

Give public a say in sanctuary expansion

When a Republican president created the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument in the Northwestern Hawaiian islands, an additional 139,000 square miles of our state's ocean was made kapu to our state residents without asking the voting public for consent.

Now a Democratic U.S. senator has proposed expanding that kapu to more than four times its size, again without a voting process that would allow all state residents to participate.

As a local fisherman, I think we need to be aware of how these things are done and what is at stake.

This issue is more than about fresh fish. Most disconcerting is the absence of a democratic process that would allow self-determination for our state's residents.

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