



July 31, 2026

Mr. Danny Quintana
President
Global High Seas Marine Preserve
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Dear Mr. Quintana,

Thank you for your letter and proposal of July 15, 2026 to Dr. Jenny Gray, our Chief Executive Officer, who recently joined us. She asked that I respond to your suggestions.

We applaud your attention to the health of our ocean and marine biodiversity and for highlighting the specific challenges faced by the high seas. This topic is the subject of intense discussion globally, now that the "High Seas Treaty" (*the Agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction*) has entered into force and countries prepare to meet on a path forward next year. We are learning about the process, and speaking with a number of experts both in the US and internationally to learn what they are doing. I will share your materials with our team as part of that knowledge outreach.

Our current work is focused on a range of critical issues at this moment in time for our ocean. These include fighting efforts to weaken marine conservation and species protection laws and policies in the United States, as well as advancing science and knowledge to reduce ocean threats like plastic pollution, oil and gas development and seabed mining, largely driven by land based practices and driven by overproduction and consumption. We also seek to advance responsible practices in fishing and oppose illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing within and beyond national borders.

Thanks again for your focus on the high seas. All efforts to advance a healthy ocean will be critical to making a difference here and globally.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Margaret Spring".

Margaret Spring
Chief Conservation and Science Officer