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

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  
Chairman Doug Lamborn  
Chairman Emeritus Don Young
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.
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,

Jared Huffman
Vice Ranking Member, Natural Resources Committee
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,

Conservation Law Foundation
Earthjustice
Environmental Defense Fund
League of Conservation Voters
Natural Resources Defense Council
Oceana
Ocean Conservancy
The Nature Conservancy
December 11, 2017

US House of Representatives
Committee on Natural Resources
1324 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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,

Bob Rees
Executive Director
Association of Northwest Steelheaders, Portland, OR

Grant Putnam
President
NW Guides and Anglers Association, Clackamas, OR

Noah Oppenheim
Executive Director
Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen’s Associations, San Francisco, CA

Lyf Gildersleeve
Founder/Owner
Flying Fish Company, Portland, OR

Kevin Scribner
Founder/Owner
Forever Wild Seafood, Portland, OR
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,

Benjamin Bulis  
President

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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.
April 23, 2018

The Honorable Paul Ryan
Speaker
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Minority Leader
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Opposition to H.R. 200, the Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management Act

Dear Speaker Ryan and Leader Pelosi:

The American Fly Fishing Trade Association (AFFTA) is writing to express our strong opposition to any efforts that would weaken the provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA) that are responsible for preventing overfishing and recovering depleted fisheries. AFFTA opposes H.R. 200, the Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management Act, because it would undermine the MSA’s science-based conservation provisions, which would negatively impact our members and the sport of saltwater fly fishing. We ask for your help to protect our industry by not bringing H.R. 200 to the floor for a vote.

AFFTA is the nation’s largest fly fishing trade association and is dedicated to the sustained growth of the fly fishing industry. AFFTA’s more than 900 members, including fly fishing retail stores, manufacturers, outfitters, guides and lodges, are a part of the $900 million contributed annually to the U.S. economy by the fly fishing industry.¹ Our membership is largely comprised of “Main Street” small to medium-size businesses that form the heart of local communities across the nation, and saltwater fly fishing is the fastest growing segment of our industry. Abundant and well-managed ocean fish populations supported by healthy coastal and marine habitats are essential to the growth and vitality of our members and the fly fishing industry, both today and into the future.

Healthy, abundant fish populations form the basis for plentiful, high-quality recreational opportunities, particularly in a low-technology sport such as fly-fishing. The Magnuson-Stevens Act has been successful in recovering many depleted fisheries and significantly reducing the number of overfished fisheries, including fisheries like bluefish, mackerel and certain salmon runs that are vital to saltwater fly anglers.

H.R. 200, if enacted, would create exemptions to science-based annual catch limits, which would increase the risk of overfishing, and would allow rebuilding of depleted stocks to be delayed. These

changes would reduce stock abundance, and thus reduce access to quality recreational opportunities, which would negatively impact our industry and our members.

We welcome the opportunity to discuss this with you and to work toward a reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Act that will strengthen federal fisheries, protect important marine habitats and safeguard our industry, now and for future generations.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Bulis, President
American Fly Fishing Trade Association
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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The Honorable Rob Bishop
Chairman
Committee on Natural Resources
US House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Raul Grijalva
Ranking Member
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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 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.

Sincerely,

Shane Cantrell  
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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. 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. 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. Saltwater recreational fishing remains a key contributor to our economy, generating $63 billion in sales and supporting an estimated 439,000 jobs in 2015.

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. 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.
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,

Bob Keefe
Executive Director
E2 (Environmental Entrepreneurs)

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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.
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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Alaska Longline Fishermen’s Association

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Alaska Marine Conservation Council

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Chief Executive Officer  
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December 6, 2017

The Honorable Rob Bishop  
Chairman, House Committee on Natural Resources  
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Washington, DC 20515

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,

Raleigh Hoke  
Campaign Director
December 12, 2017

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Chairman
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U.S. Senate
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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, 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 jobs\(^1\) 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.

2. **Maintain an appropriate balance between resource access and conservation.** Recent calls for additional access to fisheries resources must be balanced by the underlying conservation needs of the species and the ecosystem. We support increased access to U.S. fisheries where possible, but amendments to the MSA should not undermine the fundamental provisions of science-based management, particularly the requirements to end overfishing, rebuild stocks and ensure accountability through annual catch limits that are needed to maintain sustainable populations.

3. **Maintain the transparent, stakeholder-driven regional management system for federal stocks.** The MSA rests on the foundation of a regional approach to managing federal fish stocks that encourages the participation of relevant states, industry, recreational interests, scientists and

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the public. Congress should maintain this system and continue to direct management of federal stocks through this balanced and inclusive process.

4. **Support new programs to enhance market opportunities for U.S. sustainable seafood.** As the number of sustainable fisheries increases in the United States, there are new seafood products that meet the highest standards for sustainability but lack a local, regional or national market. We support amendments that would enhance marketing and community-based fishing initiatives (i.e., quota banks, community-supported fisheries), as well as increased priority and grant opportunities for related programs, such as training (i.e., observers), technology development (i.e., electronic monitoring, bycatch mitigation) and research (i.e., expand data collection, cooperative research). These programs will incentivize innovation, efficiency and opportunities to reduce costs and increase prices for sustainable U.S. fisheries.

