

# Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monument

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Support by the Numbers

## **American public:**

227,000 members of the public signed letters of support for this monument

465,000 people signed letters of support for marine monuments

2,700,000 people signed letters of support for all monuments

## **Elected officials:**

Senator Richard Blumenthal, Connecticut

Representative Niki Tsongas, Third District, Massachusetts

Representative Carol Shea-Porter, First District, New Hampshire

Representative Ann Kuster, Second District, New Hampshire

25 members of the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

35 members of the State of Rhode Island General Assembly

## **Businesses:**

37 CEOs and business leaders

62 business owners and managers: restaurants, surf and kayak shops, whale watch operators

## **Nationally Recognized Ocean Leaders:**

24 members of the Joint Ocean Commission Initiative

## **Faith leaders:**

65 leaders in the faith community signed a letter of support

## **Recreational fishing:**

119 recreational fishermen signed letters of support

## **Scientists:**

95 scientists signed a letter of support

Two leading scientists from the Mystic and New England Aquariums signed a detailed scientific letter of support for the monument

## **Aquariums:**

Mystic and New England Aquarium heads signed a letter of support for the Northeast Canyons monument

21 leading aquariums signed a letter of support

**Environmental organizations:**

11 groups from Massachusetts signed a letter addressed to their Congressional delegation

Audubon Society of Rhode Island

Blue Ocean Society for Marine Conservation

Center for Biological Diversity

Conservation Law Foundation

Earthjustice

Environment Council of Rhode Island

The Humane Society of the United States

The National Audubon Society

National Parks Conservation Association

Natural Resources Defense Council

Oceana

The Pew Charitable Trusts

Seacoast Science Center

The Trustees of Reservations

Whale and Dolphin Conservation