



AMERICAN FLY FISHING TRADE ASSOCIATION

December 11, 2017

The Honorable Rob Bishop
Chairman, Committee on Natural Resources
1324 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Bishop:

On behalf of the American Fly Fishing Trade Association, I am asking you not to include any Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act reauthorization or related legislation at the upcoming full Committee markup.

The hallmark of the Magnuson-Stevens Act has been the bipartisan approach to reauthorization. Anything less is ill-advised, dooms the process to unnecessary controversy and reflects poorly on the commitments made to work on this important legislation in a bipartisan manner.

Negotiations between members of your committee and committee staff are important and necessary to find consensus on improvements to the law while continuing the science-based conservation goals achieved over the last decade. There is plenty of time in the 115th Congress to get it right, there is no need to act on this legislation until consensus can be reached.

I appreciate your consideration of our request and am happy to discuss this with your staff at anytime.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bj. Bulis", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Benjamin Bulis
President

AFFTA advocates for and promotes the sustained growth of the fly fishing industry. By igniting consumer demand for products and services, providing businesses the tools to be successful, and advocating for access, protection and restoration of fishing waters, we will continue to enhance the passion and profitability of the sport of fly fishing.

December 12, 2017

The Honorable Rob Bishop
Chairman
Committee on Natural Resources
1324 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Don Young
Chairman Emeritus
Committee on Natural Resources
2314 Rayburn HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: Magnuson-Stevens Reauthorization and Young Fishermen's Development Act (H.R. 2079)

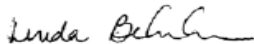
Dear Chairman Bishop and Chairman Emeritus Young,

Please find more than 700 signatures attached in support of the Young Fishermen's Development Act (H.R. 2079), which supports education and training for young people eager to continue America's commercial fishing tradition, and the sustainable fishing standards in the Magnuson-Stevens Act – skills that are critical to ensuring our young fishermen have productive fisheries to harvest. We urge you to advance bills such as this one that support our young fishermen and secure a bright future for fishermen across all gear types, sectors, and regions.

More specifically, we support science-based fisheries management legislation that mandates and funds comprehensive stock assessments, annual catch limits across all sectors, and accurate and timely catch accounting. We also support strong legislation that would prevent aquaculture from adversely affecting the marine environment, existing fisheries, and fishery dependent communities.

Thank you for safeguarding our nation's fisheries and for supporting the future of our young fishermen and the coastal communities that depend on them.

Linda Behnken



Executive Director
Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association

Shannon Carroll



Deputy Director
Alaska Marine Conservation Council

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Amy	Haddow
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Amy	Woodruff
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Bridget	Brunner
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Bryce	Mulholland
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Michael	Cotia	Rio	Mattole
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Michael	Wulbenhorst	Robert	Winter
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Michelle	Stubblefield	Robin	Mcknight
Mike	Pawlousle	Robin	Deth
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Sarah	Warnock
Sarah	Baker
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Shlomo	Oherman
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Dear Chairman Bishop and Ranking Member Grijalva:

I am writing on behalf of the Charter Fisherman's Association to express our strong opposition to the following legislation before your committee: H.R. 200 and H.R. 3588. Despite the tremendous work in rebuilding fisheries nationwide, there are potentially jeopardizing changes being proposed to the Magnuson-Stevens Act that could devastate fishing communities and once depleted fish populations. Specifically the provisions that are responsible for the successful rebuilding of fisheries over the last 40 years.

The Charter Fisherman's Association is a federally permitted charter-for-hire industry trade association with the mission to ensure American public access to fishing, to engage and represent the charter-for-hire industry, and to ensure long-term sustainability of our fisheries. Our members are primarily comprised of independent, small business owners, many of whom have spent decades on the water and are deeply committed to sustainable fisheries. We have seen the successes of the Magnuson-Stevens Act first hand, and would like to highlight the following:

- The Magnuson-Stevens Act should continue to be bipartisan legislation. Fishing communities and business hang in the balance of this reauthorization and all stakeholders should have their concerns addressed.
- The law is uniquely designed to include fishermen throughout the process of designing regulations, promoting regional solutions to regional problems.
- The law is already flexible: most rebuilding plans are over the 10 year rebuilding timeline. — Also, fishermen can help develop management that works for them and increases their profitability and accountability.
- H.R. 200 – undermines the core parts of the law: Annual Catch Limits and rebuilding timelines. These are the reasons that we've seen rebounding fish populations, more stable/profitable fishing businesses, and more fish available to recreational fishermen.
- H.R. 3588 removes the private recreational sector of red snapper management from the conservation and fairness provisions of the MSA – those provisions are what make sure fish populations stay healthy and everyone has a chance to fish.

- Working together, in the Council process, to find solutions that work for all fishermen is the way to proceed – not breaking or changing the law so that a few can get more while everyone else gets less.

The Charter Fisherman's Association appreciates the opportunity to provide input and guidance on proposed revisions to the Magnuson Stevens Act, please feel free to reach out for additional information or perspective on these important fishery issues facing American small businesses.

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Good for the Environment.**

December 12, 2017

Dear Members of Congress:

Environmental Entrepreneurs (E2) appreciates the opportunity to express our views on H.R. 200, Congressman Don Young's bill to reauthorize the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA). Because of provisions that would weaken the law and revert to past fishery management practices that proved unsustainable for our nation's valuable commercial and recreational fisheries, we urge you to oppose this bill when it is considered either in committee or on the floor. The MSA has a strong track record in rebuilding depleted fisheries and ending overfishing. H.R. 200 rolls back key requirements in the current law responsible for this success and threatens hard-earned economic and sustainability gains.

Environmental Entrepreneurs (E2) is a national, nonpartisan group of business leaders who advocate for smart policies that are good for our economy and good for our environment. Our members have founded or funded more than 2,500 companies, created more than 600,000 jobs, and manage more than \$100 billion in venture and private equity capital. Our members know that smart ocean stewardship is essential to a strong economy. America's oceans, coasts and Great Lakes directly support millions of jobs and contribute more than twice the economic output of the entire farm sector.ⁱ The economic output of these valuable resources is greatly threatened without sustainable management policies.

Thanks to conservation policies added to the MSA during the 1996 and 2006 reauthorizations, many ocean fisheries around the country have recovered and are again playing a critical role in coastal economies. The number of overfished fish stocks and stocks subject to overfishing has been cut by more than half, and 43 fish stocks have been successfully rebuilt from previously depleted levels.ⁱⁱ U.S. commercial seafood landings set a 14-year record in 2011 (with a value of more than \$5 billion), and landings and values have remained similarly high, supporting 1.2 million jobs in 2015.ⁱⁱⁱ Saltwater recreational fishing remains a key contributor to our economy, generating \$63 billion in sales and supporting an estimated 439,000 jobs in 2015.^{iv}

The MSA's requirement to rebuild depleted fisheries in as short a period as possible, not to exceed ten years (with limited exceptions), has been particularly effective. A comprehensive review of rebuilding progress in 2010 revealed that two-thirds of fish stocks put in rebuilding plans had either rebuilt to healthy population levels or made significant rebuilding progress, providing estimated commercial dockside revenues of \$585 million annually—54% higher (adjusted for inflation) than before the rebuilding plans.^v In 2011, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) estimated that the complete rebuilding of all U.S. stocks would generate an additional \$31 billion in seafood sales, support an additional 500,000 jobs, and increase by \$2.2 billion the revenue that fishermen receive at the dock.^{vi}

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We consider the MSA a strong example of successful bipartisan policies. Therefore, we are highly concerned about the drastic alteration of current law proposed in H.R. 200. These proposals would increase the risk of overfishing and compromise progress made in rebuilding. The proposals include removing rebuilding timelines through many broad exceptions, as well as removing the current mandate to prioritize rebuilding and long-term economic benefits over short-term economic gain. H.R. 200 also eliminates the requirement for annual catch limits and accountability measures for hundreds of fish stocks, including stocks that are overfished or subject to overfishing. We are concerned that weakening of the law will result in a return to boom-and-bust fishing, and derail the progress we have made in building up the long-term economic value of the country's ocean fisheries. We are also extremely troubled by the provisions of H.R. 200 that would undermine bedrock environmental laws such as the Antiquities Act and the Endangered Species Act, making it harder to ensure sustainable oceans management into the future.

The last two reauthorizations of the MSA have contributed to significant improvements in our fishing and coastal economies. We urge you to stay the course, to support sensible and sound fisheries management policies, and to reject efforts to undermine the progress made in this nation's fisheries management to date. Doing so will continue to pay dividends to the U.S. economy in perpetuity.

We appreciate your attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely,

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December 11, 2017

Dear Chairman Bishop and Ranking Member Grijalva,

On behalf of the Fishing Communities Coalition (FCC) and our members, we are writing to you today concerning the upcoming House Natural Resources Committee (Committee) markup of Magnuson-Stevens Act (MSA) legislation, and to outline the principles that we believe are needed to guide any MSA reauthorization legislation. The FCC is a coalition of community-based, small-boat commercial fishing organizations who share a strong commitment to sound conservation and sustainable management of America's fishery resources. We provide a unified, national voice for our members who represent the interests of more than one thousand fishermen and dozens of coastal communities in the U.S.

Fishermen and fishing communities are wholly dependent on productive fish populations and healthy ecosystems. During the MSA reauthorization process, we have an opportunity to build on past successes and ensure our fisheries and fishing communities continue to recover and flourish. Traditionally, the MSA reauthorization process has been a true bipartisan effort and, based on the comments made during the Committee's last MSA hearing on September 26, we were encouraged that this would once again be the case. Unfortunately, we now understand that discussions to create a bipartisan consensus bill have been stalled. We strongly urge the Committee to delay the markup until bipartisan legislation is finalized.

Because bill language has not been made available to the public, we cannot at this time provide specific comments. Instead, we want to reaffirm the principles we believe must guide any reauthorization effort. Above all, we simply cannot have strong fishing communities in this country without robust and well-managed fish stocks and strong protections for marine ecosystems. It would be irresponsible to weaken our commitment to ending overfishing, rebuilding depleted stocks, protecting forage fish, and protecting sensitive habitat. Our fishing members, their families and their communities depend on a strong MSA that maintains and deepens that commitment. In short, our fishing businesses require sustained access to healthy fish stocks, not 'flexibility' that undermines long-term resource health.

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To support our nation's fishermen, their communities, and our domestic fishing and seafood industries, a reauthorization bill must:

- Maintain strong, science-based management, including robust rebuilding timelines and annual catch limits for all major fisheries and across all sectors.
- Improve science through more frequent stock assessments, improving assessment of data-poor stocks and increasing collection of real-time information.
- Strengthen requirements to reduce bycatch, particularly of species that are fully allocated to other directed fisheries.
- Strengthen accountability through more comprehensive monitoring and more complete catch information from commercial, charter, and private angler fishing. No sector, including private anglers, should be exempt from accountability.
- Provide stability to fishing communities by providing access through community fishing associations for current fishermen and the next generation.
- Move towards ecosystem-based management by providing specific direction and requirements for councils to incorporate ecosystem-based management, including protections for forage fish.
- Include innovative and cost-effective approaches to monitoring and accountability, including more widespread use of electronic monitoring and reporting.

We appreciate the efforts of the Committee to reauthorize the MSA, but we respectfully urge the Committee to refrain from holding a markup on MSA legislation until a bipartisan consensus bill can be finalized. We believe this is achievable and look forward to working with you and your staff to craft such a bill.

Sincerely,



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RE: Reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act

Dear Chairman Bishop and Ranking Member Grijalva,

On behalf of the millions of Americans who enjoy recreational fishing and boating and the tens of thousands of hardworking Americans whom we employ, we are writing to express our strong support for H.R. 2023, the Modernizing Recreational Fisheries Management Act of 2017 (Modern Fish Act). We ask the U.S. House Committee on Natural Resources to include the provisions of the Modern Fish Act in the reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act).

For decades, the one-size-fits-all approach of the Magnuson-Stevens Act has placed unnecessary restrictions on our nation's saltwater anglers and kept our industry from performing to its full potential. Despite healthy fish populations in many instances, anglers have experienced a systematic reduction in opportunities in recent years, and we fear this will negatively impact the future of our sport, our industry, and the conservation of our natural marine resources.

As members of the marine industry have testified previously before Congress, the saltwater fishing economy touches all 50 states – from manufacturers and suppliers, boat builders and boat dealers, tackle shops and marinas, restaurants and motels. America's 11 million saltwater anglers contribute more than \$63 billion to the U.S. economy each year and generate nearly 440,000 jobs in the pursuit of their passion.

The Modern Fish Act aims to benefit fishing access and conservation by incorporating modern management approaches, science and technology to guide decision-making. Managing for better recreational fishing opportunities is not counterproductive to the conservation goals of the Magnuson-Stevens Act but rather complimentary to the goal of sustainability and conservation of our marine resources.

We respectfully urge the Committee to favorably move the reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Act including the Modern Fish Act provisions to the House floor for final passage.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Chairman Bishop,

On behalf of our more than 25,000 members and supporters, I am writing to ask that you not include any Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA) reauthorization legislation at next week's full Committee markup in order to allow negotiations between members of your Committee and staff to continue. Magnuson-Stevens is essential legislation that helps protect the natural resources of the Gulf of Mexico fishery, which generated 141,000 jobs and \$24.7 billion in sales in 2015.

Bipartisan support has been the hallmark of our federal fisheries law, and we believe it continues to be essential for the successful reauthorization of the MSA. As you are aware, MSA reauthorization has been a focus of your Committee for the past year, with a number of varying fishery management bills introduced since January.

We understand that negotiations between members of your committee and staff have been taking place in an attempt to find common ground between these bills so as to achieve amicable improvements to the law while maintaining the science-based conservation goals we have been able to achieve over the last decade. It is important that we preserve and build upon the law's legacy of success during the reauthorization process – for the benefit of fishermen, seafood business owners, coastal communities, and all Americans who enjoy and rely on thriving and productive oceans. Gulf Restoration Network is committed to uniting and empowering people to protect and restore the natural resources of the Gulf Region and we urge Congress to continue in the tradition and spirit of Senators Magnuson and Stevens and not move to markup absent bipartisan support for achieving meaningful MSA reauthorization.

We appreciate your attention and consideration of our request. We continue to stand ready to work with all interested parties in developing a strong, bipartisan MSA reauthorization legislation.

Sincerely,

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Dear Chairman Thune, Ranking Member Nelson, Chairman Bishop and Ranking Member Grijalva:

We write to request your consideration of additional industry perspectives on the reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA). We represent companies involved in a variety of roles within the seafood supply chain, including suppliers, distributors, retail, restaurants, meal kits and food service companies. Sourcing and providing sustainable seafood is fundamental to our businesses, and we are committed to the highest standards of corporate and social responsibility. We have made significant investments to support seafood sustainability – in the United

States and abroad – and therefore we take great interest in any proposed changes that could weaken or undermine the MSA.

