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## Northeast Canyons and Seamounts

- The Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monument (NCSNM) was established by Presidential Proclamation No. 9496 on September 15, 2016.
- The NCSNM spans 3,972 square miles and is located approximately 130 miles southeast of Cape Cod, Massachusetts.
- The NCSNM is managed through the DOI U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Wildlife Refuge System and the DOC National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.
- The Proclamation stated that NCSNM was established to protect geologic features, natural resources, and species.
- Fishing commercially is also prohibited with the exception of red crab and American lobster fisheries, which can continue for up to 7 years.
- In its public comments, the New England Fishery Management Council stated that 1) management in NCSNM should remain under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act; and 2) the designation of NCSNM disrupts the Council's ability to manage species to balance protection with commercial fishing.
- The Council further noted that the pre-designation process was not consistent with the full public consultation process usually conducted under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

### *Recommendation:*

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