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Attached are the PDF files that will be included in today's briefing book.
best,
Aaron

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Washington, D.C. 20240

INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

DATE: June 17, 2017 **TIME:** 11:00am - 12:00pm
FROM: Tim Williams
SUBJECT: Fisherman Roundtable

I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

This meeting is to meet with the Fisherman and Lobsterman of the area to get their view and opinions on the Monument.

II. BACKGROUND

President Barack Obama designated the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monument (NCSMMN) on September 21, 2016, using the Antiquities Act of 1906. The Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monument is the first and only Marine National Monument in the Atlantic Ocean. See map in attachments.

Residing at depths of ~4,000 meters, deep sea corals and other foundational species are highly sensitive to anthropogenic disturbances such as bottom trawling and mining extractions. Within three years, following the creation of the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monument, NOAA and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will administer a management plan for the area, adapting to requests and changes.

III. DISCUSSION

Five commercial fishing industries,

Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association, Atlantic Offshore Lobstermen's Association, Long Island Commercial Fishing Association, Garden State Seafood Association, and Rhode Island Fishermen's Alliance, took the creation of the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monument to court in the beginning of March 2017. They state that President Barack Obama did not have the right to designate the Marine National Monument under the Antiquities Act. In a legal document published on March 29, 2017, it was stated that the fishermen do not want any restrictions on their industries, and argue that the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monument is unlawful and harmful to their businesses.



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Subsequent to the creation of the Marine National Monument, a 60 day transition period was allowed for all commercial industries, besides the Atlantic Lobster and Deep-Sea Red Crab fisheries, which are permitted to continue fishing in the area for seven years after the creation of the monument.

IV. NEXT STEPS

Recommendation to the White House

V. ATTACHMENTS

Attendees:

Fisheries Survival Fund - David Frulla, Andrew Minkiewicz, General Counsel
Long Island Commercial Fishermen's Association - Bonnie Brady, Executive Director; Dan Farnham, Marty Scanlon, and Billy McIntyre, members
Atlantic Offshore Lobstermen's Association - Grant Moore, President
Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association - Beth Casoni, Executive Director
Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Association - David Schalit, President
Seafreeze Ltd - Eric Reid, General Manager; Meghan Lapp, Fisheries Liaison
New England Fishery Management Council - John Quinn, Council Chairman
Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council - Laurie Nolan, Council Member
Foley Fish - Laura Ramsden, President
Eastern Fisheries - Roy Enoksen, President; Ronald Enoksen, VP
Seatrade - Bob Blais, COO
New Bedford Harbor Development Commission - Ed Anthes-Washburn, Director; Brian Rothschild, Commissioner; Pamela LaFreniere, Counsel
Fisheries Survival Fund - Eric Hansen, Board Member
John Nagle Company - Charlie Nagle, President; Robert Nagle, VP