Over the last several months, your committees held several hearings to gather testimony and proposals related to reauthorization. We note that while a number of witnesses have been invited to testify, they predominantly represented harvesters, processors and recreational fishing interests. To our knowledge, there have been no witnesses representing the rest of the supply chain, and no representatives from foodservice companies, suppliers, distributors, retailers, restaurants or chefs. For that reason, we believe it is extremely important to provide the committees with this broader industry perspective as you consider legislation that could impact tens of thousands of jobs¹ across the United States.

While discussions surrounding the MSA reauthorization tend to focus on optimizing the harvest and management of our domestic fisheries, the statute has global influence. The MSA sets the bar for science-based management, transparency and accountability, and has influenced Regional Fisheries Management Organizations and other international bodies to adopt consistent measures and enforce them. International reforms will help mitigate global challenges with seafood, such as overfishing, food security, national security and human rights. With over 90% of seafood in the United States coming from imports, the MSA plays an important role to push international management toward more sustainable and transparent policies, and increase availability of products that achieve appropriate standards for environmental, legal and social responsibility demanded by U.S. consumers.

As you consider reauthorization of the MSA, we would like to offer the following recommendations:

1. **Maintain the U.S. competitive advantage in the marketplace.** U.S. fisheries are recognized as some of the best managed in the world, and this has created a competitive advantage for U.S. seafood products in the marketplace. Amendments to the MSA must ensure that U.S. fisheries continue this competitive advantage by maintaining or strengthening conservation standards, not weakening them.
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The MSA has been remarkably successful in recovering and maintaining U.S. fisheries over the last decade, and we urge Congress to carefully consider any changes that would undermine U.S. fisheries management and lower the bar for global sustainability and competitiveness. Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to continued discussions on MSA reauthorization.

Sincerely,



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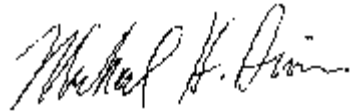
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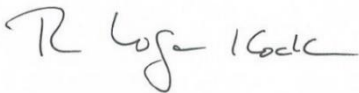
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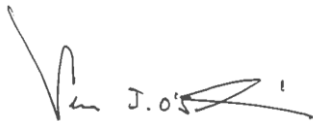
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December 11, 2017

The Honorable Rob Bishop
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House Committee on Natural Resources
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The Honorable Raúl Grijalva
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Bishop and Ranking Member Grijalva,

On behalf of the nation's leading aquariums and our tens of millions of members and visitors, we are writing to express our strong opposition to H.R. 200 and other legislative proposals that would weaken science-based management measures in the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act).

Our aquariums are committed to advancing science-based conservation of the nation's aquatic resources. As place-based institutions, we are also heavily invested in the health of our regional ecosystems, economies, and communities. The Magnuson-Stevens Act has become a global model of how management based on strong science is the best way to achieve this triple-bottom-line. The 2006 reauthorization of the Act ushered in a new era of science-based management of our nation's fisheries. These reforms, which were enacted with strong bipartisan support and signed into law by President George W. Bush, helped reverse historical declines in our nation's fisheries, cut the number of over-fished stocks by half, and dramatically increased the volume of seafood landings and recreational fishing trips. These changes are continuing to provide significant economic benefits in many of our coastal communities.

H.R. 200 threatens to derail these achievements by undermining the role of science in U.S. fisheries management. The Magnuson-Stevens Act's science-based management measures—including rebuilding timelines, annual catch limits and accountability measures—underpin

the progress that has been made in increasing fish populations and revitalizing fishing communities. For these reasons, we urge you not to weaken these measures, and instead, to focus on ways to strengthen the long-term sustainability of our nation's fishery resources and coastal economies.

Sincerely,



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Director
Cabrillo Aquarium



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CEO
Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium



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December 6, 2017

The Honorable Rob Bishop
Chairman, House Committee on Natural Resources
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Chairman Bishop,

On behalf of our diverse network of members, I am writing to ask that you not include any Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA) reauthorization legislation at next week's full Committee markup in order to allow negotiations between members of your Committee and staff to continue.

Bipartisan support has been the hallmark of our federal fisheries law, and we believe it continues to be essential for the successful reauthorization of the MSA. As you are aware, MSA reauthorization has been a focus of your Committee for the past year, with a number of varying fishery management bills introduced since January.

We understand that negotiations between members of your committee and staff have been taking place in an attempt to find common ground between these bills so as to achieve amicable improvements to the law while maintaining the science-based conservation goals we have been able to achieve over the last decade. It is important that we preserve and build upon the law's legacy of success during the reauthorization process – for the benefit of fishermen, seafood business owners, coastal communities, and all Americans who enjoy and rely on thriving and productive oceans. The Marine Fish Conservation Network urges Congress to continue in the tradition and spirit of Senators Magnuson and Stevens and not move to markup absent bi-partisan support for achieving meaningful MSA reauthorization.

We appreciate your attention and consideration of our request. We continue to stand ready to work with all interested parties in developing a strong, bipartisan MSA reauthorization legislation.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Vandermark
Executive Director

The Marine Fish Conservation Network (Network) is a coalition of commercial and recreational fishing associations, regional and national conservation groups, aquaria, and marine science organizations committed to sustaining fish populations, healthy marine ecosystems, and robust fishing communities. We believe that Congress must continue to sustain and improve our federal fisheries policy, the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), to ensure that all Americans can benefit from productive fisheries and healthy and resilient marine ecosystems for generations to come.



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The Honorable Raul Grijalva
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Dear Chairman Thune, Ranking Member Nelson, Chairman Bishop and Ranking Member Grijalva:

We write to request your consideration of additional industry perspectives on the reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA). We represent companies involved in a variety of roles within the seafood supply chain, including suppliers, distributors, retail, hotels and resorts, meal kits and food service companies. Sourcing and providing sustainable seafood is fundamental to our businesses, and we are committed to the highest standards of corporate and social responsibility. We have made significant investments to support seafood sustainability – in the United States and abroad – and therefore we take great interest in any proposed changes that could weaken or undermine the MSA.

Over the last several months, your committees held several hearings to gather testimony and proposals related to reauthorization. We note that while a number of witnesses have been invited to testify, they predominantly represented harvesters, processors and recreational fishing interests. To our knowledge, there have been no witnesses representing the rest of the supply chain, and no representatives from foodservice companies, suppliers, distributors, hotels and resorts, retailers, or chefs. We respectfully request that your committees consider a broader diversity of industry perspectives before you proceed with legislation that could impact tens of thousands of jobs¹ across the United States.

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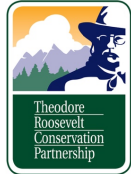
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Sincerely,

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December 8, 2017

The Honorable Rob Bishop, Chairman
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The Honorable Raúl Grijalva, Ranking Member
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Re: Reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act

Dear Chairman Bishop and Ranking Member Grijalva,

We write to encourage the U.S. House Committee on Natural Resources to include the provisions of H.R. 2023, the Modernizing Recreational Fisheries Management Act of 2017 (Modern Fish Act), in the reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act).

Our organizations represent the recreational fishing and boating industry and our nation's anglers, and we stand united in support of the Modern Fish Act. These provisions would bring parity to recreational and commercial fishing which are different endeavors and should be managed differently. For centuries, generations of Americans have enjoyed one of America's greatest pastimes on our coastal waters. Yet, antiquated federal policies are unnecessarily limiting the public's access to our nation's abundant natural resources.

By modernizing saltwater recreational fisheries management, the Magnuson-Stevens Act can achieve a better balance for the needs of anglers and the recreational fishing industry, restore public trust in federal fisheries management and continue to ensure the conservation of our marine fisheries resources.

America's 11 million saltwater anglers contribute more than \$63 billion to the U.S. economy each year and generate nearly 440,000 jobs, including thousands of manufacturing and supply jobs in non-coastal states. The Modern Fish Act will promote public access, adapt federal management to fit recreational fishing with proven techniques used in other jurisdictions, improve fisheries data collection and spur economic growth.

We encourage the Committee to favorably discharge the reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Act including the Modern Fish Act provisions and move the bill to the House floor for final passage.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mike Nussman, President & CEO
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Center for Sportfishing Policy

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Coastal Conservation Association

Jeff Crane, President
Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation

Guy Harvey, President
Guy Harvey Ocean Foundation

Nehl Horton, President
International Game Fish Association

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The Billfish Foundation

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Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership

December 11, 2017

The Honorable Rob Bishop
Chairman, Committee on Natural Resources
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Dear Chairman Bishop:

The House Committee on Natural Resources is considering full committee mark up on H.R. 200 *Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management Act*, with some modifications, including the addition of language from S.1520 *Modernizing Recreational Fisheries Management Act* and H.R.3588 *RED SNAPPER Act* next Wednesday, December 14, 2017. As a concerned citizen, recreational fisherman, and professional outdoor photographer, I urge the House Committee on Natural Resources not to proceed with mark ups of these bills until ongoing bipartisan negotiations can be concluded.

The 2006 *Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act* passed both chambers of Congress with unanimous consent. The strength of the 2006 reauthorization bill is a testament to the bipartisan bill's agreed upon mandates to end overfishing using science-based annual catch limits that inform rebuilding timelines. Though the bill does have some weaknesses, the strength of its mandates is reflected in many of the nation's fisheries that were deemed overfished or experiencing overfishing having recovered or been pulled from the brink of depletion. Bipartisan discussion and agreement is the key to this success and what has made the *Magnuson-Stevens Act* an international model of responsible and science-based fisheries management.

The three current bills listed above do not have bipartisan support and roll back many of mechanisms that have rebuilt our fisheries. From constituents in American fisheries—commercial, for-hire, and recreational—to legislators on both sides of the aisle, the general consensus is that these reauthorization bills are not ready for mark up and do not have the necessary bipartisan support for constituent buy in. Therefore, Mr. Bishop, I urge that the House Committee on Natural Resources not convene mark up on the aforementioned bills while a possible bipartisan agreement is under discussion.

Sincerely,

Austin Green Weinstein

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December 11, 2017

The Honorable Rob Bishop
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Dear Chairman Bishop:

The House Committee on Natural Resources is considering full committee mark up on H.R. 200 *Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management Act* next Wednesday, December 13, 2017. **We the undersigned individuals and organizations urge the House Committee on Natural Resources not to proceed with mark ups of this legislation or any fisheries legislation until ongoing bipartisan negotiations can be concluded.**

The 2006 *Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act* passed both chambers of Congress with broad support from both sides of the aisle. The strength of the 2006 reauthorization bill is a testament to the bipartisan law's agreed upon mandates to end overfishing using science-based annual catch limits that inform rebuilding timelines. Though the law does have some weaknesses, the strength of its mandates is reflected in many of the nation's fisheries that were deemed overfished or experiencing overfishing having recovered or been pulled from the brink of depletion. Bipartisan discussion and agreement is the key to this success and what has made the *Magnuson-Stevens Act* an international model of responsible and science-based fisheries management.

H.R. 200, H.R. 2023, and H.R. 3588 do not have bipartisan support and roll back many of mechanisms that have rebuilt our fisheries. From constituents in American fisheries—commercial, for-hire, and recreational—to legislators on both sides of the aisle, the general consensus is that these reauthorization bills are not ready for mark up and do not have the necessary bipartisan support for constituent buy in. **Therefore we the undersigned urge that the House Committee on Natural Resources not convene mark up on the aforementioned bills while a possible bipartisan agreement is under discussion.**

Sincerely,

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December 11, 2017

US House of Representatives
Committee on Natural Resources
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RE: Remove H.R. 200 and H.R. 3588 from the December 13 markup

Dear Chairman Bishop and Ranking Member Grijalva,

We write to you as representatives of the seafood industry on the West Coast. We and our members are fishmongers, chefs, fishing guides, recreational anglers, and commercial fishermen. Our coalition represents a broad and comprehensive set of stakeholders who collectively comprise all aspects of our multi-billion dollar industry. Today we are deeply concerned about two harmful fisheries related bills that are scheduled for a markup at the Natural Resources Committee this week.

On Wednesday, the Committee is slated to consider H.R. 200 and H.R. 3588, two bills that would significantly weaken our nation's fisheries laws. Unfortunately, neither of these bills would reflect the forty years of Congressional stewardship of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. It is clear to us that H.R. 200 and H.R. 3588 do not represent the best choices for our industry or the seafood-loving public. Instead, they would lead us back to the days of overfishing and natural resource decline.

On behalf of our members, we implore you to reconsider the reckless pace at which H.R. 200 has been moving and remove it and the 'RED SNAPPER Act' from the markup calendar until further bipartisan discussions have taken place. These bills simply fail to pass scrutiny. They are not ready for floor consideration. By marking up these bills now, you are passing the buck to the Senate, where neither of them stand a chance. You are effectively admitting that you are incapable of crafting fisheries management legislation based on consensus or honest discussion. Our industry deserves better.

To honor the bipartisan spirit and wisdom that spawned the original versions of Magnuson-Stevens, we urge you ensure this reauthorization is derived from a bipartisan process. Our jobs, rural communities, customers and citizens depend on reliable fisheries management that have guided the last 20 years of species recovery, following the disastrous but necessary

emergency regulations needed to rebuild these once-depleted stocks of fish. Now is not the time to advance one-sided measures that fail to roll back time-tested methods that keeps our working waterfronts indeed working.

Thank you for your urgent attention to this critical matter.

Sincerely,

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December 7, 2017

The Honorable Rob Bishop
Chairman, Committee on Natural Resources
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Dear Chairman Bishop:

The undersigned organizations urge you to consider legislation to amend and reauthorize the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA) in a bipartisan manner. As such, **we ask that you *not* consider any MSA bills that lack bipartisan consensus.**

Broad support for sustainable fishing from members of both parties has been critical to the successes we have seen for our fisheries and the fishing communities that depend on them. In 1976, Congress had the foresight to pass the original MSA bill—the keystone law that laid the foundation to build our modern system of marine fishery management. This law was passed with overwhelmingly bipartisan support. This bipartisan support continued in the next two reauthorizations in 1996 and 2006.

At a hearing in the House Natural Resources Committee earlier this year, Congressman Don Young (R-AK), the author of one of the MSA bills, indicated his willingness to work with the Democratic counterparts on the Committee to reach bipartisan consensus on a bill that would continue to improve our system of fishery conservation and management.

We urge you to give the Committee the opportunity to work in a bipartisan fashion, just like all the previous MSA reauthorizations. Together, Congress can tackle the real challenges facing our fisheries, but this should not be rushed into the Committee markup this week. Please do not consider any legislation that does not have broad bipartisan consensus and would lead to significant loopholes in our system of fishery management.

Sincerely,

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December 6, 2017

The Honorable Rob Bishop
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Dear Chairman Bishop,

I am writing today to ask that you not include legislation to amend and reauthorize the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA) on next week's full Committee markup agenda.

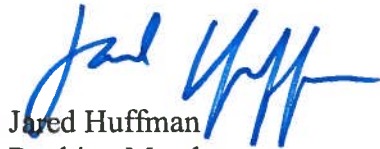
At a hearing on fisheries bill earlier this fall, Chairman Young pledged to work with me to develop legislation that would add reasonable flexibility to the MSA while also taking steps to modernize fisheries conservation and management. Since that hearing, we have met at a member level, and Republican and Democratic staff have been working diligently to negotiate such legislation. Given the importance of this issue, we should take time to get it right and not rush a bill that does not reflect this bipartisan effort, and which Members have not had time to review.

