

Global High Seas Marine Preserve  
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## 2025 Annual Report

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Time flies when you're working toward a mission, and 2025 has been a testament to that. This year, our organization pivoted, grew, and deepened our commitment to the next generation of ocean defenders. We are no longer just proposing an idea; we are watching the world finally catch up to a vision we have championed for nine years.

### 2025 Key Accomplishments

#### 1. Investing in the Future of Environmental Law

This year, we launched our **Law School Internship Program** with the University of Hawaii's Richardson School of Law. By funding this \$5,000 initiative, we are ensuring that the next generation of attorneys has the expertise to fight for marine wildlife in the courts of tomorrow. We will expand this internship program to other law schools as funding allows.

#### 2. Educational Outreach & Media

- **The Book:** Published *"This Will Work: Creating a Global High Seas Marine Preserve to Save the Ocean's Wildlife,"* co-authored with Skye Worthen.
- **Branding:** Developed our new "Saving the Oceans, One Cup at a Time" trademarked tagline to promote sustainable living through everyday products.
- **Direct Advocacy:** Dispatched Sustainable Food Resolutions to America's 97 largest cities, challenging urban centers to think about their impact on the sea.
- **Radio shows and lectures:** We were guest lecturers on local and one national radio show. I was able to do a zoom lecture for a middle school in Colorado and plan on doing more in 2026.

#### 3. Global Policy Wins

We continue to monitor and support three massive shifts in international ocean governance:

- **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. (BBNJ) High Seas Treaty:** Reached the "60-nation" ratification milestone; the treaty is now set to enter into force in early 2026.

- **Plastics Treaty:** Effectively blocked "weak" industry-led drafts in Geneva, moving closer to a global ban on toxic additives.
- **Mining Moratorium:** Successfully stood with 40 nations to block the first commercial deep-sea mining licenses.

## **Our 2026 Strategic Initiative: The Five-Year Moratorium**

Our flagship goal for the coming year is the **Five-Year Moratorium on Industrial Commercial Fishing in the High Seas**. The High Seas are currently the "Wild West," plagued by illegal fishing, human rights abuses, and the "tragedy of the commons." Our policy proposal offers a win-win time-out for the planet:

- **Forage Fish Recovery:** Giving the base of the food chain time to reproduce.
- **Predator Return:** Allowing sharks, tuna, and whales to return to healthy numbers.
- **Rule of Law:** Replacing chaos with the rule of law on the high seas.

**Our 2026 Method:** We are shifting from cold outreach to high-level networking. We will meet one-on-one with the principals of major environmental foundations and oceanography departments to make this five-year moratorium a globally accepted policy change.

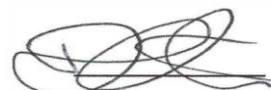
## **The 2026 Agenda: Share the five-year moratorium policy initiative and expand our law school internship program to other universities.**

**Personal Outreach:** we will be expanding our reach through radio shows, podcasts, and lectures at high schools and elementary schools. We will meet with relevant environmental organizations and oceanography departments and brief them on this policy initiative.

Transformative change takes time. In 1825, the abolition of slavery, women's suffrage, Native Americans becoming citizens were "ideas ahead of their time." Several decades later, slavery was abolished. Almost a century later, women got the right to vote in the U.S. and in 1924 Native Americans became citizens.

Today, legal rights for all are the foundations of our society. We are at that same tipping point for the ocean. We are running out of time, but we are working smarter than ever. With everyone working together, we will succeed. Victories are not won with large number but with valor. Our cause is just and our message is clear. A five-year moratorium will help save the ocean's wildlife and clean up this planet. We will succeed. Failure is not an option.

Dated this 27<sup>th</sup> day of December 2025.



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