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Letters for July 7, 2016

Fresh fish important to many areas of Hawaii

As an owner of several restaurants, I rely heavily on the abundance and freshness of our local catch. Fish caught in Hawaiian waters are central to our Hawaii regional cuisine.

Because we care about what we feed our customers, I have researched how fish are caught in our waters. Hawaii fisheries are a global leader in fishery conservation management. We should be proud of the contribution our well-managed fishery makes to Hawaii and our unique cuisine and continue to allow sustainable fishing to continue in the expanded Monument area.

I am from Kauai, born and raised. You protected the fishermen with your proposed Monument expansion but we need to protect all fishermen, all restaurants, the visitor experience and all local people who want fresh fish. Please stop us from going down the wrong path, it's too much of a gamble for economy and our food supply.

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