



THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON

ORDER NO. 3284, *Amendment No. 2* (*Amended material italicized and in bold*)

Subject: Delegation of Management Responsibility for the Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument, Rose Atoll Marine National Monument, and the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument

Sec. 1 Purpose. Secretary's Order 3284, *as amended*, is further amended to delegate the Secretary of the Interior's (Secretary) management responsibilities for the Monuments established under the four Proclamations cited in Section 2, and to provide new management directions with respect thereto, to the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (Service).

Sec. 2 Background. On January 6, 2009, the President issued Presidential Proclamations 8335, 8336 and 8337, and on September 25, 2014, Presidential Proclamation 9173 (Proclamations), collectively establishing the Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument, the Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument Expansion (Monument Expansion), Rose Atoll Marine National Monument, and the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument (Monuments). While these Monuments include unique scientific and historic features that warrant their protection by the President under the Antiquities Act, (54 U.S.C. 320301), they also include some of the most unique and diverse terrestrial and marine habitat on earth, supporting numerous species of corals, fish, shellfish, marine mammals, water birds, land birds, insects, and vegetation, many of which are threatened or endangered. In each of these Proclamations the President directed that the Secretary of the Interior assume specific management responsibilities, in consultation with the Secretary of Commerce, at each Monument. The President further directed that the Secretary of Commerce, through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has primary management responsibility for fishery-related activities within certain areas of the Monuments and the entirety of the Monument Expansion.

Within the boundaries of the Monuments, the Service currently administers *the following* National Wildlife Refuges: Baker, Howland, and Jarvis Islands; Palmyra Atoll; *Wake Atoll*; Kingman Reef; Johnston Atoll; *Mariana Trench, Mariana Arc of Fire*; and Rose Atoll.

Sec. 3 Authority. This Order is issued pursuant to the following authorities:

- a. Presidential Proclamations 8335, 8336, and 8337, dated January 6, 2009, and 9173, dated September 25, 2014;
- b. Section 2 of Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1950 (64 Stat. 1262), as amended;
- c. The Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956, 16 U.S.C. 742a, **as amended**;

d. The National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 668dd-ee; and

e. 16 U.S.C. 460k-3.

Sec. 4 Delegation. The responsibilities given the Secretary by the President over the emergent and submerged lands and waters of the Monuments are delegated through the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks (Assistant Secretary) to the Director of the Service, to be administered subject to the specific provisions of this section as set out below.

a. For each of the areas subject to this delegation, the Director of the Service shall provide for the proper care and management of the Monuments, including all objects of scientific and historic interest therein; the conservation of fish and wildlife; and the development of programs to assess and promote national and international monument-related scientific exploration and research.

b. In exercising management authority over these areas of the Monuments, the Director of the Service shall consult, as appropriate, with the National Park Service, the U.S. Geological Survey, and other appropriate Bureaus and Offices of the Department, to draw upon their respective expertise with respect to marine science and encourage these Bureaus and Offices to undertake coordinated research and educational projects therein.

Sec. 5 Management and Administration.

a. Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument and Monument Expansion.

(1) Howland Island, Baker Island and Jarvis Island Units. The Director shall manage the emergent and submerged lands and waters of the Howland, Baker, and Jarvis Islands units of the Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument and the waters and submerged lands of the Jarvis Island unit of the Monument Expansion as units of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

(2) Palmyra Atoll Unit. The Director shall manage the emergent and submerged lands and waters of the Palmyra Atoll unit of the Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument as a unit of the National Wildlife Refuge System, except that those areas subject to the exclusions defined in Secretary's Order 3224 of January 18, 2001, shall remain in the Office of Insular Affairs, subject to the terms of that Order. The Director shall continue to manage Palmyra Atoll, including the area out to 12 nautical miles from such mean low water line subject to Secretary's Order 3224.

(3) Kingman Reef Unit. The Director shall manage the emergent and submerged lands and waters of the Kingman Reef unit of the Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument as a unit of the National Wildlife Refuge System. The Director shall continue to manage Kingman Reef, including the area out to 12 nautical miles from such mean low water line, subject to the provisions of Secretary's Order 3223 of January 18, 2001.


(4) Johnston Atoll Unit. The Director shall manage the emergent and submerged lands and waters of the Johnston Atoll unit of the Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument and the waters and submerged lands of the Johnston Atoll unit of the Monument Expansion as units of the National Wildlife Refuge System. However, those portions of the emergent lands at Johnston Atoll that are currently under the administrative jurisdiction of the Department of the Air Force will continue to be managed by the Air Force until such administrative jurisdiction is terminated, at which time those emergent lands shall be administered as part of the expanded wildlife refuge.

(5) Wake Island Unit. The Director shall manage the emergent and submerged lands and waters of the Wake Island unit of the Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument and the waters and submerged lands of the Wake Island unit of the Monument expansion as units of the National Wildlife Refuge System. The Director shall manage the emergent and submerged lands and waters of Wake Island out to 12 nautical miles from such mean low water lines as a unit of the National Wildlife Refuge System; except in accordance with Proclamation No. 8336, the Director shall not commence management of the emergent lands at Wake Island, and the Department of the Air Force shall continue to manage such emergent lands, according to the terms and conditions of the Agreement between the Secretary of the Air Force and the Secretary of the Interior, unless and until such agreement is terminated.

b. Rose Atoll Marine National Monument. The Director shall manage the emergent and submerged lands and waters out to 50 nautical miles from the mean low water line at Rose Atoll as the Rose Atoll Marine National Monument. The Director shall continue to manage the existing wildlife refuge at Rose Atoll within the boundaries set forth in the Notice of Establishment, 71 F.R. 13183 (April 5, 1974). Those areas beyond such mean low water line for which NOAA has primary management responsibility for fishery-related activities ***shall be included in the National Wildlife Refuge System and which, consistent with Proclamation 8337, will continue to be*** administered by NOAA as the Muliāva Unit of the National Marine Sanctuary of American Samoa.

c. The Marianas Trench Marine National Monument. The Director shall manage the “Trench Unit”, “***Islands Unit***”, and the “Volcanic Unit” of the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument as ***units of the National Wildlife Refuge System, subject to the provisions of the proclamation establishing this Monument. The Director’s continued management of the “Islands Unit,” shall be subject to the terms of the November 29, 2016 Patent transferring certain submerged lands within the “Islands Unit” to the government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the September 2016 Agreement referenced in that Patent.***

Sec. 6 Expiration Date. This amended Order is effective immediately. It will remain in effect until amended, superseded, or revoked.



Secretary of the Interior

Date: September 11, 2023