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## **EMAIL 2 of 2**

Aloha Micah—

Per my earlier note, this is the second of two emails with Senator Schatz's comments. Thanks very much for your help to ensure they get where they need to go.

In the event of any problem with the transmission, please do not hesitate to contact me, or Senator's Knauss Fellow, Dr. Danielle Brunner, cc'd here.

With thanks,

James

James Chang, JD

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## EXHIBIT R

# PMNM Expansion Comments Received (Written and Oral) - Compiled by ONMS - PMNM Office

Please contact Athline Clark (athline.clark@noaa.gov) or David Swatland (david.swatland@noaa.gov) with questions

## Written Comments Received:

Pro	Con	Undecided	Location
268	51	3	Waipahu Mtg.
48	6	6	Kaua'i Mtg.
2	14	1	Pier 38
13	1	0	MDC
0	2	0	Maui

Written Comments Total:	
Pro (Individual):	331
Pro (Form):	281
Pro (Signature):	6061
Con:	74
Undecided:	10
Total Speakers at Both Meetings:*	
Pro:	67
Con:	40
Undecided:	11

## Form Letters (all PRO):

- 2 Form Letter A - Businesses
- 14 Form Letter B - Aila Family
- 4 Form Letter C
- 163 Form Letter D (page 1 only)
- 17 Form Letter E
- 81 Form Letter F

## Petition Signatures:

- 5050 Complete pages
- 908 Partial pages
- 94 Kids signatures
- 9 From Maui

## Additional Materials:

- 2 Drawings of Casper
- 1 Copy of Senator Schatz's proposal
- 10 Page 2 copies of Form Letter D

\*Please note, approximately 20% of speakers who provided oral comments also provided extensive written comments, which are included in the individual written comments total

## EXHIBIT S



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
HONOLULU

DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR

August 24, 2016

The Honorable Barack H. Obama  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

I am writing to convey my support for the expansion of the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument as proposed by Senator Schatz in his June 16, 2016 letter.

There has been a tremendous debate locally on this issue, and I have met with both proponents and opponents listening closely to the concerns of both. While the expansion to the 200-mile EEZ boundary will present some challenges in the short term, it carefully balances the very real human needs of today with the future health of the ecosystem that sustains life in these precious Hawaiian Islands.

*Mahalo* to your administration for taking the time to conduct direct meetings and public forums to hear from the public, even though this proposal involves only federal waters and does not impact state jurisdiction. Doing things the right way for the right reasons leads to better decisions, and I know the input of fishers, Hawaiian cultural practitioners, scientists, conservationists and others interested in the proposal strengthened it.

Based on public input, I appreciate that Senator Schatz's proposal limits the expansion in the current monument southern boundary, to preserve popular fishing grounds for recreational, subsistence and commercial fishers from the main Hawaiian Islands. I understand the proposed boundary eliminates an area representing about 6.5% of the Hawai'i commercial longline fleet's current catch in pounds; fishing effort can be moved to other locations with some impact in travel time and fuel costs, but no material decrease in annual catch is expected.

A related issue that has emerged from my review is the inter-relationship between the much larger purse-seine fishing industry in the Pacific and the smaller longline fishing industry, and the relative impact on the health of the tuna fisheries and on the Hawai'i-based fishing industry. I strongly urge you to direct federal agencies to investigate the equitable balance of the fisheries in international treaty negotiations with regard to economics and fishery sustainability.

The Hon. Barack Obama  
August 24, 2016  
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As stated in my December 2015 letter to Secretaries Jewell and Pritzker, I request that the Office of Hawaiian Affairs be added as a fourth co-trustee of Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument. I request as well that the federal-state monument collaborative co-management structure extend to the expansion area.

The State of Hawai'i appreciates your thoughtful consideration of this proposal and the opportunities that your administration has afforded our communities to engage in this collaborative process. In these times of increasing global threats to our natural and cultural resources, globally significant action will preserve our heritage in the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument for our *keiki* and our collective future.

You may be familiar with the Hawaiian proverb, *E ola ke kai, e ola kākou* – As the ocean thrives, so do we. This proposal strikes the right balance at this time for the waters surrounding the Hawaiian Islands, and it can be a model for sustainability in the other oceans of planet Earth.