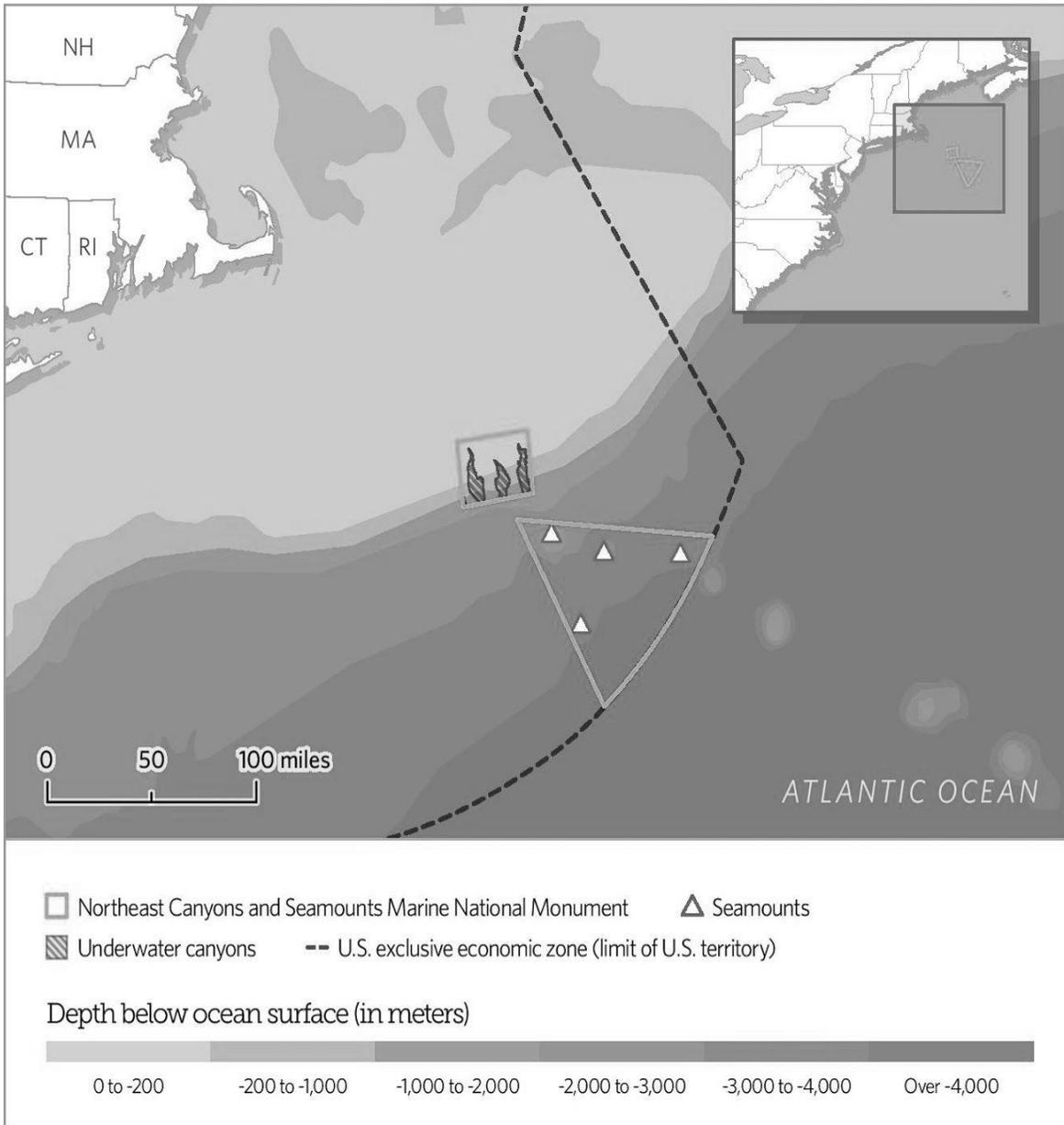
Congressional Staff:

Bob Fowkes (Lynch)
Christina Pacheco (Markey)

