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URGING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO DENY ANY REQUEST TO EXPAND THE PAPAHAUNOKA'AE MARINE NATIONAL MONUMENT AND OPPOSE ANY ACTION TO EXPAND THE MONUMENT.

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO DENY ANY REQUEST TO EXPAND THE PAPAHĀNAUMOKUĀKEA MARINE NATIONAL MONUMENT AND OPPOSE ANY ACTION TO EXPAND THE MONUMENT.

WHEREAS, the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Marine National Monument was established on June 15, 2006, by Presidential Proclamation 8031 and was officially designated as the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument (Monument) in 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Monument provides permanent protection for nearly 140,000 square miles of reefs, atolls, and shallow and deep sea in the Pacific Ocean out to fifty miles offshore, which are habitats and ecosystems for many species of coral, fish, birds, marine mammals, and other flora and fauna, including endangered species; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has been asked to expand the area covered by the Monument from fifty miles to two hundred miles offshore; and

WHEREAS, the Monument overlays the fifty nautical mile Protective Species Zone of the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council and the use restrictions that apply within the Monument's boundaries eliminated Hawaii's bottomfish fishery, which consisted of seventeen permits, including permits dedicated to indigenous native Hawaiian fishing communities; and

WHEREAS, an expansion of the Monument’s area would cause further harm to Hawaii's fishers and fishing industry which includes wholesalers, retailers, fish cutters, equipment operators, provisioners, and ground transportation, ice, and fuel facilities as well as shipping and boat maintenance service providers; and
WHEREAS, expansion of the Monument's area would also harm
Hawaii residents and tourists who depend on fish for sustenance
and cultural uses, such as sashimi for the holidays and poke;
and

WHEREAS, Hawaii is second only to Japan in fish consumption
and, although residents prefer the iced fresh fish caught by
Hawaii fishers, sixty percent of the seafood consumed in Hawaii
is imported; and

WHEREAS, the value of commercial fishery landings that
enter the marketplace through Honolulu Harbor annually ranks in
the top ten for all United States ports due to the value of the
fish caught by Hawaii fishers; and

WHEREAS, an arbitrary expansion of the Monument could
potentially result in an annual loss of $10,000,000 in landed
(ex-vessel) value for Hawaii's long-line fishery and an annual
$30,000,000 loss to the State's retail seafood markets; and

WHEREAS, any reduction in the amount of fish caught by
Hawaii's long-line fleet will be supplanted by seafood imports,
thereby increasing reliance on unregulated foreign seafood
sources; and

WHEREAS, twenty-three percent of the waters surrounding the
Hawaiian Islands and the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands are
already no-take marine protected areas, which exceeds the twenty
percent global standard for marine protected areas, and an
expansion of the Monument to two hundred miles offshore will
increase the no-take area to sixty-seven percent of the United
States exclusive economic zone waters surrounding the Hawaii
archipelago; and

WHEREAS, existing county, state, and federal management
regimes currently provide comprehensive protections for coral
reef ecosystems and other vulnerable marine habitat including
deep-water coral and the seabed, sea turtles, seabirds, marine
mammals, sharks, and other marine species; and

WHEREAS, large open ocean marine protected areas do not
provide any buffering from the effects of climate change since
ocean warming and ocean acidification can occur regardless of spatial boundaries; and

WHEREAS, there is no scientific justification or conservation benefit to support expanding the Monument; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2016, the Senate concurring, that the President of the United States is urged to deny any request to expand the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument and oppose any action to expand the Monument; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Hawaii's Congressional Delegation, the Governor, and the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

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