Sincerely,

  
DAVID IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

cc: United States Senator Brian Schatz  
United States Senator Mazie Hirono  
United States Representative Tulsi Gabbard  
Brian Deese, Senior Advisor to the President, White House Executive Office  
Christy Goldfuss, Managing Director, White House Council on Environmental Quality  
The Honorable Sally Jewell, Secretary of the Interior  
The Honorable Penny Pritzker, Secretary of Commerce  
Hawai'i Senate President Ronald Kouchi  
Hawai'i Speaker of the House Joseph M. Souki  
Suzanne Case, Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources  
Office of Hawaiian Affairs Chair Robert K. Lindsey, Jr.

## EXHIBIT T



# Hirono Supports President's Expansion of Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument

Thursday, August 25, 2016

Senator Mazie K. Hirono released the following statement in support of the President's announced expansion of the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument:

"I congratulate and thank the President for taking the important step to be a global leader in protecting ocean resources. President Obama's efforts to enhance protections for our ocean ecosystem will help to combat climate change, preserve biodiversity, and honor cultural traditions. As part of his announcement, I appreciate the President's recognition of the importance of commercial fishing to Hawaii's way of life and our shared goal of supporting Hawaii's sustainable pelagic fisheries."

## EXHIBIT U





*The Senate*  
*Office of the President*

STATE CAPITOL  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

August 1, 2016

Sally Jewell  
Secretary, Department of Interior  
Nicole Buffa  
Deputy Chief of Staff  
Department of the Interior  
1849 C Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20240

Re: Proposed Expansion of Papahānaumokuākea Marine  
National Monument (PMNM) Public Hearing  
Tuesday, August 2, 2016, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Kauai Community College, Performing Arts Center  
3-1901 Kaumualii Highway  
Lihue, Hawaii 96766

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to provide written comments on the proposed expansion of the PMNM. I am submitting my comments in my capacity as the Hawaii State Senator for the 8<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District, representing the islands of Kauai and Niihau.

By letter dated April 28, 2016, I sent a letter to President Barack Obama in opposition to any expansion of the PMNM. At that time, my opposition to any expansion was in response to a Pew Charitable Trust map of the proposed expansion of the PMNM.

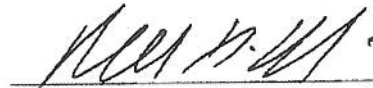
Since that time, I have had the opportunity to speak with concerned Kauai fishermen and ocean users, several members of the Department of the Interior (DOI), Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the PMNM, and United States Senator Brian Schatz and his staff both in Honolulu and in Washington, DC. It has become apparent that in order to address my constituents' concerns and to continue to allow Kauai fishermen and Kauai ocean users their unchanged access to fishing grounds vis-a-vis unfettered expansion of the PMNM, I am in support of Senator Brian Schatz's compromise proposal as it will "preserve recreational, subsistence, and commercial uses by excluding any expansion of the current southeastern boundary of the PMNM east of the 163 degree West Longitude towards the Main Hawaiian Islands." (See Letter dated June 16, 2016 from Senator Brian Schatz to President Barack Obama.)

Sally Jewell  
Nicole Bufo  
August 1, 2016  
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Please be advised that my support for Senator Schatz's proposed PMNM expansion compromise is with the understanding that there will be no further PMNM expansion.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation and if there are any questions with regard to the foregoing, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Ronald D. Kouchi', is written over a horizontal line.

RONALD D. KOUCHI  
Senate President

cc: Senator Brian Schatz

## EXHIBIT V

**Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr.**  
Mayor



**Wallace G. Rezentes, Jr.**  
Managing Director

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August 25, 2016

The Honorable Barack Obama  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to provide my written support of the proposed expansion of the PMNM as the Mayor of the County of Kaua'i.

In my letter dated May 5, 2016, I sent a letter to President Barack Obama in opposition to any expansion of the PMNM.

Since that time, I have reconsidered my position and after having an opportunity to speak to local fisherman and Kaua'i ocean users, I am in support of Senator Brian Schatz's compromise proposal as it will "preserve recreational, subsistence, and commercial uses by excluding any expansion of the current southeastern boundary of the PMNM east of the 163 degree West Longitude towards the Main Hawaiian Islands.(See Letter dated June 16, 2016 from Senator Brian Schatz to President Barack Obama.)

Please be advised that my support for Senator Schatz's proposed PMNM expansion compromise is with the understanding that there will be no further PMNM expansion.

