Mahalo Governor Lingle

Dear Governor Lingle:

We commend you for your wise decision to protect the Northwest Hawaiian Islands by banning all extractive activities in State of Hawai'i waters. We applaud your recognition that the fragile and irreplaceable resources of these uninhabited islands represent a shared heritage that deserves protection.

And we are truly grateful for your commitment calling for an end to all commercial fishing in the proposed federal Northwest Hawaiian Islands Sanctuary.

Your support for designation of the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands as a World Heritage Site will bring international recognition to Hawai'i. If fully protected, Hawai'i can be proud that its kupuna islands will be the largest ocean refuge in the world, a true pu'uhonua.

Mahalo & Aloha nui loa,

EarthTrust
Hawai'i Audubon Society
Polynesian Voyaging Society
Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs
Conservation Council for Hawai'i
Hawai'i Fishing & Boating Association
Sierra Club, Hawai'i Chapter
Na Imi Pono