

## **Larger sanctuary will cause problems**

At first glance, expanding the Papahānaumokuākea Marine Monument looks like a good idea.

After digging deeper into this, the negative impacts toward our state, culture and economy will quickly surface. As someone who works in the fish industry, it will directly affect me, but restaurants and consumers will also feel the burden. Higher prices, questionable quality from foreign imports, and inevitable shortages are only a few problems of what can be expected.

What many don't know is if this monument expands, we will have to depend more on foreign product, outsourcing more money to foreign countries while the fish should have stayed here all along.

This industry helped Sam Choy and his career ("Bigger marine reserve would safeguard health of ocean," Island Voices, Star-Advertiser, July 24). It's time for him to re-evaluate his stance and return the favor.

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