Recent attempts to reauthorize the MSA have failed when this Committee advanced bills that lacked broad bipartisan support and included poison pill provisions that had nothing to do with ensuring healthy fisheries and fishing communities. It would be a shame to see that happen again when we have made significant progress on finding a middle ground.

I see a path to a MSA reauthorization bill that can pass the Committee, the House, and the Senate on a bipartisan basis, but that path requires continued negotiation and ample opportunity for all Committee Members to review amended language and consult with constituents and stakeholders.

I appreciate your attention to this matter, and I look forward to working with you to develop a strong, bipartisan MSA reauthorization.

Sincerely,



Jared Huffman
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Water, Power, and Oceans

cc: Ranking Member Raúl Grijalva
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December 8, 2017

Dear Congressman Young,

Thank you for your continued work on the reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA), and the diligent work of both your personal office staff and committee staff to sort through the many proposals for modernizing fisheries conservation and management. As we both know, only through consensus and compromise can the House of Representatives pass a fisheries bill that would be seriously considered by the Senate. I continue to wish to work with you, other members, and stakeholders for the passage of a bill that can be signed into law in 2018.

I appreciate the proposal provided by your staff that would incorporate a number of provisions from my discussion draft. These sections, which include modernizing data collection, equitable treatment of the Pacific territories, and a resolution to refinancing a federal loan to the West Coast groundfish fishery, are important provisions that Congress ought to consider in any MSA bill.

I am also encouraged to hear that you may be willing to consider removing the provisions altering the implementation of the Antiquities Act, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and the Endangered Species Act (ESA). This would remove one of the major obstacles to bipartisan agreement on MSA reauthorization and I look forward to seeing a substitute amendment that accomplishes this.

I recognize that a core component of your legislation, which I know that many stakeholders want, is to provide flexibility to regional fishery management councils in how they develop rebuilding timelines and establish annual catch limits (ACLs). However, I am concerned that the language goes too far and risks unintended consequences that would undermine our nation's best-managed fisheries in the world. In the 2006 MSA reauthorization, we set this country on the course of rebuilding overfished stocks to healthy population levels. In place of Sections 204 and 303 of your latest draft (Sections 4 and 5 of H.R. 200 as introduced), I recommend language reflecting Sections 202 and 206 of my discussion draft. These changes would still offer significant new flexibility to the councils, while ensuring that ACLs are established and enforced based on a scientific understanding of the fisheries, the ecosystems, and changing ocean conditions.

To be clear, even with these changes we do not agree with each of the provisions in your new substitute text; these are my suggestions in the spirit of compromise, and the key points that would get us to a bill I would support and urge my Democratic colleagues to support in committee.

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I appreciate your continued leadership on this and many other issues throughout your service in the House, and look forward to working with you to develop a strong, bipartisan MSA reauthorization.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jared Huffman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jared" and last name "Huffman" clearly distinguishable.

Jared Huffman
Vice Ranking Member, Natural Resources Committee

November 13, 2017

Dear Member of Congress,

We, the undersigned West Coast commercial fishermen, charter boat captains, fishing guides, and seafood distributors, oppose federal fishery management legislation that would hurt our businesses and weaken the conservation and stewardship of Pacific Ocean fisheries. Specifically, we urge you to oppose H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023, legislation introduced in the 115th Congress that would undermine the conservation provisions of the Magnuson Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act).

H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023 would undo years of progress in U.S. fisheries management by exempting fish species from science-based annual catch limits and delaying the rebuilding of overfished populations. Catch limits and rebuilding plans authorized under the Act work to prevent overfishing and to allow fish populations that have been overfished to rebound to healthy levels. These provisions help to stabilize fishing businesses and coastal communities and should not be weakened.

Rebuilding timelines have been especially vital to the recovery of West Coast groundfish populations, the collapse of which led to a fishery disaster declaration as recently as 2000. After more than a decade of successful rebuilding efforts, West Coast groundfish stocks are now greatly improved. The changes proposed in both H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023 would make success stories such as this far less likely.

The Magnuson-Stevens Act is helping to improve the sustainability of America's fisheries. Here on the West Coast, regional managers acted decisively in the early 2000's and set 10 species of groundfish on the road to recovery. Seven of these have been rebuilt as of June 2017, some of them years ahead of schedule. These signs of success for groundfish in particular—more and bigger fish dispersed throughout a broader range, allowing for a revitalized fishery off the West Coast – are evidence that the law works to prevent and reverse overfishing, rebuild vulnerable fish stocks, and keep fishermen on the water for the long term.

We urge you to oppose H.R. 200, H.R. 2023, and any other legislation which would undermine successful conservation tools in the Magnuson-Stevens Act.

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The Honorable Raúl M. Grijalva
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Dear Chairman Bishop and Ranking Member Grijalva

The Mid-Atlantic recreational anglers, charter-for-hire business owners, commercial fishermen, and seafood distributors listed below strongly oppose weakening the the Magnuson Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) and its conservation provisions, as proposed in H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023. For years, the Magnuson-Stevens Act has been working to build healthier fish populations through science-based catch limits and rebuilding plans, leading to more stable businesses and stronger coastal economies. We should not retreat from the provisions that have worked for our region and our communities.

H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023 seek to undo years of progress in U.S. fisheries management by undermining the successful conservation provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. These bills would increase the risk of overfishing, and halt progress in rebuilding efforts for depleted fish populations. For example, H.R. 2023 significantly restricts the use of science-based annual catch limits designed to prevent overfishing by making them optional for the vast majority of managed stocks.

Mid-Atlantic black sea bass, bluefish, and scup are important species that support thousands of regional jobs and generate millions of dollars of broad economic benefits to coastal communities. Each one was successfully rebuilt from depleted levels due to the Magnuson-Stevens Act's conservation requirements. The legislative proposals mentioned above could jeopardize those gains and limit progress in rebuilding vulnerable fish populations, which would result in more economic hardships for fishery-related businesses in our region.

We urge you to oppose any effort to undermine the conservation provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, including H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023. The conservation tools established under the Act are critical to ongoing efforts to eliminate overfishing, restore fish populations to healthy levels, and promote improved stability for coastal communities that depend on commercial and recreational fisheries.

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Dear Members of Congress:

As chefs, restaurateurs, and seafood dealers, a reliable supply of sustainable, U.S.-caught, healthy fish is crucial to the success of our businesses. We need strong federal laws, like the Magnuson-Stevens Act (MSA), to ensure we will continue to be able to provide high quality food to our customers. Please help us defend this important law by opposing efforts to weaken it.

Over the years, Congress has amended the MSA to make it stronger and better, and the results show it has been a success. Overfishing has virtually ended in the United States and we have rebuilt dozens of previously-depleted fish species. Key ingredients to this success include:

- Annual catch limits (ACLs), commonly known as quotas, which were added in 2006 to end the problem of continued overfishing;
- Providing a full range of tools - including catch shares - to stakeholders and regional decision makers;
- Requiring regulations be based on the best available science and not contradicting the recommendations of science and statistical committees that advise regulators; and
- Setting reasonable deadlines for rebuilding fish populations, so that they do not linger in a depleted purgatory for decades without returning to full health and sustainability.

Unfortunately, bills being considered now such as H.R. 200, H.R. 2023, and S. 1520 would undermine these essential conservation standards. We urge you to oppose them unless they are stripped of the problematic provisions that undercut the safeguards identified above.

Many of our establishments serve red snapper, which is popular, tasty and now widely available after being rare for many years. Another bill, H.R. 3588, would give Gulf of Mexico states the authority to regulate private anglers' fishing for Gulf of Mexico red snapper. We have heard that anglers need a fix for what is clearly a broken system, but without adequate conservation standards to make sure that private anglers don't far exceed their quota (as they've done in the past), H.R. 3588 could inadvertently result in significant overfishing and deprive our customers of one of their favorite fish.

We are food people, not lobbyists. But we know that healthy fish populations benefit everyone, and we ask for your help in protecting the fundamental conservation standards in federal law that allow us to serve healthy, sustainable, U.S.-caught seafood to millions of Americans. Thank you for considering our views.

Very truly yours,

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Oyster, Seaworthy

Jin Kang
Fedora

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Hart's

Bianca Piccillo
Mermaid's Garden

Braden Reardon
Adelphi Hospitality

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Oceana Restaurant

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Il Palio

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SEAFOOD HARVESTERS OF AMERICA
FISHERMEN UNITED FOR ACCOUNTABLE AND THRIVING FISHERIES

September 28, 2017

The Honorable Doug Lamborn, Chairman
The Honorable Jared Huffman, Ranking Member
Committee on Natural Resources - Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans
1522 Longworth House Office Building
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Chairman Lamborn and Ranking Member Huffman,

On behalf of the Seafood Harvesters of America, I write to express our support for your efforts to modernize and strengthen the Magnuson-Stevens Act (MSA). We were encouraged by the overall tone of the hearing this week, and echo the sentiments expressed by the witnesses in support of maintaining the Act's core conservation provisions and accountability standards, such as annual catch limits, upon which the long-term viability of our fisheries depend.

The Harvesters represent an array of commercial fishing organizations and fishermen across the nation. Our members are privileged to go to sea every day, bringing to market healthy, domestic, sustainable seafood. Our ability to provide domestic, wild-caught fish to the American public requires healthy marine ecosystems, sustainably managed fish stocks and accountability measures to ensure that we are harvesting responsibly. Given that the seafood supply chain generates over \$200 billion in sales and supports 1.6 million jobs, we encourage you to take a measured, deliberate, bipartisan approach to the reauthorization of the MSA. There is much at stake and we encourage you to preserve the fundamental conservation mandates and accountability measures for all fishing sectors and uphold the Councils ability to utilize the full suite of management options at their disposal.

While America has the best managed fisheries in the world, we acknowledge that there is still room for improvement. We believe that the modernization and streamlining of fishery information systems is critical to provide more timely science for better management decisions. Unfortunately, existing systems are built using technology and practices that are outdated, slow, incomplete, expensive and often inaccurate. If we are going to maximize a sustainable harvest, we need additional and better monitoring, accountability, and enforcement throughout our fisheries.

We hope you will work with us to improve the law through modernizing the data collections systems, innovating better ways to incorporate real-time data into stock assessments, while maintaining science-based catch limits to prevent overfishing, rebuild vulnerable fish populations and protect the safety and long-term stability of our fishing communities. Our fisheries and the entire seafood supply chain have benefited greatly from the bi-partisan progress made in the 1996 and 2006 MSA reauthorizations and we hope that you will continue that trend.

Thank you for your consideration, leadership and support for the commercial fishing industry.

Sincerely,

Kevin R. Wheeler
Executive Director

cc: The Honorable Rob Bishop
cc: The Honorable Don Young
cc: The Honorable Raul Grijalva

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November 3, 2017

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House Natural Resources Committee
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Jared Huffman, Ranking Member
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House Natural Resources Committee
U.S. House of Representatives

Dear Chairman Lamborn and Ranking Member Huffman:

On behalf of the Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish Shareholders' Alliance (Shareholders' Alliance), I write to you today to express our strong support for the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act).

The Shareholders' Alliance is the largest organization of commercial snapper and grouper fishermen in the Gulf of Mexico, with membership from Florida to Texas. We work hard to ensure that our fisheries are sustainably managed so our fishing businesses can thrive and our fishing communities can exist for future generations. We are the harvesters that provide much of the American public with a reliable source of domestically-caught wild Gulf seafood, and we do this through a philosophy that sustainable seafood and profitable fishing businesses depend on healthy fish populations.

The United States produces nearly 10 billion pounds of seafood annually, valued at over \$5 billion.¹ The Gulf of Mexico alone produces over \$850 million in commercial fisheries landing revenue.² U.S. consumers spent an estimated \$96 billion for fishery products in 2015.³ Our jobs, our fishing communities, and our local and national economies thrive on sustainable seafood. To that end, the Magnuson-Stevens Act is the backbone that makes America a global leader in sustainable fisheries management. 41 fish stocks have been rebuilt since 2000.⁴ Of the 235 managed stocks where the overfished status is known, 84% are not overfished; of the 316 managed stocks where the overfishing status is known, 91% are not undergoing overfishing.⁵ More than 8 out of every 10 stocks managed under the Magnuson-Stevens Act are considered healthy. Our region – the Gulf of Mexico, has only three managed stocks that are overfished, and we have the distinction of being the *only* region in the United States where not a single primary managed species is undergoing overfishing.⁶ This is a testament to the success of this landmark, bipartisan piece of legislation and is the very reason why we cannot let our guard down and risk rolling back the progress we've made over the last four decades.

On July 17, 2017, the House Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans (Subcommittee) held an oversight hearing entitled "*Exploring the Successes and Challenges of the Magnuson-Stevens Act.*" Four witnesses provided testimony that laid out their positions on the achievements and shortcomings of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. On September 26, 2017, the Subcommittee held a hearing on fisheries legislation. We appreciate the opportunity to offer counterpoints to some of the claims made during these hearings.

¹ 2015 Fisheries Economics of the United States, National Marine Fisheries Service, p. 8.

² Ibid, p. 9.

³ Ibid, p. 9.

⁴ Summary of Stock Status for FSSI Stocks, 2016 Status of US Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Summary p. 1.

⁵ Ibid.

⁶ Summary of Stock Status for FSSI Stocks, 2016 Status of US Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Summary p. 6.

Statement: Magnuson-Stevens Act rebuilding timelines are too inflexible.

Response:

According to Section 304(e)(4) of the Magnuson Act:

For a fishery that is overfished, any fishery management plan, amendment, or proposed regulations prepared pursuant to paragraph (3) or paragraph (5) for such fishery shall—

(A) specify a time period for rebuilding the fishery that shall—

(i) be as short as possible, taking into account the status and biology of any overfished stocks of fish, the needs of fishing communities, recommendations by international organizations in which the United States participates, and the interaction of the overfished stock of fish within the marine ecosystem; and

*(ii) not exceed 10 years, except in cases where the biology of the stock of fish, other environmental conditions, or management measures under an international agreement in which the United States participates dictate otherwise;*⁷
(emphasis added)

This built-in flexibility presently allows fishery managers to approve rebuilding timelines greater than 10 years in length due to a range of biological, economic, and/or social factors. Tailoring rebuilding timelines to meet the needs of stakeholders already exists, which is why many of our nation's overfished stocks are already managed under rebuilding plans that exceed 10 years as can be seen in the table below.⁸ Even the coveted Gulf of Mexico Red snapper is already experiencing the existing flexibility that the Magnuson-Stevens Act has to offer as it is in Year 12 of the current 27 year rebuilding plan. If the red snapper stock rebuilds by 2032 as intended, the stock will have been under a rebuilding program for over 40 years⁹. The MSA already provides substantial flexibility on rebuilding schedules.