Thank you for your cooperation and if there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Me ke Aloha Pumehana,

Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr.  
Mayor

cc: Senator Brian Schatz

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## EXHIBIT W



# Why US Senator Brian Schatz's plan to expand the Papahānaumokuākea Monument needs to happen

JUNE 29, 2016 BY [ANTHONY PIGNATARO](#) 0 COMMENTS

The [Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument](#) is over a thousand miles long. The reserve encompasses the atolls and formations that make up the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands. It's one of the largest marine conservation areas in the world, encompassing nearly 140,000 square miles of the Pacific—more land area than all of America's National Parks combined, in fact. If superimposed on a map of the continental United States, the archipelago would stretch from Chesapeake Bay in Virginia to South Dakota's eastern border.

It was first created a decade ago—by President George W. Bush, of all people. “Our duty is to use the land and seas wisely, or sometimes not use them at all,” Bush said at the time. “Good stewardship of the environment is not just a personal responsibility, it is a public value.”

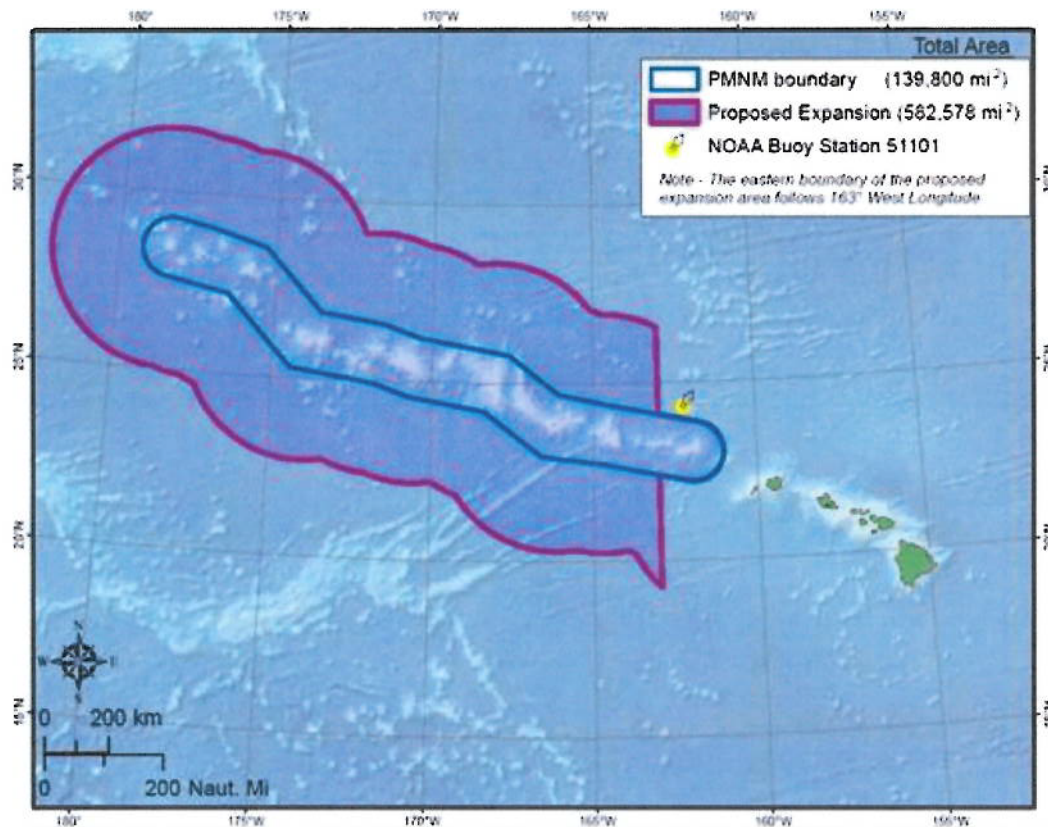
When Bush said those words, the monument was the largest marine reserve in the world. Today's it's slipped to the 10th biggest, but if U.S. Senator Brian Schatz, D–Hawaii, has his way, President Barack Obama will expand the monument to five times its current area—more than 580,000 square miles. If that happens, the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument (PMNM) will once again become the largest marine protected area in the world.

