

# Northeast Canyons & Seamounts Marine National Monument

## Public Engagement Sessions

A Management Plan is a government mandate for the benefit of the American public. The Plan will guide the Monument's stewardship to effectively invest resources in protecting, caring for, and sharing the story of this important place.

**We want to hear from you!** We invite the community to share ideas and suggestions to help set the Monument's long-term vision and guide stewardship priorities for the Atlantic's first marine national monument.

To prepare for the public engagement session, please review the information below on the allowed and prohibited activities along with the small group discussion questions that will be further discussed at each event.

### Allowed & Prohibited Activities

Activities managed within the Monument through permits:

- Research and scientific exploration designed to further understanding of monument resources and qualities or knowledge of the North Atlantic Ocean ecosystems and resources.
- Activities that will further the educational value of the monument or will assist in the conservation and management of the monument.
- Anchoring scientific instruments.
- Recreational fishing in accordance with applicable fishery management plans and other applicable laws and other requirements.
- Other activities that do not impact monument resources such as sailing or bird and marine mammal watching so long as those activities, including the Marine Mammal Protection Act. Nothing in the proclamation is intended to require the Secretaries issues individual permits in order to allow such activities.
- Construction and maintenance of submarine cables.

Activities not allowed in the Monument:

- Exploring for, developing, or producing oil and gas or minerals or undertaking any other energy exploration or development activities within the monument.
- Using or attempting to use poisons, electrical species, from within or into the monument.
- Introducing or otherwise releasing an introduced species from within or into the monument.

- Removing, moving, taking, harvesting, possessing, injuring, disturbing, or damaging or attempting to move, take, harvest, possess, injure, disturb, or damage, any living or nonliving monument resource, except as provided under regulated activities section.
- Drilling into, placing, dredging, or otherwise altering the submerged lands; or constructing, placing, or abandoning any structure, material, or other matter on the submerged lands, except for scientific instruments and constructing or maintaining submarine cables.

## Small Group Discussion

### Exploration & Research:

Exploration: noun. the action of traveling in or through an unfamiliar area in order to learn about it.

Research: noun. to study something in detail in order to learn more about it.

1. What should we be exploring in the Monument?
2. What should we be monitoring in the Monument?
3. What kind of partnerships would you like to see for research and exploration?
4. How would you like to see the Monument support and share ocean research and exploration?
5. What other thoughts and ideas would you like to share with us?

### Stewardship:

Stewardship: noun. the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care

1. How would you like to see this place cared for?
2. How would you like to enjoy this place?
3. How should we share the work that is going on in the Monument?
4. Who should we partner with to care for this place?
5. How would you like to be involved in the Monument?
6. What other thoughts and ideas would you like to share with us?

For more information, take a deeper dive into the Monument's Planning [here](#).

