

SECOND NATURE

NOAA Fisheries

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Public Hearings 9/15/15 NOTES

① Ⓛ Rat Kehler - ME DMR - LaPage Rep.
for Gov
LaPage
~~Strong opposition, process lack of progress~~
Less than 2 wks notice - Providence poor location
Designed to keep fishermen away, Antig act
vast. Inconsistent w/ RPB - public involvement
Undermining Ocean Plan process. Should ME custm
w/ RPB process. End run around Council
AD and HAOA. Stakeholders next time to
excuse process

② Ⓛ Terry Stockwell - Chair NGEFMC

~~submitted full text~~

Lydonia + Oceanograph closures to fish gear.
mid Atk Tilkfish closed too pos other concerns

Council finalize E&H OA2 this spring
included protections for those areas.

NGEFMC begins disc. of coral protection as
part of their coral amendment next week

Looking at BTMG - New data will allow
Council to do this the best.

Cashes Ledge - closed since 1999

2004 - prohibit all BTMG

OA2 - maintains Cashes Closure & prohibits
no access to Aman Rock. Council will continue
to protect vulnerable habitats

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③ → ~~Ron Smolowitz~~

Concerned about process. NOAA Scientific agency becoming political hack. Current process - has much data to use. Science has always been used. Sad state for public - Relatively resources available. Privately funds it.

④ + ~~Wendy Lamm?~~ - Seacoast Sci Ctr

ME resident. 80K visitors concerned w/ ocean issues. People aware & concerned. Looking for action. Change to ship lanes - use as example about how important these changes are.

⑤ + ~~John Whitmarsh - Brown Un.~~

CASHES

Signif. 1st step. Not big enough cause Cashes not on table tonight.

Sci Decl. for Port of Casles Ledge - 240 sci.

signature. Want all Chaster / Phip protected as movement. Only offshore kelp forest provides ecosystem service. 100X more prod. Biodiversity hot spot - benthic inverts

Youtube video. Exempt to existing regs allow other gear to be fished.

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⑥ Ⓛ ~~Terry Alexander - FishLuna NEFMC~~
~~fish these areas. No gill net in Casper~~
~~Hold hearing north of Providence to get fishermen~~
~~involved - especially Casper info.~~
~~finished Omnibus - Begging - let Cowl do its job~~
~~will do right thing Pin cowl~~

⑦ + Peter Auster - Mystic, UConn
~~Does lots of research in this area. Focus canyon~~
~~1960's started sub work. Diversity obvious.~~
~~Exped through present. 1984 1st canyon dive.~~
~~Every dive like drive through garden~~
~~Disc. new spp. Critical to understand ecosystem~~
~~Submitted letter - 138 sci to protect.~~

⑧ + Katrin Cubina - Mystic, AZ
~~Supports Casper / Seamounts (canyons)~~
~~Hot spots bio div. Assoc. zool & aquat. - submitted~~
~~commr, Bring special places to kids~~

⑨ Ⓛ B.II - GFAF committee
~~Some manage. GFAF~~ Has advocated for better
~~several manage. Casper closed 15 yrs. Fishing gave~~
~~it up. Coral import to protect - have avoided imports~~
~~Not increasing pressure into area. Not huge fleet~~
~~anymore, let NMFS focus on. This evident proce~~

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Drew Mankiwicz - Fish Surv Fund

Don't know what area is. Threatened No NEPA

No Alts, no analysis - don't know impacts

In New England - Thru will poison well at RPB.

Next week NEMC coral amendment. Process wrong
at many levels. Let's get back to process

Submitted Petition

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Brent Hartman - NC Chapt Environ. 62

Advocate smart policy. Saving Cash + Cleanwater

not just marine life - Jobs Ocean economy support

Healthy ocean econ needs healthy oceans

Protect areas spill over. ↑ productivity

Please urge president to support

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Rob Moyer

? Physical return - very diff geologist. Coral laboratory

Don't need monumnt to protect them. Coral +

NEPA doing great management here. for monument
for family & economic reasons. Include Cashiers

Bring national attention to great job of Coral
management traffic of people

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Lester Butcher - Pew

Pacific has monument none in Atl. New stock
assessments poor. Coral can't replace dredging / mining
etc. This not about fishing. 160 K deaths expected

