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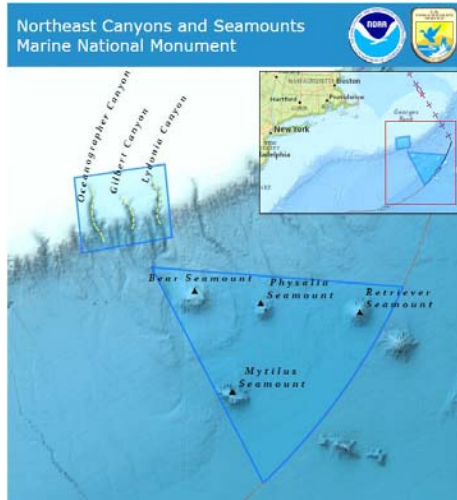
Representing Over 7,500 Recreational Anglers

Marine Monuments on the cutting block

Under executive order from President Trump, Interior Secretary Ryan Zink completed his assessment of twenty-seven National Parks and Monuments in late August. The Secretary has recommended the modification of six national monuments and parks and the shrinking of four others.

Included in the mix for use modification will be the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monument in the Atlantic (where the Secretary recommended that commercial fishing occur) and timber harvesting in the Katahdin Woods and Waters in New England.

Fish processors and commercial fishermen in Rhode Island and New England had objected to the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts monument designation calling the area important



commercial fishing grounds.

RISAA had supported the monument designation once the Obama administration agreed to allow recreational fishing in the area. RISAA claimed that surface and hook and line fishing would not disturb delicate corals on the ocean bottom.

An article in the *Washington Post* by Juliet Eilperin said Secretary Zink's report read, "It appears that certain monuments were designated to prevent economic activity such as grazing, mining and timber production rather than to protect specific objects... To correct this overreach President Trump should use his authority

under the Antiquities Act to change each of the 10 sites' proclamations to permit activities that are now restricted."

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Member
**PAUL
BROUSSEAU**

**CAUGHT THIS
10 LB. FLUKE
IN AUGUST
USING HIS
HOME-MADE
FLUKE RIGS
TIPPED WITH
SQUID STRIPS
FOR BAIT.**

**Recreational fishing is worth
\$332 MILLION
to the Rhode Island economy
and over 3,000 jobs!**

SALTWATER FISHING LICENSE PLATE CLOSER TO REALITY

RI House Bill H.5137 and Senate Bill S.0086, both of which were introduced for RISAA, would create a special Saltwater Fishing license plate bearing the state fish, a striped bass.

Both bills were passed by the full House and Senate when they held a special legislative session on September 19.

It now is pending the Governor Raimondo's signature. If she signs the legislation, but plate process will begin.



Conceptual plate design