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Region	Species	Present Year	Total Rebuilding Time Period
South Atlantic	Red Porgy	Year 18	18 Years
Pacific	Cowcod	Year 17	19 Years
New England	Cape Cod / Gulf of Maine Yellowtail Flounder	Year 14	19 Years
New England	Georges Bank Cod	Year 14	23 Years
New England	Gulf of Maine Thorny Skate	Year 14	25 Years
New England	Georges Bank Yellowtail Flounder	Year 11	26 Years
Gulf of Mexico	Red Snapper	Year 12	27 Years
Atlantic	Blacknose Shark	Year 4	30 Years
South Atlantic	Snowy Grouper	Year 12	34 Years
South Atlantic	Red Snapper	Year 7	35 Years
Pacific	Pacific Ocean Perch	Year 18	51 Years
New England	Atlantic Halibut	Year 14	52 Years
Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico	Sandbar Shark	Year 13	66 Years

⁷ Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act; May 2007; p. 92.

⁸ 2nd Quarter 2017 Update, Summary of Stock Status for FSSI Stocks, 2016 Status of US Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Table A.

⁹ The Gulf Council first set a rebuilding target for red snapper under Amendment 1 to the Reef Fish FMP, which took effect in 1990

(<http://archive.gulfcouncil.org/Beta/GMFCWeb/downloads/RF%20Amend-01%20Final%201989-08-rescan.pdf>).

¹⁰ 2nd Quarter 2017 Update, Summary of Stock Status for FSSI Stocks, 2016 Status of US Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Table A.

Pacific	Yelloweye Rockfish	Year 15	71 Years
Atlantic	Porbeagle Shark	Year 9	100 Years
Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico	Dusky Shark	Year 9	100 Years

Statement: Annual Catch Limits don't work for recreational fishermen.

Response:

Annual Catch Limits (ACLs) provide fishermen with the opportunity to fish at sustainable levels in a way that maximizes access while minimizing risk to the conservation of our shared fishery resources. Inherent in this management tool is the acknowledgement that exceeding science-based catch limits can reduce future opportunities, and that this should be avoided to the extent practicable. Indeed, Congress expressly amended the MSA in 2006 because it found that “overfishing is still occurring in a number of fisheries, even those fisheries under a rebuilding plan,” and that “[i]n many cases, this has resulted from failure of a plan to require adherence to scientifically-established mortality limits from one year to the next.”¹¹

In our opinion, the Subcommittee was not presented with any viable data justifying why recreational quotas should be ignored. Witnesses alluded to challenges associated with recreational data collection and the timeliness of decision-making, which we acknowledge can complicate ACL management; however, this is not justification enough to exempt recreational fishermen from having a science-based conservation backstop in place to protect the fish they are targeting.

Three examples from the Gulf of Mexico demonstrate that recreational fishermen *can* abide by ACLs and improve the timeliness of data collection:

1. Between 2010 and 2016, recreational fishermen in the Gulf of Mexico successfully harvested up to 96% of their gag grouper quota without exceeding the recreational ACL.¹²
2. Starting in 2016, Louisiana’s LA Creel program uses weekly landings estimates to monitor and enforce a self-imposed red snapper quota for state waters recreational fishermen.¹³
3. The Gulf of Mexico Headboat Collaborative Pilot Program successfully took over 200,000 anglers fishing in 2014 and 2015 and through a combination of real-time reporting and quota management, succeeded in staying within its quotas, reducing discards and increasing access.¹⁴

Statement: Exempting Gulf of Mexico private anglers from ACLs will not hurt the commercial and charter/headboat fishing sectors.

Response:

The Magnuson-Stevens Act requires that an overall ACL be set each year for Gulf of Mexico red snapper and other reef fish and the current commercial, charter, and private angler quotas are based on this overall ACL. Exempting the private angler sector from ACLs will not exempt the other two sectors from their quotas. To the extent that a non-ACL alternative management system for private anglers results in them consistently catching more fish than their ACL-based quota would otherwise allow, the Gulf Council would be required to reduce the overall ACL to stay within the rebuilding timeline. This would reduce the commercial and charter/headboat sectors’ quotas, effectively penalizing those two sectors for overharvesting by private anglers. This is not fair.

The private angler catch can substantially affect the pace of rebuilding the red snapper stock. NMFS determined that its decision to re-open the private angler fishing season for just 39 additional days in 2017 “may delay the ultimate rebuilding

¹¹ S. Rep. 109-229 (2006) at 21.

¹² NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office, Gulf Recreational ACL Monitoring webpage, http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/sustainable_fisheries/acl_monitoring/recreational_gulf/index.html, accessed July 25, 2017.

¹³ 2016 Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper Recreational Season Length Estimates, NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office.

¹⁴ Abbott, J. “Effects of the Two-Year Exempted Fishing Permit for the Gulf of Mexico Headboat Collaborative,” October 3, 2016.

of the stock by as many as 6 years.”¹⁵ Legislation to separate Gulf red snapper private angler sector management from the Magnuson-Stevens Act’s ACL requirement exposes the commercial and charter/headboat fishing sectors negative impacts of private angler fishing.

Statement: The Magnuson-Stevens Act is too inflexible to address Gulf of Mexico recreational fishing needs.

Response:

It is the recreational fishing associations that are inflexible, not the Magnuson Act. Their insistence on extended, open access, derby-style fishing seasons is what is blocking progress for private anglers and causing management problems. The other sectors are working within their catch limits and addressing their management issues. It is time for private anglers to do the same thing.

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council) has the authority and flexibility under the Magnuson-Stevens Act to work with private anglers to and State officials to develop an alternative management system to provide fishing opportunities over a much longer portion of each year while improving accountability and catch data. The Gulf Council has been working with Gulf of Mexico charter/headboat sector vessel operators for the past few years to do just this so the recreational fishermen they serve will have improved access to Gulf red snapper and other species. The Gulf Council also has established a private angler working group to develop options for improving management of red snapper fishing for this sector and we encourage private anglers to participate in this process. In fact, each of the five Gulf States has initiated a state management plan with the Gulf Council, and work is underway on these proposals as we speak. When the Gulf Council’s membership is balanced to represent all fishing sectors, and those fishing sectors and the States work cooperatively with the Gulf Council, the Magnuson-Stevens Act enables the Gulf Council to produce workable fishery management proposals for all sectors.

The Magnuson-Stevens Act is a success story, demonstrating that public access, business objectives and conservation goals can all work hand-in-hand. We – the nation’s fishermen, seafood suppliers, and seafood-consuming public – have an obligation to protect the gains we’ve made and the recovery we’ve experienced in the last forty years. We owe it to ourselves and the next generation to pass on a natural resource legacy that ensures the future sustainable seafood and sustainable public access.

We welcome the opportunity to continue to work with you on this issue of national importance.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Eric Brazer, Deputy Director
Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish Shareholders’ Alliance

¹⁵ 82 Fed. Reg. 27777, 27779 (June 19, 2017).

December 7, 2017

The Honorable Rob Bishop
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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Raúl M. Grijalva
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Bishop and Ranking Member Grijalva,

We operate businesses that cater to clients who value healthy coasts and ocean wildlife. The ecotourism industry in California represents more than 125,000 jobs and over \$600 million in revenue per year. It is a vital part of our local economy. Ensuring sustainable fish populations and conserving marine resources are important to us and our customers. As Congress considers the next reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA), we request your leadership to ensure it is updated to advance a big picture approach, which will better protect our natural resources and the economies that depend on them.

MSA is forty years old, and we've learned more about how to maintain productive ecosystems since then. MSA can be improved to help managers fully utilize the knowledge we have today and account for the big picture when making management decisions. This means conserving forage (or bait) fish, which is what other fish and wildlife eat, protecting where fish live (habitat), and reducing wasteful catch (bycatch), in addition to other priority actions

Bait fish form an essential link in the marine food webs and are necessary to ensure health fisheries and oceans, but the MSA does not guarantee conservation measures that account for this critical role. The law should be updated to conserve these important fish.

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People come to us because they want to see wildlife, but the MSA currently does not do enough to ensure bycatch is sufficiently minimized. Some fishing practices catch non-target wildlife including birds, sea turtles and non-targeted fish. We would like you to ensure that the law reduces this wasteful catch.

Coastal businesses and other enterprises that are involved in the ecotourism industry are impacted by how the U.S. manages fish populations under the Magnuson-Stevens Act. From tour operators to beachside restaurants, bed and breakfasts to dive shops, businesses like ours can benefit from a thoughtful bill that advances a big picture approach to fisheries management. Please understand that inclusion of big picture management principles in the next reauthorization of the MSA is critical to our continued economic success.

Thank you for your time and your consideration of this important issue.

Sincerely,

We, the undersigned

Sail Channel Islands

Dan Ryder, Captain
Oxnard, CA

Channel Islands Outfitters, Inc.

Fraser Kersey, CFO & Co-Founder
Santa Barbara, CA

Paddle Sports Center

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Channel Islands Surfboards

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Dear Chairman Bishop and Ranking Member Grijalva,

We operate businesses that cater to clients who value healthy coasts and ocean wildlife. The ecotourism industry in CT supports a vibrant tourist industry, vital to the growth of our local economy. Ensuring sustainable fish populations and conserving marine resources are important to us and our customers. As Congress considers the next reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA), we request your leadership to ensure it is updated to advance a big picture approach, which will better protect our natural resources and the economies that depend on them.

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Motorized Kayak Adventures

Bill Gibson
Fort Pierce, FL

Paddle Florida, Inc.

Bill Richards
Gainesville, FL

South Florida Underwater Photographic Society

Sam Hodge
Fort Lauderdale, FL

cc: Members of the House Natural Resources Committee

December 7, 2017

The Honorable Rob Bishop
Chairman
Committee on Natural Resources
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Raúl M. Grijalva
Ranking Member
Committee on Natural Resources
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Bishop and Ranking Member Grijalva,

We operate and represent businesses that cater to clients who value the health of our waters and the wildlife it sustains. The ecotourism industry in New Jersey is not only vital to our local economies, it is robust — for example, ecotourism in Cape May County alone represents a \$544 million industry. And, these benefits extend far beyond our coastal waters to include the major rivers and estuaries which serve as the spawning areas for species such as sturgeon and shad.

Ensuring sustainable fish populations and conserving marine resources are important to us and our customers.

As Congress considers the next reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA), we request your leadership to ensure it is updated to advance a big picture approach, which will better protect our natural resources and the economies that depend on them.

MSA is forty years old, and since its enactment we've learned more about how best to maintain productive ecosystems. MSA can be improved to help managers fully utilize the knowledge we have today and account for the big picture when making management decisions. This means conserving forage (or bait) fish, which is what other fish and wildlife eat, protecting where fish live (habitat), and reducing wasteful catch (bycatch), in addition to other priority actions.

Bait fish form an essential link in the marine food webs and are necessary to ensure healthy fisheries and oceans, but the MSA does not guarantee conservation measures that account for this critical role. The law should be updated to conserve these important fish.

Additionally, ensuring healthy fish habitats is a critical component of sustainable fisheries management. It is important to address the impacts of certain types of fishing and other activities, such as pollution, in order to conserve habitats for fish. Therefore, the MSA needs to include greater protections of essential habitats, such as deep sea corals and other spawning sites that fish need for reproduction, shelter, and growth.

People come to us because they want to see wildlife, but the MSA currently does not do enough to ensure bycatch is sufficiently minimized. Some fishing practices catch non-target wildlife including

birds, sea turtles and non-targeted fish. We would like you to ensure that the law reduces this wasteful catch.

Coastal and river-based businesses and other enterprises that are involved in the ecotourism industry are impacted by how the U.S. manages fish populations under the Magnuson-Stevens Act. From tour operators to beachside restaurants, bed-and-breakfasts to dive shops, businesses like ours can benefit from a thoughtful bill that advances a big picture approach to fisheries management. Please understand that inclusion of big picture management principles in the next reauthorization of the MSA is critical to our continued economic success.

Thank you for your time and your consideration of this important issue.

Sincerely,

Bend The Rod and Island Girl Charters

Scott Krawiec, Owner
Cape May, NJ

Bike Lambertville

Lloyd Davis, Chairman
Lambertville, NJ

Center for Aquatic Sciences at Adventure Aquarium

Brian DuVall, President & CEO
Camden, NJ

Delaware River Towns Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau

Glenn Davis, President & David Morgan,
Executive Director
Lambertville, NJ

Frenchtown Business & Professional Association

Molly Sumridge, President
Frenchtown, NJ

Greater Newark Convention & Visitors Bureau

Bob Provost, Acting President / CEO
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Dan Whitaker, Owner
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Jenkinson's Aquarium

Cindy Claus, Director
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Pequest Valley Farms

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Dear Chairman Bishop and Ranking Member Grijalva,

We operate businesses that cater to clients who value healthy coasts and ocean wildlife. The ecotourism and outdoor recreational industries in Washington State represents tens of thousands of businesses and more than 227,000 direct jobs. It is a vital part of our local economy. Ensuring sustainable fish populations and conserving marine resources are important to us and our customers. As Congress considers the next reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA), we request your leadership to ensure it is updated to advance a big picture approach, which will better protect our natural resources and the economies that depend on them.

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Mountain Gear, Inc.

Paul Fish, President
Spokane Valley, WA

Fishpond, Inc.

John Land Le Coq, CEO/Founder
Silverthorne, CO

Northwest Guides & Anglers Association

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cc: Members of the House Committee on Natural Resources

July 12, 2017

The Honorable Rob Bishop
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The Honorable Raúl Grijalva
Ranking Member
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1329 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Bishop and Ranking Member Grijalva,

Nearly 300 chefs, restaurateurs and seafood suppliers from 24 states¹ signed onto the attached letter, stating their unequivocal support for a strong fisheries management system that addresses 21st century challenges. Changing ocean conditions, loss of vital habitat, and protection of the base of the food chain all need to be addressed by regional fishery managers.

Despite the need for improvements, our fisheries represent some of the best managed fisheries in the world. Our businesses depend on the availability of sustainably caught seafood from U.S. waters. For this reason, we are not only strongly supportive of efforts to modernize fisheries law, but also opposed to any efforts to weaken it – including H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023, but also any other similar bills. We are concerned that any steps backwards could lead to overfishing, reducing our access to the products that our customers have come to expect.

This Congress, please oppose any efforts that will take our fisheries backwards and support those efforts that will carry us into the future.

Linda

Linda Di Lello Morton

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cc: House Natural Resources Committee members and staff

¹ Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Iowa, Illinois, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Mississippi, North Carolina, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Nevada, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas and Washington

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Dear Chairman Bishop and Ranking Member Grijalva,

As chefs, restaurateurs, grocers, and restaurant seafood suppliers we depend on healthy ocean ecosystems, sustainable seafood, and abundant fish populations. Today, we write to encourage your support for advancing a more comprehensive fishery management approach when the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act is next reauthorized. This kind of big picture fishery management is good for fish, fishermen, and businesses that depend on fish, including the ones that provide seafood at restaurants across the United States.