- (+) ~~Peter Baker - Pew continued
submitted letter & comments~~
- (14) (+) ~~Lisa Speer - NRDC
Monica Medina - Nat Resources Soc.
written comments submitted~~
- (15) (+) ~~Pat Zach Cliver - Nat Scientist
Whale watching Top 10 reasons people vaca in NE
Canyon Caster. 2012 Wright whale surveys at Caster
35 NARWs - mating ground.
End run - doesn't stop NMFS from managing
Many benefits from monuments~~
- (16) (+) ~~Jeff Shell - Sea educ. SEA
Support protection of Canyon/Caster
MPAs protect marine heritage, No take's export
biol prod to surrounding area. Support coastal economies~~
- (17) (+) ~~Robert Lampi? Survey from U of HI studied
research at Caster Edge. Dives at Caster.
Add Caster to proposal, Import wild place
Teddy R. - do our part~~
- (18) (+) ~~Eliza Moore - Brown U Critical nursery for cod (Brian Skerry)
Support Caster + Canyon monument - reading letter from
someone - Submitted letter. Dives Caster, vital
refuge - whales, tuna, humpy sponge~~

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- (19) (+) Shelly Brown - Sailors for Sea Nepal
Suffolk - Incl. Caster + 2 more canyons
 Large economies. Safeguard from threats. Avoid irreversible damage.
- (20) (+) Robert Mallon - Sierra Club
 Ecolog. integrity. Support ocean economy
 Climate acidification - Key to bringing back ecosystem
 preserve area. Companion to other programs
 include Caster
- (21) (+) Guy Garet - River Steward - local trav.
 Many manholes downtown Prov.
 written comments submitted
 All wonders of nature. Restore health of ecosystem.
 Data clear
- (22) (+) Laura Paul Bodell - Env. Council RI
 Perm protection - include Caster
 Climate / P Acid - MFA Phillips - very productive.
- (23) (+) Laura Schneid - Oceana
 All 5 canyons & Caster. Worked on coral & sponge
 conservation - 2005 proposal to NEFMC to protect
 areas. Involved in coral protection around country &
 Don't subject to political Council process. Can't protect
 from non-fishing impacts

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④ Art Hardy - Rep, from Cranston

~~This makes sense. Generates local excitement~~

~~Include Cashiers. Big supporter of industry~~

~~Many other over border fishing. Need to control these uses and Council can't~~

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⑤ John Williams - Deep sea red crab.

~~Fact sheet that went out is wrong.~~

~~No push to fish deeper. Nothing out there no urgency to do this~~

~~Exempt from LWTR. Increased effort on GB will be bad for whales~~

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⑥ Tom Niles - NEFMC

~~Habitat Amend~~

~~Coral Amend - open transparent process, MSA, AFA~~

~~All stakeholders will have a chance to participate what is meant by Cashier ledge. Not all supports~~

~~Help. Just Aman Rock. Council management changes go through rigorous process~~

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⑦ Eric Reed - NK RI Seafood Sharecde ASMFC / NEFMC

~~Focus on process - 5 leaders in business~~

~~What path do we choose to protect corals?~~

~~I do nothing A) 109 yrs Antiquities Act - no public input + process, upsets democratic process~~

~~B) use MSA (2007) - M/S/B/T plan - MAFMC Coral plan~~

~~* Submitting written comments~~

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~~Adam Vass?~~ COA

Birds, been protect. incl. Cashes

Unique & productive for sea birds - many rare

Vulnerable to damage areas

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~~David Hammond~~ - self

In favor Cashes & canyons

Urge to move forward w/speed. If delayed before new president will never see it.

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~~Megan Steen~~ NEAq

Cashes | Canyons as monument

Science based ocean-based org. research | education

National economic | ecosystem importance

Build resilience to climate change. Habit protect improves
fishery yield.