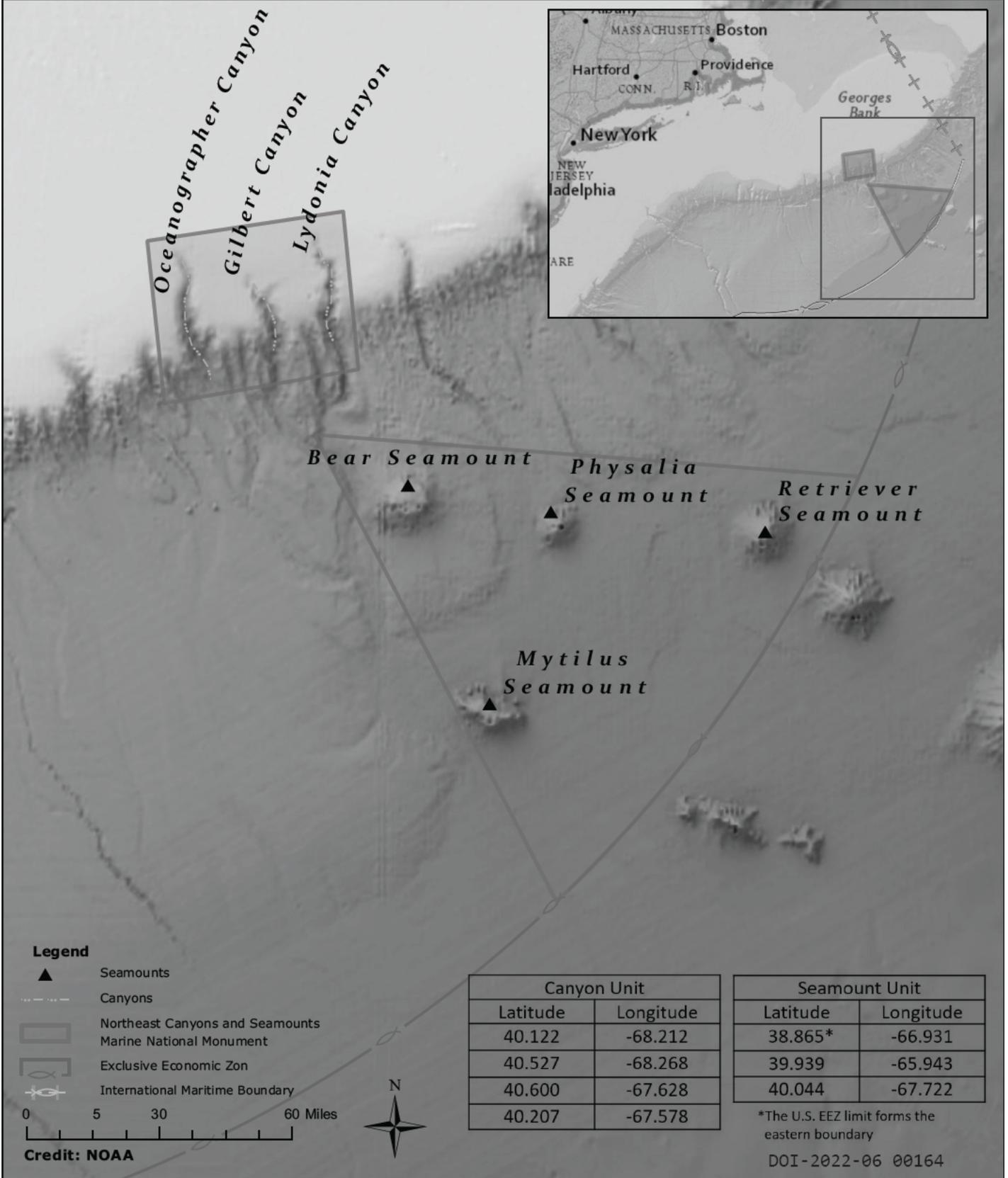


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Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monument
The protected area, encompassing 4,913 square miles, is the first of its kind in the U.S. Atlantic Ocean



Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monument



Legend

- ▲ Seamounts
 - Canyons
 - ▭ Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monument
 - ▭ Exclusive Economic Zone
 - ⊃ International Maritime Boundary
- 0 5 30 60 Miles



Canyon Unit	
Latitude	Longitude
40.122	-68.212
40.527	-68.268
40.600	-67.628
40.207	-67.578

Seamount Unit	
Latitude	Longitude
38.865*	-66.931
39.939	-65.943
40.044	-67.722

*The U.S. EEZ limit forms the eastern boundary

Advance (Boston, MA):

Security Advance
Advance

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Rusty Roddy

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Press Secretary
Deputy Director of External
Affairs
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Attire:

Boston, MA (Friday): Casual

Friday, June 16, 2017

Boston, MA → Washington, DC

8:30-8:40am EDT:

Depart RON en route New England Aquarium

Location: New England Aquarium
Main Entrance
1 Central Wharf
Boston, MA 02110

Vehicle Manifest:

MA State Lead Vehicle:

Secretary's Vehicle: RKZ

Sgt. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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Staff Vehicle:

Rusty Roddy
Downey Magallanes
Laura Rigas
Aaron Thiele

Staff Vehicle 2:

Heather Swift
Tami Heilemann
Valerie Volcovici, Reuters
Brian Snyder, Reuters

8:40-9:15am EDT:

Arrive New England Aquarium & Proceed to Aquarium Tour

Met by: Brian Benedict, Interim Superintendent, Northeast Canyons &
Seamounts National Marine Monument
Dr. Scott Kraus, Vice President, Senior Science Advisor, & Chief
Scientist for Marine Mammals, New England Aquarium

Participants: RKZ

Mark Smith, Vice President of Animal Care, New England Aquarium
(Tour Guide)

Staff: Downey Magallanes

Laura Rigas
Heather Swift
Aaron Thiele
Tami Heilemann

Press: Valerie Volcovici, Reuters
Brian Snyder, Reuters

Advance: Rusty Roddy

Note: The focus of the tour will be on species found within the Marine
National Monument

9:15-9:45am EDT:

Participate in Virtual Tour of Northeast Canyons & Seamounts National Marine Monument

Location: Howland Trustee Conference Room 2nd Floor

Participants: RKZ

Dr. Scott Kraus, Vice President, Senior Science Advisor, & Chief
Scientist for Marine Mammals, New England Aquarium
Laurence Madin, Executive Vice President & Director of Research,
Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution
Brian Benedict, Interim Superintendent, Northeast Canyons &
Seamounts National Marine Monument

Staff: Downey Magallanes

Laura Rigas
Heather Swift
Aaron Thiele

Press: Tami Heilemann
 Valerie Volcovici, Reuters
 Brian Snyder, Reuters
 Advance: Rusty Roddy
 Note: Coffee & Pastries will be served

9:45-10:40am EDT: Northeast Canyons & Seamounts National Marine Monument Management & Planning Discussion

Location: Howland Trustee Conference Room 2nd Floor
 Participants: RKZ
 Brian Benedict, Interim Superintendent, Northeast Canyons & Seamounts National Marine Monument
 Dr. Scott Kraus, Vice President, Senior Science Advisor, & Chief Scientist for Marine Mammals, New England Aquarium
 Laurence Madin, Executive Vice President & Director of Research, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution
 Staff: Downey Magallanes
 Laura Rigas
 Heather Swift
 Aaron Thiele
 Tami Heilemann
 Advance: Rusty Roddy

10:40-10:55am EDT: Depart New England Aquarium en route Legal Sea Foods Harborside

Location: Legal Sea Foods Harborside
 2nd Floor Dining Room
 270 Northern Avenue
 Boston, MA 02210
 Vehicle Manifest:
 MA State Lead Vehicle:
 Secretary's Vehicle: RKZ
 Sgt. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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 Staff Vehicle: Rusty Roddy
 Downey Magallanes
 Laura Rigas
 Aaron Thiele
 Staff Vehicle 2: Heather Swift
 Tami Heilemann
 Valerie Volcovici, Reuters
 Brian Snyder, Reuters

10:55-11:00am EDT: Arrive Legal Sea Foods Harborside & Proceed to Fishermen Roundtable

Met by: Bob Vanasse, Executive Director, Saving Seafood
 Derek Miller, Accounts & Business Development, Saving Seafood

11:00-12:00am EDT: Fishermen Roundtable

Participants: Drew Minkiewicz, General Counsel, Fisheries Survival Fund
 David Frulla, General Counsel, Fisheries Survival Fund
 Eric Hansen, Board Member, Fisheries Survival Fund
 Bonnie Brady, Executive Director, Long Island Commercial Fisheries Association
 Dan Farnham, Member, Long Island Commercial Fisheries Association
 Marty Scanlon, Member, Long Island Commercial Fisheries Association
 Grant Moore, President, Atlantic Offshore Lobstermen's Association

David Borden, Executive Director, Atlantic Offshore Lobstermen's Association
 Beth Casoni, Executive Director, Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association
 Rich Ruais, President, Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Association
 Eric Reid, General Manager, Seafreeze Ltd,
 Meghan Lapp, Fisheries Liaison, Seafreeze Ltd.
 John Quinn, Chairman, New England Fishery Management Council
 Angela Santilippo, President, Gloucester Fishermens Wives Association & Executive Director, Massachusetts Fishing Partnership
 Michelle Bachmann, Lead Fishery Analyst for Habitat, New England Fishery Management Council
 Jonathan Wood, Attorney, Pacific Legal Foundation
 Dick Allen, Fisheries Consultant
 Putnam MacLean, Blue Water Fishermen's Association
 Robert Vanasse, Executive Director, Saving Seafood
 Dewey Hemilright, Council Member, Mid Atlantic Fishery Management Council
 Kate Machet, Regional Representative, Boston Office of Senator Ed Markey (MA)
 TBD Staffer, Office of Senator Elizabeth Warren (MA)
 Karen Bradbury, Projects Director, Providence Office of Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (RI)
 Bob Fowkes, District Director, Office of Rep. Stephen Lynch (MA)

Staff: Downey Magallanes
 Laura Rigas
 Heather Swift
 Aaron Thiele
 Tami Heilemann

Press: Open for first 10 minutes; Closed during discussion
 Advance: Rusty Roddy
 Format: Participants seated at large square table with seating for 24
 Topic: Fishermen affected by the Marine Monument
 Program: 11:00 am: Robert Vanasse, Executive Director of Saving Seafood delivers opening remarks & introduces RKZ
 11:05 am: RKZ delivers remarks
 11:10 am: Participants introduce themselves
 11:15 am: Roundtable Discussion
 11:50 am: RKZ photo op with participants on outside deck

Note: RKZ should thank Congressional staffers for attending and Representing their Members
 Note: Congressional staff representatives, DOI staff, & Press will be seated In chairs on the outskirts of the room
 Note: Saving Seafood staff will coordinate individual press avails for Participants upon conclusion of the roundtable

12:00-12:15pm EDT: Proceed to Vehicle & Depart Legal Seafood Harborside en route Moakley Courthouse Pier

Location: Moakley Courthouse Fan Pier
 Fort Point Channel
 1 Courthouse Way
 Boston, MA 02210

Vehicle Manifest:
 MA State Lead Vehicle:
 Secretary's Vehicle: RKZ

Staff Vehicle: Sgt. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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 Rusty Roddy
 Downey Magallanes
 Laura Rigas
 Aaron Thiele
 Staff Vehicle 2: Heather Swift
 Tami Heilemann
 Valerie Volcovici, Reuters
 Brian Snyder, Reuters

12:15-12:30pm EDT:

Arrive Moakley Courthouse Fan Pier & Board MV Abigail
 Met by: Michael Creasey, General Superintendent, National Parks of Boston
 Secretary Matt Beaton, MA Secretary of Energy & Environmental
 Affairs
 Vessel: MV *Abigail* (35 Passenger boat)
 Boat Manifest: RKZ
 Sgt. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
 Secretary Matt Beaton, MA Secretary of Energy & Environmental
 Affairs
 Michael Creasey, General Superintendent, National Parks of Boston
 Rusty Roddy
 Downey Magallanes
 Laura Regis
 Heather Swift
 Aaron Thiele
 Tami Heilemann
 Valerie Volcovici, Reuters
 Brian Snyder, Reuters
 Giles Parker, Chief of Staff, NPS Boston
 Gregg Tinkham, Chief Ranger, NPS Boston
 Marc Albert, NPS Program Director Natural Resources & Research
 Beth Jackendorf, Supervisory Park Ranger, NPS Boston
 Ned Bartlett, MA Undersecretary for Energy & Environmental Affairs
 Leo Roy, MA Commissioner, Department of Conservation &
 Recreation
 Susan Hamilton, Northeast Regional Director for MA Department of
 Conservation & Recreation
 Fred Laskey, Executive Director, Massachusetts Water Resources
 Authority
 Austin Blackmon, Chief of Environment, Energy & Open Space, City
 Of Boston
 Kathy Abbott, President & CEO, Boston Harbor Now
 CDR Brad Kelly, U.S. Coast Guard
 Arthur Pearson, President & CEO, Thompson Island Outward Bound
 Alicia Leuba, Vice President, Eastern Region, Trustees of Reservations
 Note: MV *Abigail* is hosted by Matthew Beaton, MA Secretary of Energy &
 Environmental Affairs
 Note: Upon RKZ arrival to pier, all passengers will be boarded & ready for
 departure
 Note: Boat will not be returning to Moakley Courthouse Fan Pier. Vehicles
 will be moved by NPS staff from Moakley Pier to Charlestown Harbor

12:30-1:00pm EDT:

Depart Moakley Courthouse Fan Pier en route Georges Island
 Note: Box lunches will be provided by DECCA

- 1:00-2:00pm EDT: Arrive Georges Island & Proceed via Hike to Fort Warren**
 Met by: National Park Service Rangers
 MA Department of Conservation & Recreation Staff
 Note: During tour, RKZ will meet with Student Conservation Corps
 Preservation Team doing work at Fort Warren
- 2:00-2:30pm EDT: Board Boats & Depart Georges Island en route Charlestown Navy Yard Pier One**
 Boat Manifest:
 NPS MV *Buffalo*:
 RKZ
 Sgt. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
 Michael Creasey, General Superintendent, National Parks of Boston
 Rusty Roddy
 Downey Magallanes
 Tami Heilemann
 MV *Thomas Paine*:
 Laura Regis
 Aaron Thiele
 Heather Swift
 Valerie Volcovici, Reuters
 Brian Snyder, Reuters
 Note: Boats returning from Georges Island & departing for Charlestown
 Navy Yard are different than original vessel arriving at Georges
 Island
 Note: MV *Thomas Paine* is hosted by Matthew Beaton, MA Secretary of
 Energy & Environmental Affairs
- 2:30-3:30pm EDT: Arrive Charlestown Navy Yard Pier One & Proceed to Walking Tour of Charlestown Navy Yard**
 Met by: Robert Gerosa, Commanding Officer, USS Constitution
 Tim Anderson, Lieutenant Commander, USS Constitution
 Anne Rand Grimes, President, USS Constitution Museum
 Paul George, Chairman, USS Constitution Museum
 Representatives from Freedom Trail Partners
 Secretary Francisco Urena, MA Department of Veterans' Services
 Becky Ullman, Chief of Staff for MA Energy & Environmental Affairs
 NPS Employees
 Tour Stops: USS Cassin Young (Overview of Boston National Historical Park
 & Navy Yard Unit)
 USS Constitution Dry Dock One (Tour led by Robert Gerosa,
 Commanding Officer; Robert Moore, Chief, Naval History &
 Heritage Detachment Boston; and Anne Grimes Rand,
 President, USS Constitution Museum. Tour will include
 Taking dry dock stairs down to witness the restoration of the
 Ship taking place on the hull)
 USS Constitution (Tour led by Robert Gerosa, Commanding Officer;
 RKZ to receive NPS Passport Stamp)
 Note: In front of the USS Cassin Young, Superintendent Michael Creasey
 Will ask RKZ to assist in an informal presentation of service
 Awards to five employees
 Note: Minimal staff will take the dry dock stairs down to the hull
 Restoration area.
 Note: Prior to tour of USS Constitution, RKZ will select 1 or 2 families from
 Line to join on tour
- 3:30-4:00pm EDT: Conclude Tour of Charlestown Navy Yard & Proceed to USS Constitution Museum**

Reception

Location: Constitution Museum Courtyard
 Note: Reception hosted by USS Constitution Museum. Light finger foods / Beverages
 Staff: Downey Magallanes
 Laura Regis
 Heather Swift
 Aaron Thiele
 Tami Heilemann
 Advance: Rusty Roddy

4:00-4:30pm EDT:

Meeting with Secretary Matt Beaton & Lt. Governor Karyn Polito

Location: Constitution Museum Education Center
 Participants: RKZ
 Secretary Matt Beaton
 Lt. Governor Karyn Polito (Tentative)
 Staff: Downey Magallanes
 Advance: Rusty Roddy

4:30-4:40pm EDT:

Depart Charlestown Navy Yard en route Warren Tavern

Location: 2 Pleasant Street
 Charlestown, MA 02129
 Vehicle Manifest:
 MA State Lead Vehicle:
 Secretary's Vehicle: RKZ
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 Staff Vehicle: Rusty Roddy
 Downey Magallanes
 Laura Rigas
 Aaron Thiele
 Staff Vehicle 2: Heather Swift
 Tami Heilemann

4:40-6:15pm EDT:

Dinner

Note: Reservation for 14 are under "Michael Creasey"

6:15-6:30pm EDT:

Depart en route Logan International Airport

Location: 1 Harborside Drive
 Boston, MA 02128

**8:00pm EDT-
 9:47pm EDT:**

Wheels up Boston, MA (BOS) en route Washington, DC (DCA)

Flight: American Airlines 2116
 Flight time: 1 hour, 47 minutes
 RZ Seat: 20C
 AiC: Sgt. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
 Staff: Downey Magallanes, Heather Swift, Aaron Thiele, Tami Heilemann,
 Rusty Roddy

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DATE: June 17, 2017 **TIME:** All Day
FROM: Maureen Foster
SUBJECT: Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monument

I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

To inform and update the Secretary about the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monument in preparation for his visit to Boston.

II. BACKGROUND

The Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monument (NCSMNM), created September 15, 2016, through the Antiquities Act of 1906, is the first Marine National Monument in the Atlantic Ocean. The 4,913-square mile monument is located 130 miles southeast of Cape Cod, and is divided into two units to protect distinct geological features. Three submarine canyons (Oceanographer, Gilbert, and Lydonia) make up the canyons area (941 square miles) located at the edge of the continental shelf. Each canyon is approximately 6,500 to 7,000 feet deep and up to 20 to 30 miles long. The seamounts unit is farther offshore and consists of four undersea mountains or seamounts (Bear Mytilus, Physalia, and Retriever), in a 3,972-square mile area. These seamounts are extinct volcanos as high as 7,700 feet above the ocean floor. The outer boundary of the seamounts unit is the 200-nautical mile limit of the Exclusive Economic Zone.

The undersea features of the canyons and seamounts create nutrient-rich upwellings that support significant and diverse marine life from the ocean floor to the sea surface. Years of deep-sea research expeditions led by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and educational institutions have documented the unique ecological significance of the area. This includes numerous species that are new to science and 54 species of coral, some of which are hundreds of years old and 6 to 7 feet tall, prompting scientists to call the unique coral formations “coral forests.” The upwelling of nutrients carried by currents fuel eruptions of plankton that draw large schools of small fish that become prey for large concentrations of sharks, tuna, marine mammals, and seabirds. Scientists who have spent their careers exploring the Atlantic Ocean speak to the exemplary marine resources of the Monument by calling it the “Serengeti of the Sea” and the “Ocean Oasis.”

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The NCSMNM is an important feeding area for endangered leatherback and threatened loggerhead sea turtles, drawn to the seamounts to feed on jellyfish, crustaceans, and invertebrates. The canyons are important feeding habitat for endangered sperm whales and critically endangered right whales. Endangered fin and sei whales have also been observed feeding in the monument waters.

Activities allowed include: recreational fishing, sailing, bird and marine mammal watching, research and scientific exploration, educational activities that support the monument, anchoring of scientific instruments, and construction and maintenance of submarine cables.

Commercial fishing for red crab and American lobster continues for a period of not more than 7 years. All other commercial fishing was closed 60 days after the monuments creation.

Prohibited activities include: exploring, developing, or producing oil and gas; using poisons, electrical charges, or explosives to harvest monument resources; introducing or releasing introduced species; removing or disturbing any living or non-living resource except as provided for in the regulated activities; and drilling into, anchoring, dredging, or otherwise altering the submerged lands.

There has not been enforcement to date and the focus has been on outreach and education through a NOAA website and an educational flyer. Future enforcement will be carried out through agreement with the U.S. Coast Guard. Vessel monitoring systems carried on vessels fishing in Federal waters will aid in monitoring the use of the Monument.

III. DISCUSSION

The Secretaries of Commerce and Interior share management responsibility for the monument. NOAA has responsibilities for activities and species that fall under the Magnusson-Stevens Fishery Management Act, the Endangered Species Act (for species regulated by NOAA), the Marine Mammal Protection Act, and other applicable legal authorities of the Department of Commerce. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) has responsibility for activities and species under its legal authorities including the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act, the Refuge Recreation Act, the Endangered Species Act, Public Law 98-532 and Executive Order 6166.

The Proclamation tasks the USFWS and NOAA to prepare a joint management plan within 3 years. Senior leadership of the agencies have met twice over the last 6 months to define each agencies roles and responsibilities and to discuss management planning including development



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of a work plan, public scoping options, a draft action plan, monument vision and goals, and interim compatibility review and permitting processes.

The USFWS appointed Brian Benedict, the Refuge Manager at Maine Coastal Islands National Wildlife Refuge, as Interim Superintendent for the NCSMNM. The Northeast Region of the USFWS received \$180,000 in fiscal year 2017 for marine monument management. These funds were used to support staff salaries, travel, and planning efforts.

IV. NEXT STEPS

Planning for the NCSMNM has ceased while the monument review process takes place. Based on the questions provided within the monument review, USFWS had no relevant information to add to NOAA's response.

V. ATTACHMENTS

Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monument Map

065865 IM-S Briefing paper - Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monument

PREPARED BY: Wendi Weber, Regional Director
Northeast Region

DATE: June 9, 2017