“A thoughtful expansion of the PMNM will continue Hawaii's long history of sustainable use of the land and oceans into the future, and help ensure that we can give our children the legacy of a healthy, vibrant Pacific Ocean,” Schatz wrote in a June 16 letter to Obama—exactly 10 years and one day after Bush officially created the monument. “As we commemorate the tenth anniversary of the establishment of the PMNM, I believe this proposal aptly recognizes that milestone.”

Access to the monument is strictly restricted, and rightly so. The coral reefs (and sparkling white atolls, which are formed from ancient, crushed coral) that make up the PMNM are home to more than 7,000 distinct marine species, according to public relations materials produced by the officials who manage the monument. These species include the green turtle (classified as threatened), the Hawaii monk seal (endangered) and 22 species of seabirds (monument officials estimate that 14 million birds make their homes in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands). One of those birds, the Laysan Duck, is considered to be “the world's most endangered duck.”

Though the monument (except for Midway Island) is part of Hawaii, not everyone here welcomes the idea of expansion. The reason is simple fear: closing off such a vast tract of ocean would harm Hawaii's commercial fishing industry. In fact, Schatz says that expanding the monument will actually help Hawaii's fishing industry.

"The best available science indicates that expanding the PMNM will strengthen an ecosystem that sustains tuna, swordfish, seabirds, sea turtles, and Hawaiian monk seals," Schatz said in his letter to Obama. "This strengthening will, in turn, support more productive fisheries outside the PMNM and provide a vigorous carbon sink to combat climate change. Protecting this region more thoroughly will also preserve undiscovered biodiversity for future discoveries, and maintain a reservoir of genetic diversity that will allow marine species the greatest possible chance of adapting to environmental change. Moreover, the expanded region contains significant bio-cultural resources and archaeological sites that further justify use of the Antiquities Act."



The islands—especially Nihoa and Mokumanamana (which is also known as Necker Island)—are extremely important in Hawaiian history and culture. "Based on radiocarbon data, it's been estimated that Nihoa and Mokumanamana could have been inhabited from 1000 A.D. to 1700 A. D.," states the official Papahānaumokuākea website. "Nihoa Island, where there is significant soil development, has over 88 cultural sites, including ceremonial, residential, and agricultural features. Mokumanamana Island has 52 cultural sites, including ceremonial and temporary habitation features."



More recently (well, relatively), the monument is the final resting place for many shipwrecks, including the bones of the aircraft carrier *USS Yorktown*, sunk at the battle of Midway in June 1942 (if the monument expands, its new borders will include the wrecks of the four Japanese carriers also lost at that battle—the *Akagi*, *Kaga*, *Hiryu* and *Soryu*. Other wrecks in the monument include the American whaler *Parker* (lost in 1842), the British sailing vessel *Dunnottar Castle* (lost in 1886) and the American submarine rescue ship *Macaw* (lost in 1943).

For these and other reasons, a group of Native Hawaiian activists and officials asked Obama back in January to expand the monument. “The name Papahānaumokuākea commemorates the union of two Hawaiian ancestors—Papahānaumoku and Wakea—who gave rise to the Hawaiian archipelago and our people,” stated the Jan. 29 letter, signed by William Aila, Kamana’opono Crabbe, Isaac Harp, Kekuēwa Kikiloī, Kaleo Manuel, Victoria Holt Takamine and Nainoa Thompson. “Native Hawaiians remain deeply connected to the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands and surrounding waters on genealogical, cultural and spiritual levels.”

The Hawaiians signing the letter called the monument “a unique and generally isolated ocean gem.” Expansion, they say, is vital because of climate change.

“While the current boundary of Papahānaumokuākea includes vital habitat for a number of species, it does not fully protect habitat and travel routes for several species including Hawaiian Monk Seals, green sea turtles, sharks, whales, Black-footed and Laysan Albatrosses as well as other species,” states the letter. “Additionally, large, fully protected marine reserves and sanctuaries are more resilient to climate change and therefore have emerged as important to mitigating the impacts of our warming planet.”

In a [Feb. 16 Honolulu Civil Beat story](#) on the letter, Thompson added that expanding the PMNM would be a “give to the children of the Earth.”

But on May 3, a separate group of 30 state legislators also wrote to Obama. They asked him not to expand the monument. In fact, they say the monument has already damaged Hawaii’s fishing industry.