The current U.S. fisheries management system emphasizes establishing fishing rules on individual populations or groups of similar populations. Although improvements to the law in 1996 and 2006 have helped to end overfishing on many species and to rebuild a number of depleted populations, they do not address the bigger picture. Taking a big picture approach, factoring the knowledge we have about what each species eats, where it lives and what it depends upon is a critical next step in advancing good management. As Congress moves forward to consider further updates to the Magnuson-Stevens Act, it is important to not only maintain our management successes but also build on them to make sure fish are managed as part of the larger ocean environment and to reinforce our fisheries against emerging and ongoing threats such as loss of habitat.

Specifically, we should strengthen the Magnuson-Stevens Act to better protect essential fish habitats, minimize the incidental catch of fish and other wildlife, and account for the critical role that forage fish play as prey for other fish and wildlife. We should analyze and understand the impact of fishing before opening or expanding fisheries or accessing new areas. And, we should develop plans that establish a road map for broadening the scope of managing fish populations, so we factor in the important interactions among fish populations, other marine wildlife, and habitats of the ocean ecosystem.

By incorporating a big-picture approach to fisheries management, Congress can safeguard our ocean resources and coastal communities for the long-term benefit of our customers and your constituents.

As an influential member, representing a state known for some of the best fisheries in the world, you have the opportunity to contribute in a critical and substantial way. It is our hope that you will wholeheartedly embrace such a pivotal leadership role and champion ecosystem based fisheries management in the reauthorization of Magnuson-Stevens Act.

Thank you for considering our views. We look forward to working with you to advance stronger, healthier fisheries that can benefit our communities from ocean to plate.

Adam Green, Chef
Fez Restaurant & Bar
Phoenix, AZ

Jackson & Kevin Kelly, Owners
Bliss ReBAR
Phoenix, AZ

Kevan Kiefer, Chef
Corduroy
Phoenix, AZ

Mario Pineda, Chef
Bliss ReBAR
Phoenix, AZ

Mark Dillon, Owner
Fez Restaurant & Bar
Switch
Corduroy
Pizza People Pub
Phoenix, AZ

Mark Howard, Owner
Fez Restaurant & Bar
Bliss ReBAR
Phoenix, AZ

Tim & Marybeth Scanion, Owners
Pizza People Pub
Phoenix, AZ

Tom Jetland, Owner
Fez Restaurant & Bar
Switch
Corduroy
Pizza People Pub
Phoenix, AZ

Suzanne Goin, Chef/Owner
Larder Baking Company & Restaurants
Lucques
Tavern
a.o.c
Los Angeles, CA

Seamus Gibney, Executive Chef
Pier 23
San Francisco, CA

Michael Botello, Owner
Wally's Desert Turtle
Rancho Mirage, CA

Soerke Peters, Chef/Owner
Basil Seasonal Dining
Carmel By The Sea, CA

Albert Serrano, Chef
Bluewater Grill
Coronado, CA

Evan Cruz, Executive Chef
San Diego Marriott Del Mar/ Arterra Restaurant &
Outdoor Lounge
San Diego, CA

Trey Foshee, Executive Chef & Partner
George's at the Cove
Galaxy Taco
La Jolla, CA

Shihomi Borillo, Owner
Azuki Sushi
Artisan Bento
San Diego, CA

Jeff Jackson, Executive Chef
Lodge at Torrey Pines- A.R. Valentien Restaurant
La Jolla, CA

Matt Gordon, Executive Chef/ Owner
Urban Solace
Solace and the Moonlight Lounge
Encinitas, CA

Davin Waite, Chef Owner
The Whet Noodle
Wrench and Rodent Seabasstropub
Oceanside, CA

Jason Knibb, Executive Chef
Grande Colonial, NINE-TEN Restaurant
La Jolla, CA

Mourad Jamal, Executive Chef
Poseidon on the Beach
Del Mar, CA

Nikki Martin, Chef/Actress
Food Network
Hollywood, CA

Nathan Lyon, Host
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with Nathan Lyon
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Brooklyn Girl Eatery
San Diego, CA

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Preux & Proper
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Kim Muller
B/O/T/H Consulting
Manhattan Beach, CA

Cindy Pawlcyn, Founder & Owner
Mustards Grill
Cindy's Backstreet Kitchen
Napa Valley, CA

Rob Ruiz, Chef & Owner
The Land and Water Company
Carlsbad, CA

Andrew Spurgin, Chef/Owner
Andrew Spurgin: Bespoke event styling & menu
design
San Diego, CA

Gordon Drysdale, Culinary Director
Scoma's
San Francisco, CA

Jason Azevedo,
Hock farm craft &I provisions
Sacramento, CA

Jason McLeod, Executive Chef & Partner
Ironsides Fish & Oyster
San Diego, CA

Dustin Summerville, Founder
Harney Sushi Restaurants
San Diego, CA

Ricardo Heredia, Executive Chef & Owner
Kitchen Mafioso
San Diego & Los Angeles, CA

Alisha Lumea,
Polished Brands
San Francisco, CA

Mark Dommen, Head Chef & Partner
One Market Restaurant
San Francisco, CA

Patty Unterman, Chef & Owner
Hayes Street Grill
San Francisco, CA

Mary Sue Milliken, Chef and Co-Owner
The Border Grill
Santa Monica, CA

Susan Feniger, Chef and Co-Owner
The Border Grill
Santa Monica, CA

John Ash, Chef & Owner
John Ash & Co
Santa Rosa, CA

Raymond Ho, Chef and Co-Founder
Tataki Sushi Bars
San Francisco, CA

Kin Lui, Chef and Co-Founder
Tataki Sushi Bars
San Francisco, CA

Casson Trenor, Co-Founder
Tataki Sushi Bars
San Francisco, CA

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Guckenheimer
Venice Beach, CA

Stephen Zwick
zitecture
West Los Angeles, CA

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Panzano
Denver, CO

Brianne Bowdish
Cart driver
Denver, CO

Jeffrey Lammer,
RootdownDIA
Denver, CO

Todd Rymer
Colorado Mountain College
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Bill's Seafood
Westbrook, CT

Elena Fusco, Chef
Bin 100
Milford, CT

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Sift Bakeshop
Mystic, CT

Lisa Arsenault, Chef
Lis Bake Shop
Mystic, CT

Elizabeth Alina, Chef
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Mystic, CT

Ken Lin, Chef
Workery in Mystic
Mystic, CT

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Restaurant Nora
Washington, DC

David Rashty, Executive Chef
Jack's- Farm to Fork @ The Pinkshell Beach Resort
and Marina
Fort Myers Beach, FL

Jack Boykin, Owner
Pink Shell Beach Resort & Marina-Jack's Farm to
Fork & Bongos Bea hide Grille
Ft Myers Beach, FL

Bob Statler, Owner/Founder
Food Island
Hobe Sound, FL

Persefoni Nicolosi, Director of Operations
Blu Mangrove Grill
Palmetto, FL

David Curran, Chef
Hitched and Honey
Sarasota, FL

Isaac Johnson, Chef
Lila
Sarasota, FL

Patrick Loughrey, Owner/Designer/Writer/Producer
TastyRoyProductions
Sarasota, FL

Stephen Phelps, Chef
Indigenous
Sarasota, FL

Alex Gazdik, Manager
Red Mesa Mercado
St. Petersburg, FL

Cameron Bolonski, Manager
Casita Taqueria
St. Petersburg, FL

Casey Petrauskas, Manager
The Burg Bar and Grill
St. Petersburg, FL

Danny Autrey D, Manager
Engine Rose
St. Petersburg, FL

Denise Backnell, Manager
Leafy Greens Cafe
St. Petersburg, FL

Jason Dudney, Manager
Bodega
St. Petersburg, FL

Jerry Rice, Owner/Chef
Kissin' Cuzzins Restaurant
St. Petersburg, FL

Paul Renner, Owner/Chef
Kissin' Cuzzins Restaurant
St. Petersburg, FL

Jillian Lund Frer, Owner
Chattaway
St. Petersburg, FL

John Reutz, Manager
400 Beach Seafood and Taphouse
St. Petersburg, FL

Travis Zalewski, Manager
400 Beach Seafood and Taphouse
St. Petersburg, FL

Kevyn Kerrivan, Manager
Ricky P's Orleans Bistro
St. Petersburg, FL

Matthew Bronkema, Manager
Ferg's Sports Bar & Grill
St. Petersburg, FL

Natalie Widlak, Manager
Kings's Street Food Counter
St. Petersburg, FL

Rachel Lawhorn, Manager
Engine#9 Bar & Grill
St. Petersburg, FL

Rodney Contreras, Manager
Gratzzi Italian Grille
St. Petersburg, FL

Sean Hannon, Manager
Stations House
St. Petersburg, FL

Sierra Emory, Manager
Rowdies Den
St. Petersburg, FL

Teerapong Polrat, Manager
The Lemon Grass Tapas
St. Petersburg, FL

Tom Woodard, Owner
Pom Pom's Teahouse & Sandwicheria
St. Petersburg, FL

Tony Harahan, Manager
Hawkers Asian Street Fare
St. Petersburg, FL

Tracy Asalita, Owner
The Queens Head
St. Petersburg, FL

Terry Koval, Chef
Wrecking Bar Brewpub
Atlanta, GA

Mathew Green, Director of Culinary Operations
Blue Orbit
Duluth, GA

Ed Kenney, Chef & Owner
Town Hospitality Group
Mahin & Sun
Town
Kaimuki Superette
Mud Hen Water
Honolulu, HI

Ann Reed,
Iowa State University
Ames, IA

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T3 Culinary
Antioch, IL

Bruce Sherman, Chef & Partner
North Pond Restaurant
Chicago, IL

Dan Rosenthal, Owner/Founder
Sopraffina
Chicago, IL

John Mark Stanley
Illinois Institute of Art - Chicago
Chicago, IL

Paul Fehribach, Chef and Co-owner
Big Jones
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Alfredo Manzanares, Chef
Catahoula Hotel
New Orleans, LA

Dana Honn, Chef and Co-Owner
Carmo: A Tropical Café
New Orleans, LA

Isaac Toups, Chef and Owner
Toups Meatery
New Orleans, LA

Kerry Heffernan, Chef
Seaworthy (NOLA), Grand Banks (NY)
New Orleans, LA

Nina Compton, Chef
Compère Lapin
New Orleans, LA

Ryan Prewitt, Chef, Partner
Pêche Seafood Grill
New Orleans, LA

Stephen Stryjewski, Chef, Partner
Cochon
Cochon Butcher
Pêche Seafood Grill

Calcasieu Rooms
New Orleans, LA

Dickie Brennan Jr, Chef
Dickie Brennan and Company
New Orleans, LA

Lauren Brennan Brower, Owner
Dickie Brennan and Company
New Orleans, LA

Steve Pettus, Managing Partner
Dickie Brennan and Company
New Orleans, LA

Leah Chase, Owner and Executive Chef
Dooky Chase's
New Orleans, LA

Susan Spicer, Owner and Executive Chef
Bayona
New Orleans, LA

Johnny Sheehan, Chef
Liquid Art House
Boston, MA

Peter Davis, Chef
The Charles Hotel/ Henrietta's Table
Cambridge, MA

Carolyn Johnson, Chef
80 Thoreau
Concord, MA

Richard Garcia, Chef
Crescent Hotels & Resorts
Kingston, MA

Michael Leviton, Chef
Sustainable Food Systems Consulting Group
Lexington, MA

Jesse Ferriter
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New World Tavern
Plymouth, MA

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Driftwood Publick House and Oysteria
Plymouth, MA

Abdus Shakur, Chef and Culinary Arts Instructor
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Oxford Canteen
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Vishwesh Bhatt, Executive Chef
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The Marketplace Restaurant
Asheville, NC

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Charlotte, NC

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Corey Fletcher, Chef and Owner
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Durham, NH

Catherine Brown, Chef
DiCocoa's Market Bakery
Errol, NH

Jeff Alberti, Executive Chef
Tuckers Tavern
Beach Haven, NJ

Peyton Johnson, Chef de Cuisine
Daddy O Restaurant
Brant Beach, NJ

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Plantation Restaurant
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DeAnna's Restaurant
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DeAnna's Restaurant
Lambertville, NJ

Adam Rose, Chef and Owner
Villalobos
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Ariane Kitchen & Bar
Verona, NJ

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Sea To Table
Brooklyn, NY

Michael Dimin, Founding Director
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Samantha Buyskes, Former Executive Chef
Kindred Fare
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World-Eats
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Kathy Zeiger, Founder
Artwalk Hamptons
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New York, NY

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Michael-Ann Rowe,
Emmy® Award-Winning television personality,
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Rouge Tomato Chelsea
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Carl Salamone, Vice President for Seafood
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Gian Mercurio,
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The Sqaure Peg
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Providence, RI

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Seattle, WA

Johnathan Sundstrom, Chef/Owner
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State
Saint Helens
Bar Noroeste Taqueria
Vestal
Poulet Galore
Cantine
Scout PNY
The Nest
Seattle, WA

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Dear Members of Congress,

The undersigned scientists write to urge you to oppose H.R. 200 and any other legislative efforts that would weaken science-based management of U.S. marine fish populations, so that current and future generations of Americans can enjoy fishing and healthy oceans teeming with fish for years to come.

The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA) is the primary law governing marine fisheries management in U.S. federal waters. Congress passed the original law in 1976 to phase out foreign fishing in U.S. waters and to promote domestic fishing opportunities. In 1996 and 2006, the MSA was amended to strengthen its conservation provisions and ensure scientific advice provided the basis of fishery management decisions. These changes have enabled the United States to become a global leader in well-managed and profitable fisheries, with over 40 domestic fish stocks rebuilt since 2000. Preventing overfishing with science-based sustainable catch limits and timely rebuilding of fish populations that are depleted, as required under the MSA, are fundamental to good management of fishery resources and should be maintained to continue improving the health of our nation's fisheries.

Yet, several pieces of legislation have been introduced this Congress that would unwind science-based conservation of U.S. marine fish populations. Chief among them is H.R. 200, which undermines the cornerstones of MSA's success in a number of ways, including weakening or eliminating science-based management requirements and reducing the quality of science used in management decisions.

First, H.R. 200 will weaken the MSA's successful recovery of depleted fish populations by establishing broad loopholes that effectively eliminate the requirement for managers to set reasonable and scientifically based rebuilding timelines. Decades of fisheries science shows that in order to succeed in rebuilding overfished stocks, managers must implement strong and timely management measures based on sound science.

Second, H.R. 200 would increase the risk of overfishing by removing the requirement for science-based annual catch limits for many species, including some that may be overfished or subject to overfishing. Annual catch limits are vital to the health of fish populations and provide the guardrails to make and keep fisheries sustainable. Removal of these key management tools will hurt our fisheries, our oceans and the U.S. economy.

Third, H.R. 200 undermines crucial environmental laws such as the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and the Antiquities Act. It is unacceptable to exempt fishery management plans from the bedrock requirements of NEPA that provide for public participation in management and adequate analysis of decision-making. The

MSA is effective at managing fisheries, but is not designed to achieve broader ocean management objectives, particularly with regard to maintaining the biological integrity of protected species and populations, or protecting special places and ecosystems. These essential laws must continue to preserve marine species and habitats, and to strongly protect our country's marine national monuments, i.e., our nation's blue parks.

Lastly, H.R. 200 and other legislative proposals roll back science-based management and lessen accountability in recreational fisheries. Recreational fisheries across the country are already able to use flexible management strategies so long as they comply with annual catch limits and ensure accountability for their catches. It is essential that recreational fisheries continue to be accountable for the fish they remove from the ocean to ensure future opportunities for recreational anglers and other resource users.

The last version of this bill was opposed by over 170 organizations, representing fishermen, business owners, chefs and community leaders. We, the undersigned scientists, similarly urge Congress to oppose H.R. 200 and other legislation that would weaken science-based management and the health of U.S. fish populations, and exempt fisheries managers from complying with other laws that protect our ocean resources.

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Re: Opposition to H.R. 200 and other bills that weaken Magnuson-Stevens Act's conservation provisions

Dear Chairman Bishop, Ranking Member Grijalva, Chairman Lamborn and Ranking Member Huffman:

The undersigned organizations and individuals are united in their opposition to H.R. 200, a bill to reauthorize and amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act). The Magnuson-Stevens Act is working to restore fish populations and the coastal communities that depend on them. If enacted, H.R. 200 would threaten this success and the future of healthy fish populations and sustainable fisheries. It would significantly weaken the law's conservation provisions by creating loopholes, watering down legal standards, and decreasing accountability.

The previous two Magnuson-Stevens Act reauthorizations in 1996 and 2006 were supported by an overwhelming bipartisan majority of Congress and have proved effective at ending overfishing and rebuilding depleted fish populations. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 43 commercially and recreationally important fish stocks have rebuilt to healthy population levels since 2000, leading to more fish in the water and better fishing opportunities.

H.R. 200 is the House's third attempt to craft a partisan reauthorization bill in recent years. The two previous versions gained no traction in the Senate. H.R. 200's provisions would undermine the science-based conservation tools in the current law that are at the root of so much of the success in preventing overfishing, restoring still-depleted fish populations, and stabilizing coastal communities harmed by decades of overfishing. The proposed changes are so harmful that they outweigh any positive provisions in H.R. 200, such as the inclusion of subsistence fishing in the Act. Among other damaging provisions, H.R. 200 would:

- Roll back the law's successful rebuilding requirements, including establishing broad loopholes that effectively remove reasonable time limits and allowing short-term economic concerns to undermine the long-term economic and ecological health of the nation's fish and fisheries (Sec. 4).
- Increase the risk of overfishing by removing the law's requirement for annual catch limits for potentially hundreds of species, including some that may be overfished or subject to overfishing (Sec. 5).
- Roll back science-based management and lessen accountability of recreational fisheries (Section 29)

- Undermine bedrock environmental laws like the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Endangered Species Act (ESA), the National Marine Sanctuaries Act, and the Antiquities Act (Sec. 7 & 14). These attacks on foundational environmental laws are needlessly hindering the reauthorization process.

Additionally, the undersigned organizations are opposed to any efforts in other introduced legislation (such as H.R. 2023, H.R. 3588) that would dismantle the core conservation standards of the Magnuson-Stevens Act under the guise of flexibility. The law already provides the flexibility to tailor regionally specific solutions. In addition, catch limits are working, with overfishing at an all-time low. Enacting legislation that increases the risk of overfishing and rolls back rebuilding and accountability requirements would threaten the remarkable progress we have made and would take us back to the days of cascading fishery disasters and plummeting fish populations.

The Magnuson-Stevens Act is working to restore and safeguard our nation's fish populations, marine environment and fishing communities. Instead of proceeding with H.R. 200 or other efforts to undermine the Magnuson-Stevens Act, we urge the Committee to work together to find broadly supported bipartisan solutions to the remaining challenges of fisheries management. To help ensure future generations can enjoy healthy fish populations, Magnuson-Stevens Act reauthorization should build on the progress we have made, not lower the bar for management success. We urge you to oppose H.R. 200 and any similar efforts to undermine U.S. fisheries.

Sincerely,

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Dear Chairman Bishop and Ranking Member Grijalva,

On behalf of our members, LEAF (Leaders for Environmental Studies at Fairfield University) strongly urges you to oppose any legislation, including H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023, that would undermine the conservation provisions of the Magnuson Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson Stevens Act). Our organization focuses on ensuring that the Connecticut marine ecosystem is well managed. This means relying on healthy, abundant fish populations, from the small forage fish to their bigger predator, the Black Sea Bass. Any legislation that would weaken the Connecticut marine ecosystem management should not move forward in this Congress, and H.R. 200 % H.R. 2023 would do just that.

H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023 would increase the risk of overfishing and threaten the progress we've made on rebuilding vulnerable fish populations. They would undermine years of strong science-based management that is helping stabilize fishing businesses and coastal communities.

These bills would extend the timelines for plans to rebuild vulnerable fish populations, delaying when fishermen would benefit from a fully healthy stock. They would exempt fish populations from the use of science-based annual catch limits designed to prevent overfishing. The Magnuson-Stevens Act is helping to end fishing at unsustainable rates and put Black Sea Bass on the road to recovery. The signs of success in for Black Sea Bass—more and bigger fish dispersed throughout a broader range—are evidence that strong fisheries management can work.

As an University located on the Long Island Sound, the health of our oceans and fisheries are important issues for us. The past few years has seen many of our members speak out on the threats to our oceans and fisheries. As a result we urge you to oppose legislation such as H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023. These bills would pose a threat to success and progress we have made in rebuilding our fish stocks in the Long Island Sound. the unstable fishing practices (firm overfishing limits) that the Magnuson - Stevens Act is mitigating, are the reasons why the health of our fisheries are improving. Please do not jeopardize this.

The LEAF urges you to oppose H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023, and any other legislation that would undermine the conservation requirements that have been critical to the success of the Magnuson Stevens Act.

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Dear Chairman Bishop and Ranking Member Grijalva,

On behalf of our 8000 members, the Connecticut Chapter of the Sierra Club strongly urges you to oppose any legislation, including H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023, that would undermine the conservation provisions of the Magnuson Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson Stevens Act). Our members recognize the importance of healthy, abundant fish populations, especially of short nosed sturgeon and any legislation that would weaken management should not move forward in this Congress.

H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023 would increase the risk of overfishing and threaten the progress we've made on rebuilding vulnerable fish populations. They would undermine years of strong science-based management that is helping stabilize fishing businesses and coastal communities.

These bills would extend the timelines for plans to rebuild vulnerable fish populations, delaying when fishermen would benefit from a fully healthy stock. They would exempt fish populations from the use of science-based annual catch limits designed to prevent overfishing. The Magnuson-Stevens Act is helping to end fishing at unsustainable rates and put Atlantic and shortnose sturgeon on the road to recovery. The signs of success for *the federally endangered sturgeon*—more and bigger fish dispersed throughout a broader range—are evidence that strong fisheries management can work.

The Connecticut Sierra Club urges you to oppose H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023, and any other legislation that would undermine the conservation requirements that have been critical to the success of the Magnuson Stevens Act.

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October 30, 2017

The Honorable Rob Bishop
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The Honorable Raúl M. Grijalva
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Bishop and Ranking Member Grijalva:

On behalf of Citizens Campaign for the Environment (CCE), I am writing to respectfully urge you to oppose any efforts to undermine conservation provisions of the Magnuson Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson Stevens Act). CCE is an 80,000 member, non-profit organization that empowers communities and advocates solutions that protect our shared environment and public health in New York and Connecticut.

CCE strongly urges you to oppose any legislation (including H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023) that would undermine Magnuson Stevens Act. The residents and economy of New York and Connecticut rely on healthy, abundant fish populations, especially in Long Island Sound. The Sound is a critical economic engine for New York and Connecticut, generating more than \$17 billion annually for our regional economy through tourism, commercial fishing, recreational boating and other industries. H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023 would increase the risk of overfishing and threaten the progress we've made on rebuilding vulnerable fish populations. These bills would undermine years of strong, science-based management that is helping stabilize fishing businesses and coastal communities.

These bills would extend the timelines for plans to rebuild vulnerable fish populations, delaying when fishermen would benefit from a fully healthy stock. They would exempt fish populations from the use of science-based annual catch limits designed to prevent overfishing. The Magnuson-Stevens Act is helping to end fishing at unsustainable rates and put many of our fish species (including striped bass, winter flounder, black sea bass, sea trout and many others) on the road to recovery. These success indicators for many of our native fish species are evidence that strong fisheries management can work.

In conclusion, CCE respectfully urges you to oppose H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023, along with any other legislation that would undermine those conservation requirements that have been critical to the success of the Magnuson Stevens Act.

Sincerely,

Adrienne Esposito

Executive Director



The Honorable Raúl M. Grijalva
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October 30, 2017

Dear Chairman Bishop and Ranking Member Grijalva,

On behalf of our more than 20,000 members and more than 60,000 supporters, Environment New Jersey strongly urges you to oppose any legislation, including H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023, that would undermine the conservation provisions of the Magnuson Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson Stevens Act). Our members rely on healthy, abundant fish populations, especially of menhaden and any legislation that would weaken their management should not move forward in this Congress.

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Good fisheries management is important for the long-term ecological health of New Jersey's recreational and commercial fishing industry, as well as being a strong engine for our Shore tourism economy. We need a strong regional program – we cannot do this on the state level alone. We also need to ensure that not only we accrue the long-term benefits of a strong fisheries

program, but also we put faith in the program that has proven successful as possible and bases ecological health on sound science and peer-reviewed analysis.

Environment New Jersey urges you to oppose H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023, and any other legislation that would undermine the conservation requirements that have been critical to the success of the Magnuson Stevens Act.

Sincerely,

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Doug O'Malley
Environment New Jersey Director
Trenton, NJ



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October 18, 2017

The Honorable Raúl M. Grijalva
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The Honorable Rob Bishop
Chairman
Committee on Natural Resources
U.S. House of Representatives
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Re: H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023

Dear Chairman Bishop and Ranking Member Grijalva,

On behalf of our 20,000 members and 60,000 supporters, The New Jersey Sierra Club strongly urges you to oppose any legislation, including H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023, that would undermine the conservation provisions of the Magnuson Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson Stevens Act). Our members rely on healthy, abundant fish populations, especially of fluke, flounder, menhaden, and other New Jersey Species. Any legislation that would weaken this management should not move forward in this Congress.

H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023 would increase the risk of overfishing and threaten the progress we've made on rebuilding vulnerable fish populations. They would undermine years of strong science-based management that is helping stabilize fishing businesses and coastal communities.

These bills would extend the timelines for plans to rebuild vulnerable fish populations, delaying when fishermen would benefit from a fully healthy stock. They would exempt fish populations from the use of science-based annual catch limits designed to prevent overfishing. The Magnuson-Stevens Act is helping to end fishing at unsustainable rates and put many species on the road to recovery. The signs of success for these species—more and bigger fish dispersed throughout a broader range—are evidence that strong fisheries management can work.

New Jersey is a coastal state and we bring in revenue from our fisheries and tourism along the coast. Jeopardizing fish stocks with put both sources of revenue at risk. We've lost other fisheries in our state such as cod and shrimp by overfishing in the past. Monkfish fisheries, as well as other species, have dropped substantially off our coasts. Summer flounder and menhaden were threatened when the Trump Administration overruled scientific limits. Pollution and overfishing are now threatening flounder numbers and other species. We can't afford to have additional threats to New Jersey's fisheries and that's what these bills would do.



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The New Jersey Sierra Club urges you to oppose H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023, and any other legislation that would undermine the conservation requirements that have been critical to the success of the Magnuson Stevens Act.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please feel free to call me at (609) 558-9100.

Sincerely,

Jeff Tittel
Director
New Jersey Sierra Club



New Jersey Audubon

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December 8, 2017

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The Honorable Raúl M. Grijalva
Ranking Member
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1329 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Chairman Bishop and Ranking Member Grijalva,

New Jersey Audubon strongly urges you to oppose any legislation, including H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023, that would undermine the conservation provisions of the Magnuson Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson Stevens Act).

New Jersey Audubon is a privately supported nonprofit, statewide membership organization with over 18,000 members. Founded in 1897 and one of the oldest Audubon societies, NJA is independent from National Audubon Society and has a mission of connecting people with nature and stewarding the nature of today for the people of tomorrow. NJA is committed to the preservation of natural habitats and the protection of birds, mammals, and other animals and plants, especially threatened and endangered species.

Shorebirds rely on healthy, abundant fish populations and any legislation that would weaken management should not move forward in this Congress. H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023 would increase the risk of overfishing and threaten the progress we've made on rebuilding vulnerable fish populations, particularly the Atlantic Menhaden, by extending the timelines for plans to rebuild vulnerable fish populations, delaying when fishermen would benefit from a fully healthy stock. Additionally, they would exempt fish populations from the use of science-based annual catch limits designed to prevent overfishing.

Osprey, listed as threatened in New Jersey (breeding population), depends heavily on this small, energy-rich fish that plays an important role in the marine food web. A 2009 study investigating diet composition in the Chesapeake Bay found that menhaden represented less than 24 percent of the diet of ospreys in Mobjack Bay, compared to more than 70 percent in the 1980s due to the menhaden population decline. The population decrease of energy-rich Atlantic Menhaden has also resulted in reduced survival to fledging.

Menhaden's role as sustenance for New Jersey's birds contributes significant economic and ecological value to the Atlantic coast. According to *Birding in the United States: A Demographic and Economic Analysis: Addendum to the 2006 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife Associated Recreation* (amended July 2009), birdwatchers generated a total of \$82 billion with an additional \$11 billion in local, state and federal tax dollars that year. Birdwatching, along with other business activities dependent on the availability of menhaden, expands economic opportunities for coastal communities throughout New Jersey. H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023 would undermine years of strong science-based management that is helping stabilize fishing businesses and coastal communities.



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The Magnuson-Stevens Act is helping to end fishing at unsustainable rates and put forage fish on the road to recovery. The signs of success for more and bigger fish dispersed throughout a broader range are evidence that strong fisheries management can work.

New Jersey Audubon urges you to oppose H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023, and any other legislation that would undermine the conservation requirements that have been critical to the success of the Magnuson Stevens Act. You can contact Kelly Mooij, Vice President of Government Relations for New Jersey Audubon, at 609-400-3842 or kelly.mooij@njaudubon.org with any questions.

Sincerely,

Kelly Mooij
Vice President, Government Relations
New Jersey Audubon



THE DELAWARE RIVER SHAD FISHERMAN'S ASSOCIATION

The Honorable Rob Bishop
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Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Raúl M. Grijalva
Ranking Member
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U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairman Bishop and Ranking Member Grijalva,

On behalf of our over 500 members, the Delaware River Shad Fishermen's Association strongly urges you to oppose any legislation, including H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023, that would undermine the conservation provisions of the Magnuson Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson Stevens Act). Our members rely on healthy, abundant fish populations, especially of river herring and shad, and any legislation that would weaken their management should not move forward in this Congress.

