



THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR  
WASHINGTON

**ORDER NO. 3412**

**Subject:** Management of the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monument as a unit of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

**Sec. 1 Purpose.** The purpose of this order is to establish that all management responsibility over the waters and submerged lands conferred upon the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) and/or the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) within the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monument (Monument), pursuant to Proclamation 9496, of September 15, 2016, shall be managed by the Director of the Service (Director) as a unit of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

**Sec. 2 Background.** The Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monument was established on September 15, 2016, by Presidential Proclamation 9496. The Monument protects vulnerable ecological communities along the U.S. continental shelf in and near three undersea canyons and four seamounts. The President directed that the Secretary, through the Service, shall have responsibility for managing activities and species within the Monument under applicable legal authorities, including the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act, and the Refuge Recreation Act.

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

- a. Presidential Proclamation 9496, dated September 15, 2016;
- 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.** Proclamation 9496 directs that the Secretary, through the Service, shall have responsibility for managing activities and species within the Monument under applicable legal authorities. To the extent further delegation from the Secretary to the Service is required for the Service to exercise its management responsibilities for the Monument as a unit of the National Wildlife Refuge System, that authority is hereby delegated.

**Sec. 5 Management and Administration.** The Director shall manage the waters and submerged lands within the Monument as a unit of the National Wildlife Refuge System, subject to the provisions of the Proclamation establishing this Monument.

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 It will remain in effect until amended, superseded, or revoked.



Secretary of the Interior

Date: **September 11, 2023**