“The fishing and seafood industry is an integral part of Hawaii’s culture, identity, and economy,” stated that letter, signers of which included House Speaker Joe Souki, D—Wailuku and Representatives Lynn DeCoite, D—East Maui, Molokai, Lanai, Angus McKelvey, D—West Maui and Kyle Yamashita, D—Upcountry. “While we understand the intent of the creation of the Monument, we do not support any expansion of the size and scope of the Monument. The use restrictions that apply within the Monument’s boundaries have already eliminated 50% of Hawaii’s bottomfish fishery, which includes 17 permits, including those dedicated to indigenous Native Hawaiian fishing communities. Hawaii’s bottomfish supply, which includes fish such as onaga and



opakapaka, is not completely dependent on individual Main Hawaiian Islands bottomfish fishermen and import. This was a direct result of the declaration of the Monument.”

At the same time, Governor David Ige also seemed hesitant to support expansion. “Generally, some expansion of the national marine monument makes sense,” Ige said in [a May 12 Civil Beat story](#). “There are concerns from commercial fishermen, especially in areas around Kauai and Niihau, so I think there would be a way to take these concerns into consideration.”

But Schatz’s June 16 proposal actually includes provision to help Kauai and Ni’ihau fishing interests. His letter to Obama says there should be no expansion “of the current southeastern boundary of the PMNM east of 163° West Longitude towards the Main Hawaiian Islands.” This carve-out would include “a particularly active fishing spot near NOAA Weather Buoy 51101,” according to Schatz’s letter.

That concession to the fishing industry seems to alleviated much of the concern over expansion. “Like the Polynesians who first settled these islands, we can balance the management of this unique natural habitat and its historic artifacts with the needs of the human population,” Ige said on June 16 when Schatz released his proposal to the media. “Sen. Schatz has addressed many of the concerns I’ve heard about the expansion of the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument and has proposed reasonable accommodations for local fishers who are helping to feed our families. I look forward to the public process as it moves forward.”

What’s more, Rep. McKelvey—who signed the May 3 letter urging Obama reject expansion—told us that he’s changed his mind. Schatz’s proposal is okay with him.

“Senator Schatz has addressed the concerns that I had regarding the expansion of the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument and has proposed reasonable accommodations for local fishers who help feed our families,” McKelvey said in a June 24 email. “Senator Schatz’s June 16th proposal that includes a carve-out for Kauai and Ni’ihau fishermen has alleviated my concerns regarding the monument’s expansion.” (Representatives Souki, DeCoite and Yamashita didn’t respond to our requests for comment.)

So that’s pretty much it. Except, of course, that Obama hasn’t actually expanded the monument yet. “The president is likely to make the designation at some point in the next few months, according to several individuals who have been briefed on the process but asked for anonymity because no final decision has been made,” [The Washington Post reported on June 16](#).

## EXHIBIT X



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII  
STATE CAPITOL  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

April 19, 2016

The Honorable Barack Obama  
President of the United States of America  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As a member of the Hawai'i State Legislature, I write in support of expanding the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument.

For our Native Hawaiian community, the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands are where life began. Today, marine life thrives within the monument because it was protected by your predecessor 10 years ago. However, there are important cultural and biological resources that fall outside the current boundary of the monument. Expanding Papahānaumokuākea will help protect these resources and increase our resilience to the impacts of climate change.

Extending the monument boundary to the full 200 nautical mile limit of the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands exclusive economic zone (EEZ) - excluding the waters around of Ni'ihau and Kaua'i - would protect one of the most unique ocean ecosystems on the planet. Within this diverse isolated region, there are more than 7,000 marine species, and scientists estimate that more than a quarter of those are endemic. The area is one of the few remaining predator-dominated ecosystems in the world, with strong populations of sharks, Hawaiian grouper and other large predatory fish that have been heavily overfished elsewhere.

While the current boundary of Papahānaumokuākea includes vital habitat for a number of species, it does not fully protect habitat and travel routes for several species including Hawaiian Monk Seals, green sea turtles, sharks, whales, Black-footed and Laysan Albatrosses as well as other species. It is important to note that all of these biological species are also considered cultural species by Native Hawaiians.

The area proposed for expansion is not a major fishing ground and log books show that the effort in the region has been dramatically decreasing over the last five years. The Hawai'i longline catch quotas are set by the negotiations that take place at the Western Central Pacific Fisheries Commission, so extending the boundary of the monument will not reduce catch and therefore have no economic impact on the fishery.