H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023 would increase the risk of overfishing and threaten the progress we've made on rebuilding vulnerable fish populations. They would undermine years of strong science-based management that is helping stabilize fishing businesses and coastal communities.

These bills would extend the timelines for plans to rebuild vulnerable fish populations, delaying when fishermen would benefit from a fully healthy stock. They would exempt fish populations from the use of science-based annual catch limits designed to prevent overfishing. The Magnuson-Stevens Act is helping to end fishing at unsustainable rates and we strongly support policies and actions that protect the health and long term sustainability of our marine ecosystems.

Organizations like ours and individuals throughout the Delaware Valley work continually to improve habitat and water quality in the Delaware River and its tributaries, and good fisheries management is a critical part of this effort. We want our children and grandchildren to be able to fish in the same waters and have the same thrill we do, and have for generations, when they feel the tug on the end of the line.

The Delaware River Shad Fishermen's Association urges you to oppose H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023, and any other legislation that would undermine the conservation requirements that have been critical to the success of the Magnuson Stevens Act.

Sincerely,

R. M. Topping, President



December 7, 2017

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The Honorable Raúl M. Grijalva
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Dear Chairman Bishop and Ranking Member Grijalva,

On behalf of The Delaware River Yachtsmen's League we strongly urge you to oppose any legislation, including H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023, that would undermine the conservation provisions of the Magnuson Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson Stevens Act). Our members rely on healthy, abundant fish populations, especially of river herring and shad and any legislation that would weaken their management should not move forward in this Congress.

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The Delaware River Yachtsmen's League is an organization that represents over 5,000 concerned voters that enjoy recreation boating along the Delaware River. Many of our members are avid fishermen and are impacted by these policies.

We urge you to oppose H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023, and any other legislation that would undermine the conservation requirements that have been critical to the success of the Magnuson Stevens Act.

Sincerely,
Paul Jusino
President
D.R.Y.L.



October 27, 2017

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The Honorable Raúl M. Grijalva
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Dear Chairman Bishop and Ranking Member Grijalva,

On behalf of our 19,272 members, the Delaware Riverkeeper Network strongly urges you to oppose any legislation, including H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023, that would undermine the conservation provisions of the Magnuson Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson Stevens Act). Our members rely on healthy, abundant fish populations, especially of Atlantic sturgeon, American shad and striped bass and any legislation that would weaken their management should not move forward in this Congress.

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The protections that the Magnuson Stevens Acts provide result in jobs and economic stability through licensing and tourism. It has been determined that in the Upper Delaware alone, wild trout fishing resulted in \$17.69 million for local business revenue in 1996, that there was \$7.25 million of spending by anglers in Delaware County, New York alone, and that about 41% of this spending remained in the local communities surrounding the tail water fisheries area (Hancock, Deposit, Walton, and Village of Downsville). The cycling of this 41% of angler expenditures in the region ultimately results in \$29.98 million in local economic activity. Research has also shown that revenues generated by anglers in this region supported 348 jobs with total wages of \$3.65 million; and provided \$719,350 in local taxes. Other research has shown that multiple towns in the New York reaches of the Delaware River Watershed are benefiting from the clean water and resulting healthy fish populations found in tributary streams.

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The Beaverkill and Willowemoc Rivers are credited with providing towns such as Roscoe and Livingston Manor with \$10 million in annual expenditures from their sport fishery. Friends of the Upper Delaware have reported that the world famous upper Delaware River is a dynamic tourism and economic engine that has not yet reached its potential. They estimate that fly-fishing in the region could generate \$58 million per year in economic activity, creating new jobs with virtually no infrastructure or environmental threat, for which there is already a trained work force and where control would remain local.

The Delaware Riverkeeper Network urges you to oppose H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023, and any other legislation that would undermine the conservation requirements that have been critical to the success of the Magnuson Stevens Act.

Sincerely,



Maya van Rossum
the Delaware Riverkeeper



November 27, 2017

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Dear Chairman Bishop and Ranking Member Grijalva:

Last year during the 40th Anniversary of the Magnuson-Stevens Fisheries Management Act (MSA), the Washington State Audubon Conservation Committee passed a unanimous resolution calling on Congress to strengthen and reauthorize the MSA.

Today, on behalf of the 25 independent Audubon chapters and the 35,000 members of our Audubon network here in Washington, we are writing to urge you to protect the MSA by opposing any legislation that would undermine the Act's core conservation provisions. Audubon Washington is the field office of the National Audubon Society.

In particular, we ask you to oppose H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023, which would undermine years of strong science-based management. These bills would increase the risk of overfishing and threaten the progress we've made rebuilding and stabilizing vulnerable fish populations.

Here on the West Coast, for example, **seven species of ground fish have been rebuilt years ahead of schedule because of the MSA.** The MSA also has been essential to protecting forage fish, which are a critical link in the marine food chain — they provide a vital food source for larger fish such as salmon; marine birds such as tufted puffins, western grebes, and surf scoters; and marine mammals such as harbor porpoises and Orcas. Thanks to the MSA, a variety of local species including lingcod and petrale sole are now bigger and more widely dispersed — evidence that strong fisheries management can work.

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With your leadership, reauthorization of the MSA must be bipartisan and based on scientific research. It must continue to uphold and expand conservation provisions that are working. Any legislation must ensure our nation will manage its fisheries for the greatest benefit of all, including future generations.

For these reasons, we urge you to oppose H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023, and any other legislation that would undermine the conservation provisions that have been critical to the success of the MSA for decades.

Sincerely,

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Gail Gatton
VP and Executive Director



November 27, 2017

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October 30, 2017

Cheryl Dahle
Founder
Future of Fish



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The Honorable Raúl M. Grijalva
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Dear Sirs:

On behalf of our network of seafood industry entrepreneurs and innovators, Future of Fish strongly urges you to oppose any legislation, including H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023, which would undermine the conservation provisions of the Magnuson Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson Stevens Act). Responsible industry players rely on healthy, abundant fish populations, whose protection discourages bad actors and from over-exploiting the oceans and gaining unfair advantage. Any legislation that would weaken fisheries management **should not** move forward in this Congress.

H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023 would increase the risk of overfishing and threaten the progress we've made on rebuilding vulnerable fish populations. They would undermine years of strong science-based management that is helping stabilize fishing businesses and coastal communities.

These bills would extend the timelines for plans to rebuild vulnerable fish populations, delaying when fishermen would benefit from a fully healthy stock. They would exempt fish populations from the use of science-based annual catch limits designed to prevent overfishing. The Magnuson-Stevens Act is helping to end fishing at unsustainable rates and put our national fisheries on the road to recovery.

Fisheries protection is good for industry, as it preserves the resource to support marine economies and livelihoods in communities across our coastlines for years to come. Weakening these protections is short sighted and dangerous to our national economic interests.

The Future of Fish urges you to oppose H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023, and any other legislation that would undermine the conservation requirements that have been critical to the success of the Magnuson Stevens Act.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Dahle
Founder
Future of Fish



November 9, 2017

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Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Bishop and Ranking Member Grijalva,

On behalf of our members in every part of Washington state, Food Action strongly urges you to oppose any legislation, including H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023, that would undermine the conservation provisions of the Magnuson Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson Stevens Act). Our members rely on healthy, abundant fish populations, especially of salmon and any legislation that would weaken its management should not move forward in this Congress.

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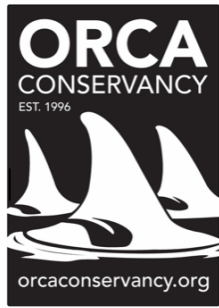
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Healthy fish populations are vital for our fisherman, for our Indian neighbors and for the entire ecosystem. It is also indispensable to a healthy, just and sustainable food system for us all. Natural salmon are an essential component for a truly sustainable Washington - environmentally, culturally and economically. We have an absolute responsibility to hand over to future generations healthy salmon populations

Food Action urges you to oppose H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023, and any other legislation that would undermine the conservation requirements that have been critical to the success of the Magnuson Stevens Act.

Sincerely,

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ED, Food Action
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December 7, 2017

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The Honorable Raúl M. Grijalva
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Dear Chairman Bishop and Ranking Member Grijalva,

As an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) non-profit, Orca Conservancy currently represents more than 20,000 members and supporters, and collaborates with some of the world's top research institutions and environmental groups to address the most critical issues now facing wild orcas. The organization's urgent attention is on the population of critically endangered Southern Resident killer whales (SRKWs).

We strongly urge you to oppose any legislation, including H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023, that would undermine the conservation provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act).

Northwest salmon have been threatened for decades, beginning in the 1940s when gold miners destroyed critical spawning habitat. Since then, overfishing, dams and culverts, logging, urbanization, and engineering of stream channels have contributed to further population declines for our region's most iconic fish.

Salmon declines spell disaster for endangered SRKWs, which depend on abundant populations of Chinook salmon for their survival, social cohesion and reproductive success.¹ Experts anticipate that climate change and ocean acidification will contribute to further significant declines in regional salmon abundance during the coming decades, impeding SRKW recovery.²

After more than a decade of federal protection, the SRKW population has yet to show signs of significant recovery, with 76 members total as of October 2017 — *TWELVE* members fewer than when they were initially listed as endangered. This critically endangered population's survival remains in question and is far from guaranteed.³ The SRKW population needs to exceed 150 mem-

¹ Center for Biological Diversity, Petition to Revise the Critical Habitat Designation for the Southern Resident Killer Whale (*Orcinus orca*) under the Endangered Species Act 5 (Jan. 16, 2014).

² See, e.g. Lisa G. Crozier et al., Predicting Differential Effects of Climate Change at the Population Level with Life-Cycle Models of Spring Chinook Salmon, 14 GLOBAL CHANGE BIOLOGY 236, 237, 247 (2008) (predicting that global warming and changing ocean conditions will lower survival and fertility among all populations of Pacific salmon (*Oncorhynchus* spp.)).

³ Olesiuk, P. F., M. A. Bigg and G. M. Ellis. 1990. Life history and population dynamics of resident killer whales (*Orcinus orca*) in the coastal waters of British Columbia and Washington State. Report of the International Whaling Commission (Special Issue 12):209–243. Estimates neonate mortality between 37–50%.

bers to be down-listed from its status as endangered, and would need to grow far more to reach historical levels estimated at 225-300⁴, or more likely 1-2,000.

Any legislation that would weaken the management of West Coast fisheries, including salmon, should not move forward.

Orca Conservancy opposes H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023, which would increase the risk of overfishing and threaten the progress we've made on rebuilding vulnerable fish populations. They would undermine years of strong science-based management that is helping stabilize fishing businesses and coastal communities.

These bills would extend the timelines for plans to rebuild vulnerable fish populations, delaying when fishermen would benefit from a fully healthy stock. They also would exempt many fish populations from science-based annual catch limits designed to prevent overfishing; H.R. 2023 would allow this exemption for the substantial majority of managed fish populations.

The Magnuson-Stevens Act is helping end fishing at unsustainable rates and put a variety of local species on the road to recovery. Here on the West Coast, for instance, seven species of ground fish have been rebuilt years ahead of schedule because of the Magnuson-Stevens Act — strong evidence that fisheries management can work.

Based on the natural history and behavior of the endangered SRKWs it is imperative that prey species, specifically Chinook salmon, are of sufficient quality and quantity to support not only individual growth, reproduction, and development, but the overall growth of this population. Prey depletion is recognized as one of the major threats to the survival and recovery of the SRKW community, and rebuilding depleted salmon stocks is a top priority for the population.⁵

We urge you to oppose H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023, and any other legislation that would undermine the conservation requirements that have been critical to the success of the Magnuson Stevens Act.

Sincerely



Shari L. Tarantino
President, Board of Directors

⁴ Palo (1972) put forth a tentative estimate of 225- 300 whales for Puget Sound and the Georgia Basin in 1970 (Palo, G. J. 1972. Notes on the natural history of the killer whale *Orcinus orca* in Washington State. Murrelet 53:22-24)

⁵ National Marine Fisheries Service. 2008. Recovery Plan for Southern Resident Killer Whales (*Orcinus orca*). National Marine Fisheries Service, Northwest Region, Seattle, Washington.



December 7, 2017

The Honorable Rob Bishop
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The Honorable Raúl M. Grijalva
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Bishop and Ranking Member Grijalva,

On behalf of our Slow Food Seattle chapter, I'm writing to strongly urge you to oppose any legislation, including H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023, that would undermine the conservation provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act).

Slow Food is a member-supported educational organization that envisions a food system based on the principles of quality and taste, environmental sustainability, and social justice – in essence, a food system that is good, clean, and fair. We seek to reconnect Americans with the people, traditions, plants, animals, fertile soils and waters that produce our food.

Many members and supporters of our Seattle-area community rely on healthy, abundant fish populations, especially of cod, sole and sablefish for their livelihoods. Any legislation that would weaken their management should not move forward in this Congress.

H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023 would undermine years of strong science-based management that is helping rebuild threatened fish populations and stabilize fishing businesses and coastal communities. They would extend the timelines for plans to rebuild vulnerable fish populations, delaying when fishermen would benefit from a fully healthy stock. They also would exempt fish populations from the use of science-based annual catch limits designed to prevent overfishing.

For 40 years, the MSA has helped end fishing at unsustainable rates and has put a variety of local species on the road to recovery. Here on the West Coast, for instance, seven species of ground fish have been rebuilt years ahead of schedule because of the MSA — strong evidence that fisheries management can work.

Slow Food members and supporters aim to inspire a transformation in food policy, production practices and market forces so that they ensure equity, sustainability and pleasure in the food we eat. Healthy, robust fisheries are such a critical piece of that vision, and we ask that you take a stand to protect them.

Please oppose H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023, and any other legislation that would undermine the conservation requirements that have been critical to the success of the MSA.

Sincerely,

Slow Food Seattle



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Dear Chairman Bishop and Ranking Member Grijalva,

On behalf of our several members, Fishing Vessel Seafoods strongly urges you to oppose any legislation, including H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023, that would undermine the conservation provisions of the Magnuson Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson Stevens Act). Our members rely on healthy, abundant fish populations, especially of halibut and black cod and any legislation that would weaken their management should not move forward in this Congress.

H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023 would increase the risk of overfishing and threaten the progress we've made on rebuilding vulnerable fish populations. They would undermine years of strong science-based management that is helping stabilize fishing businesses and coastal communities.

These bills would extend the timelines for plans to rebuild vulnerable fish populations, delaying when fishermen would benefit from a fully healthy stock. They would exempt fish populations from the use of science-based annual catch limits designed to prevent overfishing. The Magnuson-Stevens Act is helping to end fishing at unsustainable rates and put halibut and black cod on the road to recovery. The signs of success for these species more and bigger fish dispersed throughout a broader range—are evidence that strong fisheries management can work.

It is also important that the United States be exemplary in its management of the resources in our domain. The world oceans shared resources must be managed into the future by a consortium of national interests which have shown that they are worthy of that responsibility. Conceding scientific advice to expedient political compromise and short term economic considerations suggests integrity for sale which on the world stage fosters distrust.

The Fishing vessel Seafood and Fishing Vessel St. Jude urge you to oppose H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023, and any other legislation that would undermine the conservation requirements that have been critical to the success of the Magnuson Stevens Act.

Sincerely,

Captain Joe Malley, CEO



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Dear Representatives Bishop, Grijalva, Ryan and Pelosi,

We learn from the study of ecology that everything is connected to everything else.

For instance, forage fish such as herring, smelt, saury, sand lance, and krill are the linchpin of the marine food web — they provide an energy-rich food source for larger fish such as salmon, and for marine birds such as puffins, grebes, and scoters. A robust population of forage fish also benefits marine mammals, such as harbor porpoises. Further up the food chain, Orca whales indirectly rely on forage fish by feeding on salmon, which consume the smaller fish.

Fish populations around the country, including forage fish, are threatened by two proposed bills: H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023. We strongly urge you to oppose these bills and any other legislation that threatens the Magnuson-Stevens Act (MSA).

The MSA is the nation's primary fisheries management law and has been working to rebuild and protect U.S. fisheries for 40 years. It calls for science-based limits on threatened fish populations, and it has been incredibly effective. Here on the West Coast, for instance, seven species of ground fish have been rebuilt years ahead of schedule because of the MSA — strong evidence that fisheries management can work.

H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023 would increase the risk of overfishing and threaten the progress we've made on rebuilding vulnerable fish populations. These bills also would extend the timelines for plans to rebuild vulnerable fish populations, delaying when fishermen would benefit from a fully healthy stock. They would exempt many fish populations from science-based annual catch limits designed to prevent overfishing.

To successfully safeguard our ocean resources and all that rely on a healthy marine environment, we must look at the entire ecosystem with a big-picture approach that recognizes it is all connected. For the sake of future generations, please work to uphold the conservation provisions of the MSA, and oppose any legislation that threatens this essential law.

Sincerely,

Susan M. Setterberg, Treasurer
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Dear Chairman Bishop and Ranking Member Grijalva,

Willapa Hills Audubon Society's (WHAS) mission is to support ecologically responsible ways of life, to help maintain biologically diverse habitats, and to promote environmental understanding and enjoyment of nature. In 2015 and 2016 we wrote to ask you to reauthorize the Magnuson-Stevens Fisheries Management Act (MSA), the nation's preeminent fisheries management law. Today, we write to ask you to strongly oppose legislation that would undermine the MSA.

Specifically, we urge you to oppose H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023, which would weaken the management of fisheries across the country. These two bills would increase the risk of overfishing and threaten the progress we've made rebuilding vulnerable fish populations. They would undo years of strong science-based management that is helping stabilize fishing businesses and coastal communities.

H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023 would extend the timelines for plans to rebuild at-risk fish populations, delaying when fishermen would benefit from a fully healthy stock. They also would exempt many fish populations from science-based annual catch limits designed to prevent overfishing. H.R. 2023 in particular would allow this exemption for the substantial majority of managed fish populations.

For 40 years, the MSA has helped end fishing at unsustainable rates and has put a variety of local species on the road to recovery. Here on the West Coast, for instance, seven species of ground fish have been rebuilt years ahead of schedule because of the MSA — strong evidence that fisheries management can work.

With today's technology and science, we thankfully know much more about fish populations and the ecosystems they inhabit than we did in 1976 when the MSA was enacted. The science-based provisions of the MSA have meant that forage fish such as herring, smelt, saury, sand lance, and krill have the potential to rebound. That's good news since these tiny schooling fish form a critical link in the marine food chain, providing an energy-rich food source for larger fish such as salmon; marine birds such as marbled murre-

lets, tufted puffins, western grebes, and surf scoters; and marine mammals such as harbor porpoises. Even Orca whales rely on forage fish since they support salmon, which in turn are food for whales. The MSA isn't just about protecting fish — it's about protecting a range of wildlife up the food chain as well.

With your leadership, the MSA will not be threatened by H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023. By supporting strong, science-based policies and upholding essential conservation provisions in the MSA, you can ensure that the nation will manage its fisheries for the greatest benefit of all, including future generations. Healthy coastal areas, habitats, and fisheries are so critical to the Washington State economy and our way of life. Our marine ecosystem, including forage fish, is threatened by overfishing, habitat destruction, warming ocean waters, and countless other stressors and need protection now.

We urge you to oppose H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023 and any other legislation that threatens the MSA's big-picture, science-based approach to managing our nation's marine and fish populations.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charlotte C. Persons".

Charlotte C. Persons
Conservation Committee



Wild Fish Conservancy

N O R T H W E S T

S C I E N C E E D U C A T I O N A D V O C A C Y

November 9, 2017

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The Honorable Raúl M. Grijalva
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Bishop and Ranking Member Grijalva,

On behalf of our 226 active members, Wild Fish Conservancy strongly urges you to oppose any legislation, including H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023, that would undermine the conservation provisions of the Magnuson Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson Stevens Act). Our members rely on healthy, abundant fish populations, especially of wild Pacific salmon, and numerous ground fish species including rockfish, Pacific halibut, Pacific cod, and sablefish. Any legislation that would weaken their management should not move forward in this Congress.

H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023 would increase the risk of overfishing and threaten the progress we've made on rebuilding vulnerable fish populations. They would undermine years of strong science-based management that is helping stabilize fishing businesses and coastal communities.

These bills would extend the timelines for plans to rebuild vulnerable fish populations, delaying when fishermen would benefit from a fully healthy stock. They would exempt fish populations from the use of science-based annual catch limits designed to prevent overfishing. The Magnuson-Stevens Act is helping to end fishing at unsustainable rates and put species such as numerous depressed and ESA-listed west coast rockfish on the road to recovery. The signs of success for many west coast rockfish species - more and bigger fish dispersed throughout a broader range—are evidence that strong fisheries management can work.

Wild Fish Conservancy advocates for scientifically sound and risk-averse management of native freshwater and marine fishes and the ecosystems on which they depend. The benefits of sustainable fisheries to present and future generations of local communities and society at large critically depend on independent scientific stock analysis and advice based firmly on the precautionary approach. H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023 would significantly weaken current provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Act (MSA) that incorporate many of the principles of the precautionary approach that are essential to prevent overfishing and secure the prompt, timely rebuilding of overfished stocks to robust sustainable levels of abundance and diversity that are essential to enabling fish stocks to persist in the face of challenges from rapidly changing environments. Both pieces of proposed legislation are ill-considered and would fail to further the fundamental purposes of the MSA.

Wild Fish Conservancy urges you to oppose H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023, and any other legislation that would undermine the conservation requirements that have been critical to the success of the Magnuson Stevens Act.

Sincerely,

Kurt Beardslee
Executive Director
Wild Fish Conservancy



December 7, 2017

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Dear Chairman Bishop and Ranking Member Grijalva,

Washington Wildlife Federation has a long history of bringing together conservation-minded hunters, fishers and outdoor enthusiasts to advocate for state and federal policies that ensure healthy fish and wildlife populations for future generations. We believe a balanced and healthy marine ecosystem benefits all of us who live in the Pacific Northwest. That's why we are writing you today.

We're concerned that H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023 and other bills in the pipeline would significantly undermine the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, the primary law governing management of U.S. ocean fish. We strongly urge you to oppose these bills.

H.R. 200 and 2023 would increase the risk of overfishing and undermine years of strong science-based management helping stabilize fishing businesses and coastal communities. These bills would extend the timelines for plans to rebuild vulnerable fish populations, delaying when fishermen would benefit from a fully healthy stock. They also would exempt many fish populations from science-based annual catch limits designed to prevent overfishing.

For 40 years, the MSA has helped end fishing at unsustainable rates and has put a variety of species on the road to recovery. Across the country, 43 fish populations have been rebuilt since 2000, and the number of stocks subject to overfishing has decreased by nearly two-thirds. Here on the West Coast, seven species of ground fish have been rebuilt years ahead of schedule because of the MSA. We also have the MSA to thank for healthier populations of Coho salmon on the Washington coast in Queets and the Western Strait of Juan de Fuca. That's news to celebrate here in the Pacific Northwest, fondly known as Salmon Nation.



Without sustainable fish populations, we cannot guarantee healthy fish populations for future generations. Policymakers must shift to big-picture fisheries management to enhance the productivity of our oceans, and reject efforts to undermine the law's conservation measures. Our oceans and people like me depend on it.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

Mark Quinn
Vice President



CENTER FOR FOOD SAFETY

October 30, 2017

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Dear Chairman Bishop and Ranking Member Grijalva,

On behalf of our *more than 930,000* members, Center for Food Safety strongly urges you to oppose any legislation, including H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023, that would undermine the conservation provisions of the Magnuson Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson Stevens Act). Our members rely on healthy, abundant wild fish populations, especially of wild Pacific Salmon and any legislation that would weaken their management should not move forward in this Congress.

H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023 would increase the risk of overfishing and threaten the progress we've made on rebuilding vulnerable fish populations. They would undermine years of strong science-based management that is helping stabilize fishing businesses and coastal communities.

These bills would extend the timelines for plans to rebuild vulnerable fish populations, delaying when fishermen would benefit from a fully healthy stock. They would exempt fish populations from the use of science-based annual catch limits designed to prevent overfishing. The Magnuson-Stevens Act is helping to end fishing at unsustainable rates and put Salmonids on the road to recovery. The signs of success for Pacific Salmon—more and bigger fish dispersed throughout a broader range—are evidence that strong fisheries management can work.

Strong fisheries management is integral to protecting robust populations of important wild species, like Pacific Salmon, and ensuring a safe, healthy, and sustainable food supply. Wild salmon populations are already at risk from several human activities, in particular the proliferation of intensive ocean-based aquaculture production of industrially-bred and genetically engineered Salmonids. Pollution from these facilities, including the millions of industrial fish that may escape in a single year, can decimate wild species populations, undermining the livelihoods of fishing communities and the agency of consumers seeking healthy, wild-caught salmon for their families.

Center for Food Safety urges you to oppose H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023, and any other legislation that would undermine the conservation requirements that have been critical to the success of the Magnuson Stevens Act.

Sincerely,

Andrew Kimbrell
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Dear Chairman Bishop and Ranking Member Grijalva,

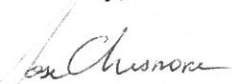
Environmental Justice strongly urges you to oppose any legislation, including H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023, that would undermine the conservation provisions of the Magnuson Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson Stevens Act). Our members rely on healthy, abundant fish populations, especially of regionally important fish and any legislation that would weaken their management should not move forward in this Congress.

H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023 would increase the risk of overfishing and threaten the progress we've made on rebuilding vulnerable fish populations. They would undermine years of strong science-based management that is helping stabilize fishing businesses and coastal communities.

These bills would extend the timelines for plans to rebuild vulnerable fish populations, delaying when fishermen would benefit from a fully healthy stock. They would exempt fish populations from the use of science-based annual catch limits designed to prevent overfishing. The Magnuson-Stevens Act is helping to end fishing at unsustainable rates and put local species on the road to recovery. The signs of success for local species—more and bigger fish dispersed throughout a broader range—are evidence that strong fisheries management can work.

Environmental Justice urges you to oppose H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023, and any other legislation that would undermine the conservation requirements that have been critical to the success of the Magnuson Stevens Act.

Sincerely,



Jose Chesmore
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Environmental Justice

December 7, 2017

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The Honorable Raúl M. Grijalva
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Dear Chairman Bishop and Ranking Member Grijalva,

As Gulf of Mexico commercial fishermen, charter-for-hire business owners, seafood distributors and restaurant owners we oppose any legislation or congressional action that would undercut fishery conservation measures essential to our region's coastal economies. We are particularly concerned about H.R. 200, H.R. 2023 and H.R. 3588. These bills include harmful provisions that would reverse the progress made in rebuilding red snapper and hinder efforts to ensure fisheries management is grounded in strong science and accountability.

Specifically, we are most concerned with:

- Weakening the application of the Magnuson Stevens Act's national conservation and management standards for red snapper and other fish caught in the Gulf of Mexico. (H.R. 200, H.R. 2023 and H.R. 3588)
- Repealing the legal requirement for separate quotas for commercial and recreational fisheries and specific management action when catch limits are reached. (H.R. 2023 and 3588)
- Extension of state maritime boundaries. Recent proposals to expand boundaries for recreational fishing, including one based on depth or distance, have not been analyzed for their effects on conservation, management, and enforcement. We are concerned that such changes would harm red snapper's rebuilding progress and affect our fishing livelihoods. (H.R. 200 and H.R. 3588)
- Provisions that would limit and interfere with the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council's ability to develop and implement management programs supported by fishery participants to meet their needs, including rationalization.. (H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023)

These proposals could put red snapper's rebuilding at risk, take away fish from our charter clients and restaurant patrons and jeopardize our seafood supply chain. The Magnuson-Stevens Act is helping to end fishing at unsustainable rates. The signs of success for Gulf red snapper—more plentiful and bigger fish dispersed throughout a broader range—are evidence that the federal law works.

We strongly urge you to oppose any federal legislation that threatens red snapper's progress, puts our species at risk of overfishing, and denies us the economic benefits of a healthy population.

Sincerely,

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cc: Members of the House Natural Resources Committee

December 12, 2017

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Chairman Bishop and Ranking Member Grijalva,

As restaurateurs, chefs, and seafood suppliers, we are proud to work with U.S. fishermen to source fresh, local seafood. While we hail from different cities and states, serve different cuisines, and represent businesses both big and small, we all have one thing in common: we rely on healthy, sustainable U.S. fisheries to keep our businesses going. This is why we urge you to reject efforts to undermine our federal fisheries law, the Magnuson-Stevens Act.

Americans consume close to five billion pounds of seafood each year. Now more than ever, they want to know that the seafood on their plate was sustainably caught and is healthy to eat. By sourcing from U.S. fisheries, we are able to meet our customers' demands, connect them to local fishermen, and strengthen working coastal economies. The domestic U.S. seafood industry—excluding imports—supported nearly 700,000 jobs and generated over \$26 billion in sales in 2015. In the Northeast alone (from Virginia to Maine), over 1,500 retail businesses and over 800 wholesale establishments employed nearly 12,000 workers in 2014. In our towns and cities, the promise of local, sustainable seafood draws tourists and supports our coastal communities and their way of life.

Our marine economy succeeds in large part thanks to the sustainable management of our nation's fisheries, which is the main goal of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. For decades, Magnuson-Stevens has used sound science and stakeholder input to end overfishing and rebuild fish populations. But recent legislative proposals threaten to move us backwards. These proposals would weaken fisheries management by exempting broad groups of species from science-based catch limits, allowing irresponsible delays in rebuilding of vulnerable and depleted populations, diminishing transparency and accountability, and generally watering down legal standards. Our businesses rely on healthy and abundant fisheries, and we cannot afford measures that turn the clock back to the days of widespread overfishing and depletion.

We urge you to defend sustainable fisheries management, and help fend off efforts to undermine it.

We appreciate your attention to this critical issue.

CONNECTICUT

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