

Additional Speakers
Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monument

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“Marine monuments help make our oceans more resilient to a changing climate and to acidification. They provide a refuge for wildlife from the onslaught of the human push to fish, mine and drill to the ends of the earth.”

Ashlan Cousteau

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“The Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monument represents the best of American ideals: to make the world--including our precious oceans--a better place, both for us and for those who come after us.”

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“Parks in the ocean are essential to help reverse the tide of pollution and depletion that threaten marine life from the Arctic to the Antarctic. Large marine parks are needed throughout our ocean, not just in remote areas but in populated ones too. Designating the nation’s first national marine monument off the continental U.S. would represent a historic step, akin to establishing the first national park in the continental U.S.”

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“Today, President Obama made history by creating the first national marine monument in the contiguous 48 United States. The science shows that fully protected areas make the ocean healthier and more resilient to climate change. Today’s announcement lights a beacon of hope for the Atlantic.”

Captain John McMurray

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“I, as well as many fishermen I’ve spoken to, consider these canyons to be important ecosystems that contribute to health of the region’s ocean. These biologically important places belong to all of us. I like to thank the President for protecting them, before it is too late.”

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“This monument protects prime habitat for whales, seabirds and fish that are important to New England’s ocean economy. This economy supports more than 230,000 jobs and brings in \$16 billion to the region --much of it from tourism, fishing and recreation. This is an investment that will help preserve these important sectors of the economy.”