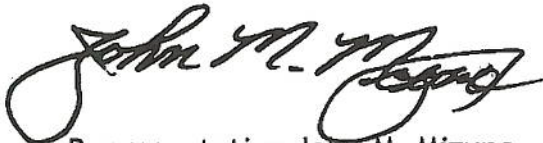


The Honorable Barack Obama  
President of the United States of America  
Letter of Support for the Expansion of the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National  
Monument  
April 19, 2016  
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Finally, Mr. President, Hawai'i is honored to host the World Conservation Congress in September of this year. This global event presents an opportunity for Hawai'i the United States to lead the world once again on one of humanity's greatest challenges - improving the health of the ocean. Expanding the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument is the single biggest step you can take to leave a historical legacy for future generations.

Mahalo for your consideration and we look forward to seeing you on your next trip to your birth state of Hawai'i.

Aloha,



Representative John M. Mizuno  
Vice Speaker  
Hawaii House of Representatives  
District 28

**Representative John M. Mizuno – VICE SPEAKER of the House of Representatives**

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## EXHIBIT Y

## Obama Announces a Vast Expansion of the Northwest Hawaiian Islands Marine National Monument

*Recreational fishing is allowed to continue in the expanded area*

**Alexandria, VA – August 26, 2016** – Today, President Obama announced a vast expansion of the Northwest Hawaiian Islands Marine National Monument, known as Papahānaumokuākea, out to 200 miles or the limits of the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone, creating the world's largest marine protected area. In 2006, President George W. Bush created the monument with a boundary which extended to 50 miles and excluded recreational fishing.

The new Presidential Proclamation moves to conserve the physical and living marine resources within the Monument's waters. All commercial resource extraction activities including commercial fishing, oil exploration and mineral extraction are prohibited in the expanded areas.

Non-commercial fishing, such as recreational fishing and resources for Native Hawaiian cultural practices, are permitted in the expanded area. NOAA and the Department of the Interior will be responsible for managing the expanded marine monument and have been given three years to put forward implementing regulations. President Obama's action follows a proposal put forward by Sen. Brian Schatz (D-Hawaii), Hawaiian state officials and Native Hawaiian leaders.

"We are pleased that the administration recognizes the conservation contributions of sportfishing" said Scott Gudes, vice president of Government Affairs for the American Sportfishing Association. "The uses allowed to continue, such as boating and recreational fishing, show a true appreciation of the value of outdoor recreation for our nation's citizens. Outdoor recreation is about appreciating nature and the outdoors, as much as it is about jobs and the economy."

Gudes continued, "We greatly appreciate the contributions of Sen. Schatz in this process. The expansion boundaries he proposed were adopted in this proclamation."

"This designation is an important example of how resource conservation and recreational activities, such as sportfishing and boating, can go hand in hand," noted Nicole Vasilaros, National Marine Manufacturers Association vice president. "We applaud the Obama Administration and Sen. Schatz for their efforts and continued recognition of the important role of the recreational economy."

"Recreational fishing and boating are compatible with conservation, and that is brightly highlighted in this designation," said Center for Coastal Conservation President Jeff Angers. "Sen. Schatz's leadership ensures that anglers, America's original conservationists, will be included as management partners."

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*The [American Sportfishing Association](#) (ASA) is the sportfishing industry's trade association committed to representing the interests of the sportfishing and boating industries as well as the entire sportfishing community. We give the industry and anglers a unified voice when emerging laws and policies could significantly affect sportfishing business or sportfishing itself. ASA invests in long-term ventures to ensure the industry will remain strong and prosperous, as well as safeguard and promote the enduring economic, conservation and social values of sportfishing in America. ASA also gives America's 46 million anglers a voice in policy decisions that affect their ability to sustainably fish on our nation's waterways through [Keep America Fishing®](#), our national angler advocacy campaign. America's anglers generate more than \$48 billion in retail sales with a \$115 billion impact on the nation's economy creating employment for more than 828,000 people.*

## EXHIBIT Z



# EXPAND PAPAHĀNAUMOKUĀKEA

He Pu'uhonua no Hawai'i



A Sanctuary for our Ocean Heritage

[www.expandpmnm.com](http://www.expandpmnm.com)

Dear President Obama,

The effects of climate change are having devastating impacts on our ocean resources, and are only expected to worsen in coming years. We are presently experiencing the most extensive period of coral bleaching on record, with unprecedented levels of losses over time and space. The expansion of the Western Pacific Warming Pool is already affecting the distribution of pelagic fishes away from this area. The geographical location of the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument, encompassing some of the northern most coral reefs in the world and far to the north and east of the Warming Pool, heightens the value of this area as a refuge and center for supporting resilience to climate change impacts.

