

# US Fish & Wildlife Service Marine Responsibilities

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## Our Mission:

Working with others to conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife, and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people.



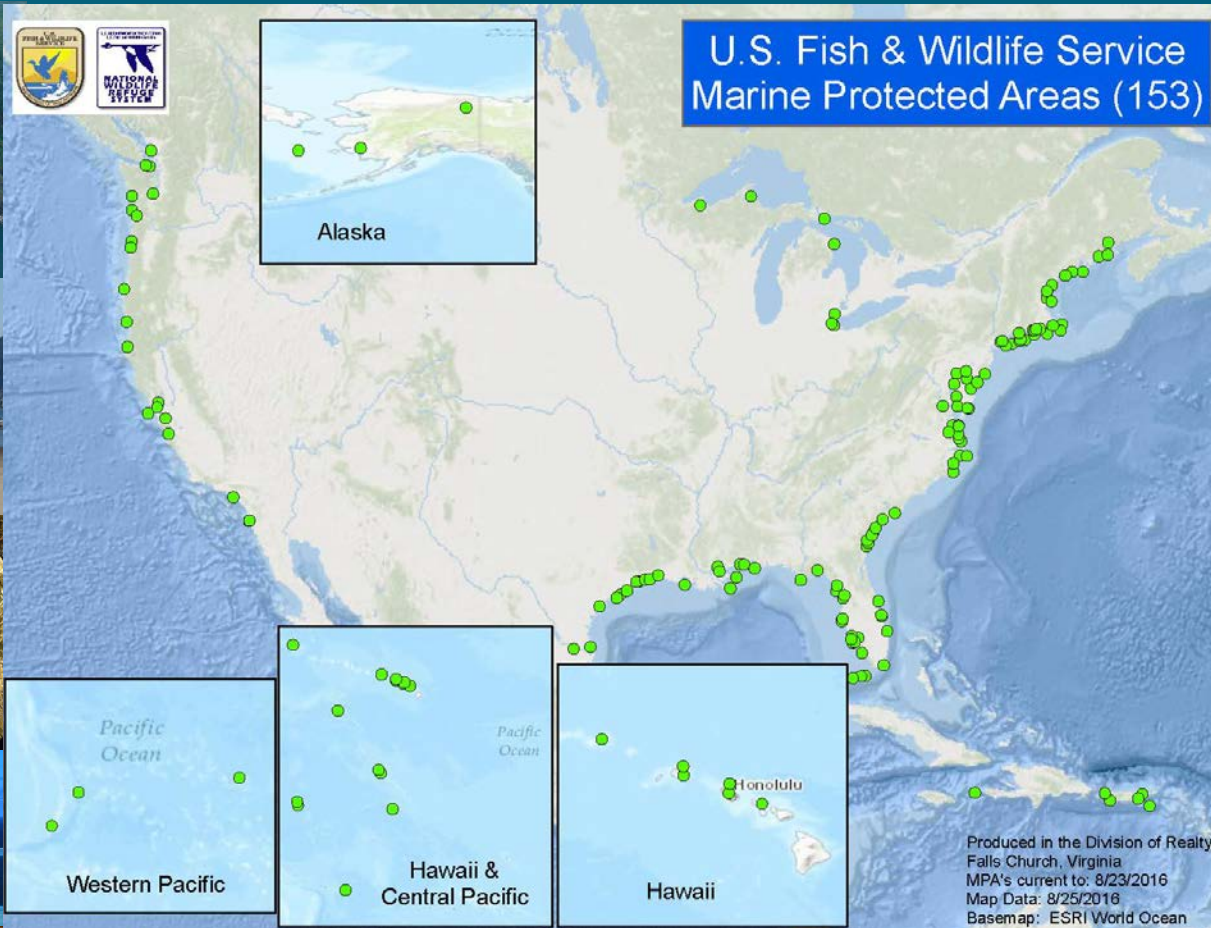
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How we accomplish our mission:

- Conserve and restore wildlife habitat
- Restore nationally significant fisheries
  - Fish hatcheries, fish passage in rivers, habitat restoration
- Protect endangered species
- Manage migratory birds
- Enforce federal wildlife laws
- Help foreign governments with their international conservation efforts
- Distribute hundreds of millions of dollars to state fish and wildlife agencies, through our Wildlife Sport Fish and Restoration program, collected by excise taxes on fishing and hunting equipment

# Marine and Coastal Wildlife Refuges



# National Wildlife Refuge System



Each refuge is established for a specific purpose.

