commercial fish stocks at the brink of collapse, our marine monuments provide a haven for these fish species' populations to recover. The result is a healthy, sustainable commercial fishing industry.

Yet President Trump's Executive Order has the power wipe the slate clean and undo all of our marine national monuments.

Secretary Zinke needs to know that there is overwhelming support for keeping our marine national monuments intact. [Take action today and stand up for YOUR marine national monuments!](#)

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Thank you for taking action, and we'll see you next Tuesday!



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