



# Natural Wonders

## Oceans Get Help From A Sea Lion

(NAPSA)—Here's some news that's making a splash. America's national marine sanctuary system, the underwater version of our national parks, has a new spokesperson—or rather a new “spokes-sea lion” named Sanctuary Sam.



**Sanctuary Sam urges all Americans to help keep our national marine sanctuaries safe for future generations to enjoy.**

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In a new public awareness campaign developed by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Sanctuary Sam hopes to help protect the ocean like Smokey Bear did for forests.

Sam will help NOAA inform the public about ways they can better care for America's underwater treasures, such as disposing of our trash properly and not disturbing marine life.

There are 13 national marine sanctuaries and one marine national monument that were created to help preserve our nation's natural and cultural treasures for future generations.

To learn more about your national marine sanctuaries and how you can help protect them, visit [sanctuaries.noaa.gov](http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov).