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**To:** [Richard Goeken](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Question re: fishng in the seamount sub-unit area  
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Here is the confirmation on no seamount fishing, from the multipage report they sent us a while back.

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**From:** Michael Weiss - NOAA Federal <[michael.weiss@noaa.gov](mailto:michael.weiss@noaa.gov)>  
**Date:** Mon, Aug 21, 2017 at 3:58 PM  
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Hi Randy.

Here is the text from the draft assessment report. Paragraph two speaks to the seamount area

## (2.) Commercial fishing

The Proclamation prohibits commercial fishing or possessing commercial fishing gear in the monument except when stowed and not available for immediate use during passage without interruption through the monument, except for the red crab and American lobster fisheries. Pursuant to the Proclamation, commercial fishing for red crab and American lobster may continue in the monument for a period of not more than seven years from the date of monument designation, in accordance with applicable fishery management plans and other regulations, and under permits in effect on the date of the monument designation.

According to vessel trip reports and seafood dealer data reported to NOAA Fisheries, over the 10-year period from 2005 to 2014, fish valued at approximately \$12 million was landed from 38 different fisheries within the monument and surrounding area. This figure does not include landings of lobster or Jonah crab from the area. **The vast majority, if not the entirety, of those landings were reported from the shelf landward of the Canyons subunit of the monument**, as most fishing in the area occurs above 200 meters (with the exception of lobster which often is fished down to approximately 600 meters, red crab which is often fished down to approximately 800 meters). **Generally, fishing effort was not occurring within the Seamounts subunit prior to monument designation.**

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