



JIMMY CARTER

November 9, 2020

To John Armor

January 2021 will mark the 40th year of Gray's Reef's designation as a national marine sanctuary. Preserving the quality of our environment was among the most important objectives of my administration, and Rosalynn joins me in wishing you and the staff of Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary continued success in your efforts to protect and conserve one of our nation's significant marine resources.

I was pleased to approve the designation of Gray's Reef, Channel Islands, Looe Key, and Point-Reyes Farallon Islands as sanctuaries, and today I'm heartened that NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries continues to expand protection of our country's most treasured underwater spaces. We cannot forget that we are charged with the stewardship of an irreplaceable environment and natural heritage. Effective management will allow future generations of Americans to enjoy immense benefits of healthy, sustainable oceans and Great Lakes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jimmy Carter". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mr. John Armor
Director
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
Office of National Marine Sanctuaries
Silver Spring, Maryland