The National Marine Fisheries Service recently protected 7,000 square-miles as “critical habitat” for Hawaiian monk seals. The Center for Biological Diversity commissioned a poll of Hawaii voters about the designation.

Based on what you know about Hawaiian monk seals, do you think they are an important part of Hawaii’s natural heritage, or not?

- Important: 81%
- Not important: 10%
- Not sure: 9%

How important is it to you to keep Hawaiian monk seals from going extinct?

- Very important: 76%
- Somewhat important: 17%
- Not sure: 10%
- Not important: 1%

The federal government recently designated almost 7,000 square miles as protected critical habitat for monk seals in Hawaii. Do you support or oppose this designation?

- Support: 81%
- Oppose: 9%
- Not sure: 10%

Are you concerned that protecting habitat for Hawaiian monk seals will negatively affect you and activities you enjoy at the beach and ocean, or not?

- Not concerned: 70%
- Concerned: 21%
- Not sure: 9%