Our oceans and those who depend on them for their ecological, economic and cultural benefits are threatened by unprecedented levels of degradation and losses tied to human-induced stress and exploitation. Pollution, overfishing and the combined effects of ocean warming and acidification tied to climate change are negatively affecting our oceans and the living resources within. Marine Protected Areas (MPA's) are a proven tool to enhance populations of fishes, marine invertebrates, turtles, marine mammals and sea birds. Strongly protected areas have been shown to be more resilient to impacts of climate change compared to unprotected areas. Due to the ever-increasing human footprint, the only refuges left in the world are those we choose to establish and enforce.

The ideal MPA would contain a diversity of habitats and species of bio-cultural importance, be large, relatively isolated, is well connected by ocean currents to collect incoming larvae, juvenile and adult organisms, and serve as a source of sea life for other locations. It should be protected from resource exploitation, noise, pollution and be distant from areas experiencing substantial warming. The Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument (PMNM) is such a place, with a unique group of species and among the highest levels of endemism, supporting species found nowhere else in the world. The coral reefs within the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands are some of the northernmost in the world and lie within a temperate zone. They are viewed as among those most likely to survive alarming trends in ocean warming as a result of climate change. The deep seafloor in this region is home to the oldest living animals on earth, Golden Corals that live to be over 4,000 years old. Fish and larvae travel great distances and are not constrained by lines on a map. Establishment of marine protected areas that safeguard our marine resources is a responsibility that we owe to future generations. By expanding the



existing protections from 50 NM to 200 NM, the “principal” in our children’s account of marine resources will be substantially enhanced, as will be the amount of “interest” that can be drawn sustainably into the future.

There is a growing consensus among marine scientists that 30% of the oceans be set aside for adequate protection against human exploitation, yet only two percent presently benefits from full protection. Expanding the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument from the current 50-mile boundary to the full 200-mile EEZ will be a substantial step in the right direction, creating the largest reserve in the world. This decision is scientifically supported and provides substantial hope of leaving a legacy of ocean resources and benefits for future generations. We are concerned that there are few, if any, such opportunities remaining to establish strongly protected areas such as Papahānaumokuākea. We strongly encourage President Obama to make a brave, sound, and responsible choice by providing expanded protection for this unique and important Monument.

The international marine conservation science community is unified in our support to expand the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument (PMNM) boundary from 50 nautical miles to the 200 nautical mile exclusive economic zone. We urge President Obama to use his executive authority to expand PMNM, and leave a lasting legacy of marine resources for future generations.

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Dear President Obama:

Since 1926, the Naval Historical Foundation has been in the forefront of providing stewardship to preserve our naval and maritime heritage. Previous successful preservation efforts include John Paul Jones' birthplace in Kirkbean, Scotland; Stephen Decatur's home near the White House, and Commodore Dewey's flagship cruiser *Olympia*. Now, another significant effort has drawn our attention.

Senator Brian Schatz and a group of prominent Native Hawaiians have asked you to use the Antiquities Act, consistent with the precedents of past Presidents, to expand the boundaries of the existing Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument, which now includes the Battle of Midway National Memorial and Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge. These are areas of very special significance to veterans, their descendants, and U.S. military history. The Naval Historical Foundation is in full support of the Senator's recommended "thoughtful" expansion of the current monument which was established by President George W. Bush ten years ago. These two sequential Presidential executive acts will create the world's largest marine protected area.

The Battle of Midway National Memorial was created so "that the heroic courage and sacrifice of those who fought against overwhelming odds to win an incredible victory will never be forgotten." The boundaries of the present National Memorial include all lands and waters of the Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge. The Senator's expansion would give added protection to the remains of the aircraft and ships, such as the *Yorktown* and *Hammann*, and much of the area of the final resting places, beneath the sea, of those brave servicemen who lost their lives. The Battle of Midway proved the resilience of the American people and is regarded as a "turning point" in the endeavors of the U.S. and its allies in the Pacific during World War II – a most fitting tribute on the eve of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

The Foundation is proud to add its voice to the coalition of overwhelming community support, including Native Hawaiians, local fishermen, conservationists, local veterans, students, scientists, and elected leaders. Expanding Papahānaumokuākea to protect the biological, cultural, and historical resources co-located with areas of the Battle of Midway would further add to the impressive record of America's leadership in global maritime conservation efforts.