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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The Honorable Raúl Grijalva
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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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Florida Aquarium

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December 6, 2017

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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

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*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.*
December 6, 2017

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Sincerely,

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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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November 27, 2017

The Honorable Rob Bishop  The Honorable Raúl M. Grijalva
Chairman Ranking Member
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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.

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Sincerely,

Gail Gatton
VP and Executive Director
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Dear Chairman Bishop and Ranking Member Grijalva,

Nearly 300 chefs, restauranteurs and seafood suppliers from 24 states\(^1\) 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.

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Linda Di Lello Morton

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cc: House Natural Resources Committee members and staff

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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.
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Mario Pineda, Chef  
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Phoenix, AZ

Mark Howard, Owner  
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Lummi Island, WA
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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Chairman Bishop and Ranking Member Grijalva,

As restauranteurs, 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.

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Drifters Wife  
Portland, ME

Ben Conniff, President and Co-Founder  
Luke’s Lobster  
Saco, ME/Brooklyn, NY

Peter Hale, Owner  
Drifters Wife  
Portland, ME

Cara Stadler, Chef and Owner  
Tao Yuan Restaurant  
Brunswick, ME

Richard Frantz, Vice-President  
Andy’s Old Port Pub  
Portland, ME

Chris Gould, Chef and Owner  
Central Provisions/Tipo Restaurant  
Portland, ME

Sam Hayward, Chef and Co-Owner  
Fore Street  
Portland, ME

Courtney Packer, General Manager  
Miyake Restaurant  
Portland, ME

Sarah Sutton, Owner  
Bite into Maine  
Scarborough, ME

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Andrea Tomlinson, General Manager  
NH Community Seafood  
Newcastle, NH

Damian Sansonetti, Co-Owner and Chef  
Piccolo Restaurant  
Portland, ME

Brendan Vesey, Chef and Owner  
Joinery Restaurant  
Newmarket, NH

Frank Giglio, Chef and Owner  
Three Lily Provisions  
Thorndike, ME

David Vargas, Chef and Owner  
Vida Cantina  
Portsmouth, NH

Karl Sutton, Owner  
Bite into Maine  
Scarborough, ME

Evan Hennessey, Chef and Owner  
Stages  
Dover, NH

Lucas Myers, Owner & Operator  
O’ Oysters, LLC  
South Portland, ME

Nina Murray, Owner  
Mill Cove Baking Co.  
Portland, ME
Evan Mallett, Chef and Owner
Black Trumpet and Ondine
Portsmouth, NH and
Belfast, ME

Michael Beers, Executive Chef
New England Hotel Group
North Conway, NH

NEW JERSEY

George Mathis, Co-Owner
Heritage Shellfish Co-Op
Egg Harbor, NJ

NEW YORK

Tom Colicchio, Chef and Owner
Crafted Hospitality
New York, NY

Aaron Lefkove, Co-Owner
Littleneck
Brooklyn, NY

Adam Geringer-Dunn, Co-Founder
Greenpoint Fish & Lobster Co.
Brooklyn, NY

Alan Someck, Director
Green Hospitality Initiative, NYSRA
New York, NY

Alexander Pincus, Co-Owner
Grand Banks
New York, NY

Alex Sorenson, Chef/Owner
Blank Slate Kitchen
Brooklyn, NY

Bianca Piccillo, Co-Founder
Mermaid's Garden
Brooklyn, NY

Carl Safina, President and Founder
The Safina Center
Setauket, NY

Charlie Gliwa, Partner
Norman’s Lionfish
New York, NY

Christopher Cryer, Executive Chef
Seamore’s
New York, NY

David Torchiano, Co-Owner
Mayanoki
New York, NY

Davis Herron, Director-Retail & Restaurant
The Lobster Place
New York, NY

Diana Choi, Staff
Purple Kale Kitchenworks
Brooklyn, NY

Dorothy Yang, Chef and Sustainability Coordinator
Purple Kale Kitchenworks
Brooklyn, NY

Gino Ruggiero, Chef and Owner
Fiorella
Rochester, NY

Jason Weiner, Chef and Co-Founder
Almond Restaurants/L&W Oyster Co.
Bridgehampton, NY
Jeffrey Yoskowitz, Co-Owner
The Gefilteria
Brooklyn, NY

Peter Hoffman, Chef
FarmerFare Cooking
New York, NY

Liz Neumark, CEO
Great Performances
New York, NY

Peter Malinowski, Executive Director
Billion Oyster Project
New York, NY

Mary R Cleaver,
President/Owner/Operator
The Green Table, Cleaver Co.
New York, NY

