



Fwd: A Call to Protect Our Ocean's Vital Sanctuaries

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Since September 22, 2025, the Council has received more than 350 emails with public comment on fishing in the monuments. The vast majority contain variations of the form letter below.

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From: Mia <belezosmia5@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, Nov 24, 2025 at 5:03 PM

Subject: A Call to Protect Our Ocean's Vital Sanctuaries

To: <info@wpcouncil.org>

Dear Ms. Simonds,

I hope this message finds you well. I am reaching out to encourage the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council to continue its commitment to protecting our ocean's invaluable marine national monuments. These areas—home to an incredible diversity of life—are essential for safeguarding endangered species and maintaining fragile ecosystems.

The recent court ruling to maintain protections around the Pacific Remote Islands is a commendable decision, affirming the legal and crucial need for these preserves. I urge the Council to extend these protections further to all monuments, including the Mariana Trench, Rose Atoll, and Papahānaumokuākea.

As you consider the future of these monuments, I hope you will:

- Halt any actions that might compromise the protections of these sanctuaries.
- Follow the court's lead in safeguarding these regions against industrial exploitation.
- Foster transparency by ensuring public involvement in any discussions about regulatory changes.
- Prioritize conservation over commercial interests, honoring the original intent to protect these precious life zones.

The Council is in a unique position to lead by example in ocean stewardship and to align with international calls for preservation. Your decisions today will shape the future of these vital habitats.

Thank you for your dedication and leadership in this crucial effort.

Warm regards,