



NORTHWESTERN HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

PETITION SUPPORTING FULL PROTECTION OF THE NWHI

I applaud the State of Hawai'i for establishing a fully protected Refuge for the state waters in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands. In recognition of the global importance of providing the greatest possible protections to this ancient and unique ecosystem, I strongly encourage that Hawai'i's Refuge protection – prohibiting commercial activity while allowing Native Hawaiian cultural access and appropriate scientific research – be applied to the federal waters of the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands, thus creating a true Pu'uhonua for this vulnerable world treasure.

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