

**From:** Rupert, Jeff  
**To:** [Bowman, Randal](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Information needed on NE Seamounts  
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yes, I'll touch bases with Brian and get back to you shortly

On Wed, Jul 5, 2017 at 10:28 AM, Bowman, Randal <[randal\\_bowman@ios.doi.gov](mailto:randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Jeff, could you arrange for Brian Benedict to give me a condensed version of the briefing that he gave to the Secretary and Downey when they visited last month. Because of my past experience I now have the lead for the review of the marine monuments within DOI, and the NE Canyons and Seamounts is the only one I have no prior expose to. Anytime in the next 10 days would be fine.

On Fri, Jun 9, 2017 at 10:29 AM, Rupert, Jeff <[jeff\\_rupert@fws.gov](mailto:jeff_rupert@fws.gov)> wrote:

Randy, Please see attachments. Let Betsy or me know if you need any additional information. Thanks--Jeff

On Tue, Jun 6, 2017 at 8:53 AM, Bowman, Randal <[randal\\_bowman@ios.doi.gov](mailto:randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

This is both a "jump the gun" and early alert note - the Secretary is going to New England mid-month for several reasons, but one is to talk with various people - details unknown to me - about the NE Seamounts monument.

The Service will be, or perhaps have been (in which case this is not an early alert) requested to prepare a briefing memo, due Monday, on this. However, Downey needs background information by Friday. If you could get it to me by 3 pm Friday that would give me time to go over it before sending it on to her.

Unlike the memo, the background information does not need to be in any particular format, can be more detailed than what would go in a briefing paper, and could be multiple attachments of existing material to an email, for example. This should include anything that has been provided to NOAA, as well as information on staffing levels, budget, any schedule for developing the management plan and anything else on hand or that you or the monument staff think she should be aware of as the Secretary's lead staff for the issue.

The Proclamation appears to go into monument resources in considerable detail, but if the staff has anything else on hand, they could include it.

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