- Wildlife-dependent recreation is encouraged when deemed compatible and appropriate within that purpose.
  - Hunting and Fishing
  - Wildlife Observation and Photography
  - Environmental Education and Interpretation



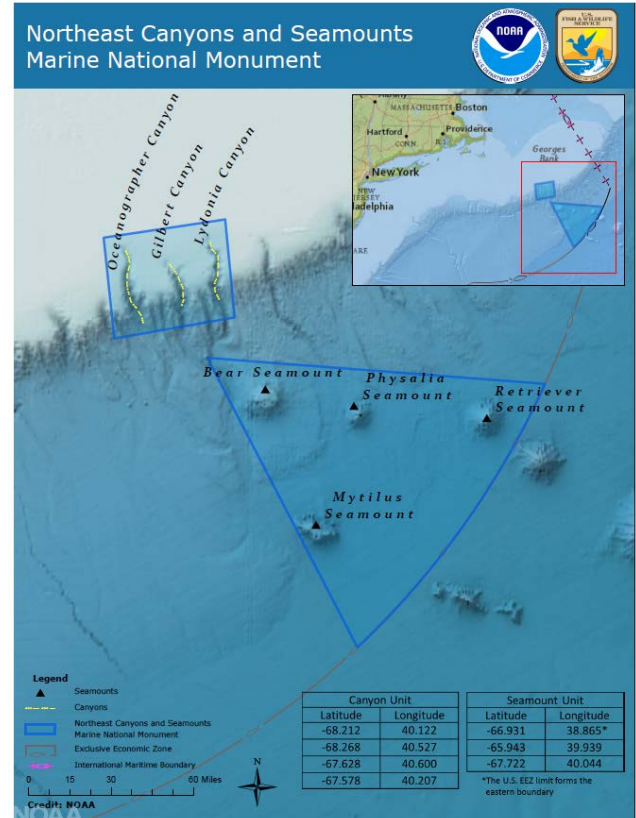
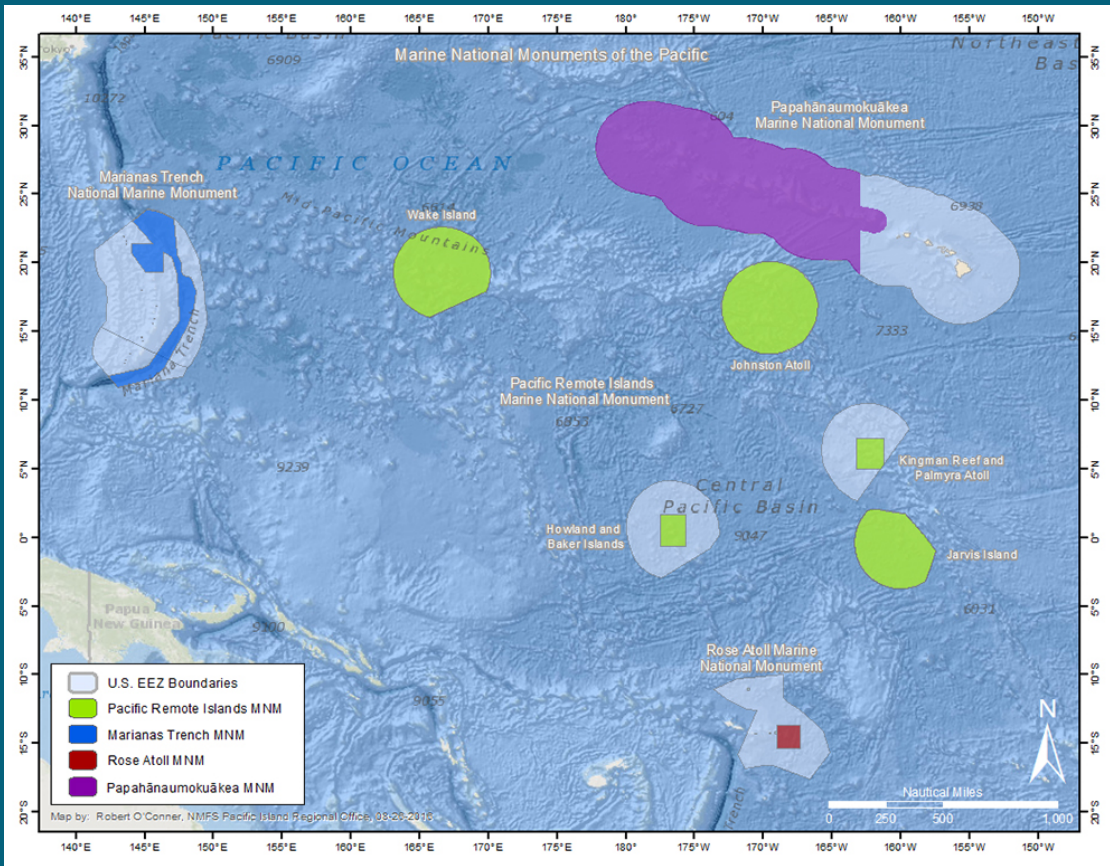
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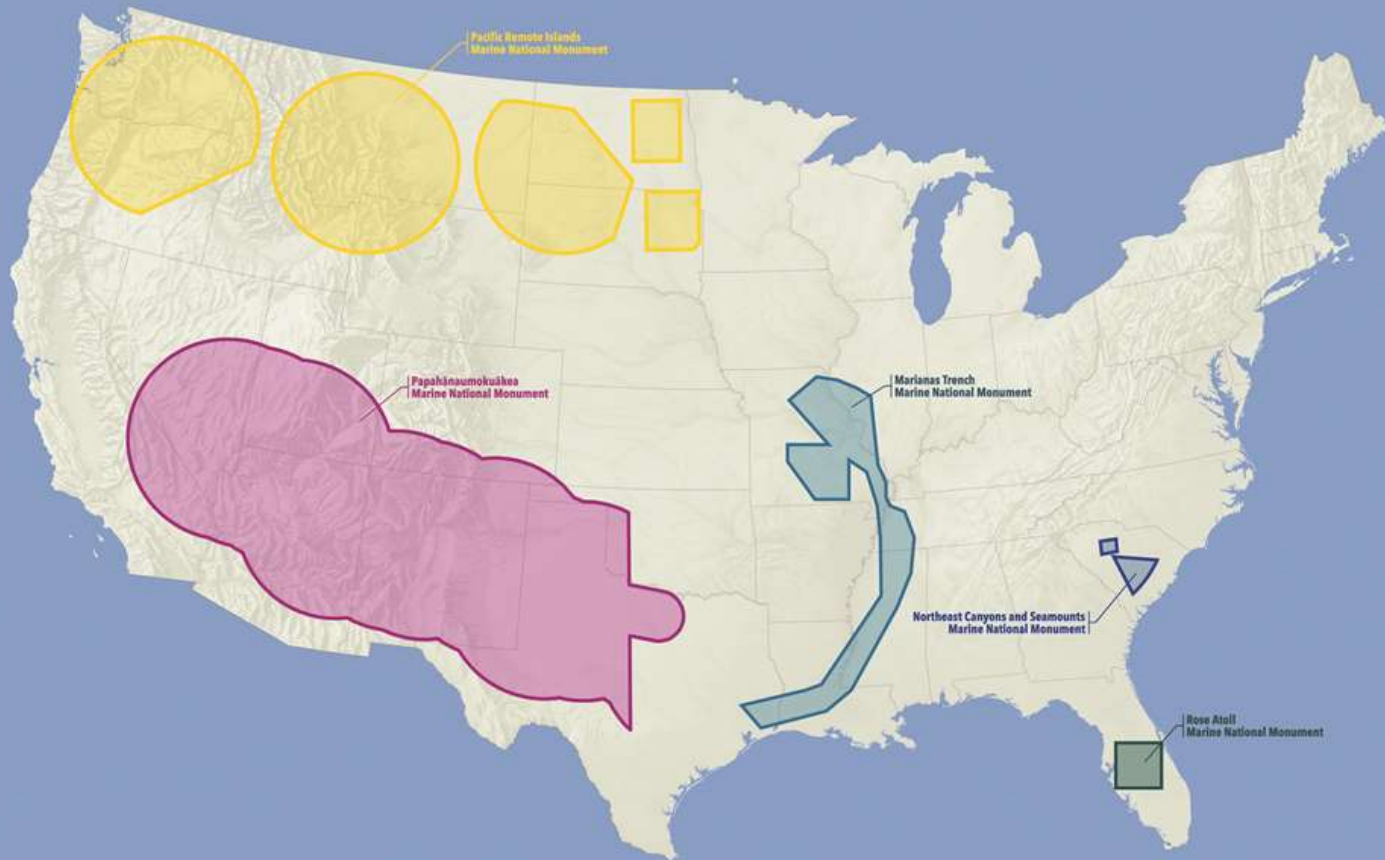
- 5 Marine National Monuments
  - 4 Pacific MNMs & 1 Atlantic MNM
  - 12 National Wildlife Refuges
  - 759 million acres
  - Protections and allowable activities directed by Presidential Proclamations



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# DOI-FAC Relationship



## We look forward to working with you!

- Seek your valuable expert advice & recommendations
- Provide visibility and recognition for non-federal partners and their contributions to MPA communities of practice
- Value your diverse input: natural sciences, marine archeology, commercial and recreational fishing, non-consumptive uses, state resource managers, energy, tourism, and conservation organizations, among other sectors