

The Honorable Donald J. Trump  
President of the United States of America  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Honorable President Donald J. Trump

The Maui Cooperative Fishing Association would respectfully like to ask you to remove the ban on the fishing within the National Marine Monuments in the Western Pacific Region. We are a grassroots fishing cooperative fishing club made up of local island fishermen from the island of Maui in the State of Hawaii. Our organization is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit cooperative that supports our local fishing industry.

The closure of the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument, in our opinion, has affected the fishing industry and the State of Hawaii's economy in many ways. This fishery ban has affected one of our main food sources: seafood / fish. We are an island state that depends on the ocean for food to feed our families and generate income through exports to the mainland.

Please consider our request to remove the commercial fishing prohibitions within the MNMs of the Western Pacific Region. Open the areas and restore commercial fishing for pelagic and bottom fishing within the Monuments.

Thank you for hearing our Maui Island commercial fisherman's concerns on this ban to our fishing grounds.

Respectfully:



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