Very respectfully,

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Chairman, Naval Historical Foundation



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# GOVERNOR'S OFFICE NEWS RELEASE: OHA NAMED CO-TRUSTEE OF PAPAHĀNAUMOKUĀKEA MARINE NATIONAL MONUMENT

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## **Joins state, NOAA, Fish & Wildlife Service**

HONOLULU – Gov. David Ige, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) and the U.S. Secretaries of Interior and Commerce have signed an updated [Memorandum of Agreement](#) (MOA) adding OHA as a co-trustee of Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument. It is the largest, contiguous, fully protected conservation area in the U.S. and encompasses 583,000 square miles of ocean waters, including ten islands and atolls in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands.

With the signing of the updated MOA, co-trustee agencies are: the Commerce Department (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration); the Interior Department (Fish and Wildlife Service); the State of Hawai'i Land and Natural Resources Department (DLNR) and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

"Honoring, respecting and perpetuating the Native Hawaiian culture and sustainability are among my administration's top priorities. OHA has participated in the decision making process since the monument was first designated by President Bush more than ten years ago, and previously, when the area was managed as the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve. The monument is world renowned for both its natural and cultural attributes and OHA's co-trustee role will ensure the protection of Native Hawaiian cultural features and provide a critical cultural sensitivity to every decision that is made to protect this unique place," said Gov. David Ige.

"We fully support and embrace OHA as a co-trustee of the monument. It is impossible to separate decisions about nature from cultural considerations. OHA's elevated voice and input will inform management actions on a broad scale," said DLNR Chair Suzanne Case.

OHA has been one of seven collaborating agencies for Papahānaumokuākea, including NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries and National Marine Fisheries Service; the Fish and Wildlife Service's Ecological Services and Refuges, and the DLNR Divisions of Aquatic Resources and Forestry and Wildlife.

Papahānaumokuākea is rich in history and cultural significance. In 2010, UNESCO inscribed the area as our nation's first mixed (natural and cultural) World Heritage Site.

"The Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument is of great cultural significance to the Native Hawaiian community and houses important marine ecosystems that the Department of Commerce is committed to protecting for future generations," said U.S. Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker. "Over the past 10 years, we have forged a strong partnership with the State of Hawai'i and we look forward to collaborating with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs on our continued efforts to preserve this unique environment."

"The Northwestern Hawaiian Islands are home to one of the most diverse and threatened ecosystems on the planet and a sacred place for the Native Hawaiian community," said U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell. "By including OHA as a co-trustee for Papahānaumokuākea, we are highlighting not only the protection of natural treasures like the pristine coral reefs and deep sea marine habitats, but also the significant cultural and historic resources of the area that will be preserved for current and future generations."

"We thank President Barack Obama and our partners and supporters for making this a reality. Since our community's first involvement in the management of these kūpuna island more than a decade ago, the goal has been to get Native Hawaiians a seat at the decision-making table. We understand the challenges ahead and are firmly committed to fulfilling our kuleana to this place and our beneficiaries," said OHA Chair Rowena Akana.

"This historic action rightfully places the Native Hawaiian voice at the highest levels of decision making for this culturally and spiritually significant wahi pana (sacred place) and will help advance our people's understanding of the deep connection of our entire



pae‘aina (archipelago). We look forward to serving in our new role, in partnership with our co-trustees, to develop and implement a resource management structure that integrates the best of conventional science and traditional practices. We hope that Papahānaumokuākea will demonstrate to the world that integrating science and indigenous knowledge is the best management model to sustain our fragile global environment,” said Kamana‘opono Crabbe, OHA’s chief executive officer.

OHA is a constitutionally established body, set as a separate state entity independent of the executive branch of the State of Hawai‘i. Its primary responsibility is representing the interests of the Native Hawaiian community, including in the monument, through the perpetuation of Hawaiian cultural resources. This includes the customary and traditional rights and practices of Native Hawaiians that are exercised for subsistence, cultural and religious purposes under the Hawai‘i Constitution.

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