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~~Beth?~~ MCI

Cashes ledge Protection not permanent

No MPAs in Atlantic. Doing too little

Need refuge from damaging exploitation

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~~Capt Buddy Vanderhoff~~ - Womparage

Cashes ledge closure needs to be closed to pelagic trawl
Must become monument. Fisher Canyons. Worked on
Oil expl. boats. Substantial oil out there. Will drill
there if allowed. Could be like GOMex

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④ ⑤ Brad Sewell - NRDC

~~2001 Science workshop - ID'd corals as important include Cashes. Coral amendment - resolution unclear w/ NEFAC process. Don't know if corals will be protected. Only addressed fishing. Impact on fishermen - consistent w/ maintaining NC fisheries (longline lobster only about 1% & 2% lobster consistent with fish management)~~

⑥ ⑦ Amanda Yamsuy? United Methodist Church
~~read written comment | letter 28 interfaith~~
 Supports monuments include Cashes
 Caretakers & protectors

⑧ ⑨ Ken Fox ~ local manager
~~See what happens world-wide when don't legislate protections as Naval Officer. Wants area to thrive.~~

⑩ ⑪ Roger Fleming - Earth Justice

~~Action incomplete All S corals & Cashes~~

~~Year of study 100's of opportunities~~

~~Council failed to act - Cashes - allow fishing by pelagic trawls~~

~~Not permanent. No authority over mining, gas dev.~~

~~Antiig Act is valid~~

~~* Submitting letter 17 cons. orgs~~

⑦ ~~⊖~~ Megan Lapp - Sea Justice LTD RI

Squid, butter, herring. East coast lost problem
1/3 of activities around canyon. Fishing for 80 yrs
Responsible fishing practices

Partic w/ MP&MC process. Places worked protected
coral reef fishing. NEEMC starts coral amber next wk.
Many people here participated w/ MP&MC
Coral process circumvented

⑧ ~~⊕~~ Sherry Eldridge - Ocean Dot

Whale biologist. How whales adapt to noise,
OA, climate. Venturing high diversity areas - (canyon)
mountain. Protect feeding grounds. Hot spots
climate change - important research sites. Include Caster

⑨ ~~⊕~~ Laura - 10 yrs from Dir. Boston Harbor Cruised
200 yr round staff ed director

500 temp staff

Value of healthy oceans

2012 \$26M / yr. Whale watches

⑩ ~~⊖~~ Bob Conrad - Gabby G.
went out of room

⑪ ~~⊖~~ Janet Cort - RIDEM Dir.

Process concerns - What is on the table? Castles?

Trying to react but have no info. Many hours both Coral
Participated in coral process. Not consistent, not respectful
versus fish for squid, crabs, whiting
Jobs at stake. Advocate transparency - more quality
proposal

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⑦ Mike Leonard - Am Sportfish Assoc.

~~Conservationists - Access is important.~~

~~What are trying to protect? bottom habitat.~~

~~Rec fish pelagic - no impact to bottom habitats~~

~~HMS may regulate fisher. HMs not affected by
area closure. Other areas Rec fish is allowed~~

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⑧ Front Moose - GB offshore ATI offshore Lobster Ass.

~~Against movement. Catastrophic to industry~~

~~No specifics of proposal. All offshore lobster fishmen
will be impacted. Relocate will affect others~~

~~No need demonstrated. Need public input.~~

~~Council Coral Area should proceed w/out movement
redirection of lobster effort into other area where
lobstering is not as good.~~

~~Will submit letter after meeting~~

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⑨ Beth Cassonie - Mass Lobst. Assoc.

~~Letter signed by industry -~~

~~Mass Lobster, ATI OFF. MG, down east etc.~~

~~9,800 commercial charter fishing CA-NJ~~

~~Against designation Catastrophic for all~~

~~Worst due process through NGEMC / ASMFC~~

~~Submitting letter~~

Borden

④ (45) Dave Borden - RI Offshore Lobst. Assoc.

Submitting written comments

Affected by lack of info - No proposal, no analysis
Who will be affected, no detailImpossible to comment. If monumt goes forward law of
unintended consequences.Will move gear into path of migrating whales - not good
Full MSA review needed④ (46) Eric Hansen - fisherman

Wants to see conservation

Process is flawed, no dem. process, much misinformation

Broad brush. Don't know much about area -
need to be adaptive④ (47) Jim Kendall - fisherman New Bed Seaford

Concern about health & condition of ocean

Process error - This is not a process

No fair process -

Who actually knows what corals are.

Areas currently protected.

