

In response to the President's Executive Order 13921 of May 7, 2020 "To Promote American Seafood Competitiveness and Economic Growth", the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve Advisory Council drafted a document entitled "Frequently Asked Questions about Commercial Fishing Restrictions in the Pacific Marine National Monuments."

This Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document began by summarizing the timeline in which each of the four Pacific marine national monuments were created, including the designating president and overall size. The FAQ document then went on to characterize the Hawaii-based longline fishery, including any regulatory burdens placed on domestic fishing as well current economic impacts relating to the COVID-19 pandemic. The FAQ document summarized there was no evidence that commercial fishing restrictions in the Pacific marine national monuments displaced overall fishing effort nor have they diminished the economic performance of the Hawaii-based longline fleet as a whole, aside from some individual vessels experiencing temporary economic losses. Additionally, the FAQ document summarized there was no evidence that any COVID-19 pandemic related economic impacts were in any way connected to commercial fishing restrictions in the Pacific marine national monuments.