④ (48) Ivar? - UConn NERTELCuster Dives this area - YDaboke High diversity
special ecosystem Also dove canyons

④ (49) Peter Wakeman - Lobster

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⑤ (50) Mark Dushawn? - fishing Lobster

Fisher Canyon 30 yrs

600-1500 ft. 210ft depth fished

Canyon in excellent condition. This would put him out of business.

(+) (51) Kim McGinnis - Quakers

Climate change legislation in MA

Thanks for meeting. More forward, make headway

(+) (52) John Rumbler - Env. America

Full support - Cashier, all canyons

This is our national heritage. Thanks admin.

Rules too long - EPA rule 10 yrs

⑥ (53) Willie Makentire - fisherman

31 yrs fishing canyons. Yes these areas are still pristine - thank you very much. If pristine they haven't been impacted by fishing

⑦ (54) Mary Scanlon - Blue Water Fish Assoc

No charters what community on? Eliminate fisheries & throw under the bus. Not signed off on seismic surveys for oil. Need to fight against big oil. Areas good - not fishing impacting area

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Jackson Parmenter - Shell Bank Chat fish
 Fish Cashes. This avoid due process
 Need public comment - in depth.
 Against this - opposed

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Dan Farnum - Montauk

This is not right process. Do it Council
 Prolific tuna + sword grounds. This will effect me
 Lives at stake. End around
 Work w/ MAREMC on corals

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Buzz Scott - Fishing - former

Has worked on AUV's around the world
 ROV's - Mt for Govt. Would like to monitor
 Cashes

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Jackie O'Dell = NE Seafood Coal.

Comments of fishermen is where they stand

Oppose monument, not democ. process

Council - not always win but transparent

No sea., Undermine Councils

Council protecting Cashes

Submitted comments

(59) + Evan Grass - from Alaska

Future of industry - something needs to be done.

Moving to good place to start. Just wants to see fish put in back out far.

(60) + Caroline Karp - ASMFC - RI Env Law Brown U

Reading comments.

In favor - Fed agencies trust interests.

NOAA has authority to designate EFT if councils failed.

Councils failed so NOAA can do it themselves

Council not primary ecosystem protector. (which) does not protect public

Public does not get voice at Council mtgs

(61) + Barry Schnell -

Not protected by (local) proclamer so Art Act is good

Protect too much - hurt fisherman - maybe high price

Protect too little - damage is more permanent

(62) + Bradley Campbell - CLF

Ind. fisheries - Nat splendor. Biodiversity

Exceptional nat res. Need to protect. Council has no mandate but fisheries. Much outside of fisheries. That's why Art Act is good to us.

- (63) Ⓛ David Spencer - OFF Lobst
 Lack of process. Terrible president.
 Discounts Council - End run, No off. to discuss
 no seat at the table. Can't comment on specifics of areas
 shameful.
- (64) Ⓛ Amber Hewitt N wildlife fed
 Support monument - can't detailed letter
 Care of support
- (65) Ⓛ Andrew Walsh - Fish
 Off road. Not open process. Council process is way to go
- (66) Ⓛ Christopher Hamlet - Save the bay
 Vessel stress, pollution, climate, fishing
 Restoring fish runs. Support this effort.
- (67) Ⓛ Mary Beth Tooley - Fish ME
 Too far for public hearing in ME
 Support MSA. MSA does deal w/ other issues. Looks at
 all issue + impacts.
 Public do have a voice at Council - Support that people
 attend Council mtgs. Custer ledge is protected
 Vote for addition protections.

68 + Steve - from Newport

Christian with deep love for outdoors

69 - John Moore - Fish Grand Marsh Affairs

Believer in Council process

Hypocritical for NOAA not to follow process

Cursors - what depths? Don't if gear commits, need details.

Specifics, NGLA, Socio-Econ. Their process no good

Officer

- Deep sea red crab

target large males 600 - 650 m

Represents 6.8% of annual value (1210, 942)

- Offshore lobster

no good data on depth

Represents the smallest contribution to fishery

Represents 0.01% value (138, 491)

Longfin Squid

Determined not fishing at proposed boundary depth

0.06% value (116, 402)

Depth between 400 - 500 m to obtain
straight line boundaries within such steep
bathymetry