Ronna Welsh, Owner
Purple Kale Kitchenworks
Brooklyn, NY

Michael Blake, Head Chef
The Corporation of Yaddo
Saratoga Springs, NY

Sean Dimin, CEO
Sea to Table
Brooklyn, NY

Michael Chernow, Owner
Seamore’s
New York, NY

Susan Atvell, Owner
Kindred Fare
Geneva, NY

Michael Dimin, Founding Director
Sea to Table
Brooklyn, NY

PENNNSYLVANIA
Amanda Bossard, Operations Manager
Otolith Sustainable Seafood
Philadelphia, PA

Mike Spindler, CEO
FultonFishMarket.com
Bronx, NY

RHODE ISLAND
David Dadekian, President
Eat Drink RI, LLC
Coventry, RI

Patti Jackson, Chef and Owner
Delaware and Hudson
Brooklyn, NY

VERMONT
Doug Paine, Executive Chef
Bleu Northeast Seafood
Burlington, VT

Paul Greenberg, Author
Four Fish and American Catch
New York, NY

NATIONAL
Bren Smith, Executive Director and CEO
Greenwave
Nationwide (US)

Cc: Members of House Committee on Natural Resources
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

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,

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.
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 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.

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

Channel Islands Surfboards
Evan Gambetta, Manager
Santa Barbara, CA

Harbor Breeze Cruises
Amber Boyle, Vice President
Long Beach, CA

Deep Blue Scuba & Swim Center
Matt Millikin, Manager
Long Beach, CA

Ventura Dive & Sport
James Smith, Owner
Ventura, CA

Living Sea Images
Marc Shargel, Founder & Photographer
Felton, CA

Epic SUP Adventures
Austin Haggerty, Owner
Santa Barbara, CA

Santa Barbara Adventure Company
Michael Cohen, Owner
Santa Barbara, CA

Shearwater Journeys, Inc
Debra Shearwater, Owner
Hollister, CA

Blue Water Ventures
Kim Powell, Owner, Operator & Naturalist
Santa Cruz, CA

Newport Landing Whale Watching
Jessica Roame, Marine Education Specialist
Newport Beach, CA

Davey’s Locker Sportfishing & Whale Watching
Jessica Roame, Marine Education Specialist
Newport Beach, CA

Humboats Kayak Adventures
Brian Saxton, Owner
Eureka, Ca

Beach Bungalow Inn and Suites
Anna Patel, Owner
Morro Bay, CA

Pacifica Sailing Charters
Mick Moore, Captain
San Diego, CA

Sail San Diego
Captain Tim Hanley, Operations Manager
San Diego, CA

Matthew Meier Photography
Matthew Meier, Underwater Photographer
San Diego, CA

Xplore Offshore
Captain Russell Moore, Owner
San Diego, CA
Central Coast Sailing Charters
Captain Mark Kocina, Owner
San Luis Obispo, CA

Malibu Divers
Barbara Gentile-Crary, Owner
Malibu, CA

Tom Boyd Underwater Images
Tom Boyd, Founder & Photographer
Los Angeles, CA

Kip Evans Photography
Kip Evans, Founder & Photographer
Pacific Grove, CA

Central Coast Outdoors
John Flaherty
Los Osos, CA

Raptor Dive Charters
James Smith, Owner
Ventura, CA

Seas the Day QQ Adventures
Dawn Lamb, Owner
San Clemente, CA

cc: Members of the House Committee on Natural Resources
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 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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Sincerely,

*Candlewood Stand Up Paddleboard*
Kristin Hart  
New Fairfield, CT

*Bin 100*
Elena Fusco  
Milford, CT

*Scuba Shack*
Ed & Ginamarie Hayes  
Rocky Hill, CT

*Sift Bakeshop*
Adam Young  
Mystic, CT

*Paddle Mystic*
Jeff Jodoin  
Mystic, CT

*Lisa Bakeshop*
Lisa Arsenault  
Cos Cob, CT

*Tidal River Clothing Co.*
James Verni  
Mystic, CT

*Karma Kitchen Mystic & Juicery*
Elizabeth Alina  
Mystic, CT

*New England Dive LLC*
Jill Kobrin  
Wallingford, CT

*Workery in Mystic*
Ken Lin  
Mystic, CT

*Bills Seafood*
Mark Leopoldino  
Westbrook, CT

cc: Members of the House Natural Resources Committee
December 7, 2017

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

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 Florida represents tens of thousands of businesses and more than 329,000 direct jobs according to the Outdoor Industry Association. 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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Coastal businesses and other enterprises that are involved in the ecotourism and outdoor recreational industries 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
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Thank you for your time and your consideration of this important issue.

Sincerely,

Captain Memo’s Pirate Cruise
Pam Wozencraft, Owner
Clearwater Beach, FL

Little Toot Tours
Clearwater Beach, FL

Sea Screamers of Clearwater
Eric Spaulding, Owner
Clearwater Beach, FL

Encounters With Dolphins
William Fineran, Owner
Clearwater Beach, FL

Calypso Queen Tours
Phil Henderson, Owner
Clearwater Beach, FL

The Tropics Boat Tours
Trisha Rodriguez, Owner
Clearwater Beach, FL

MEGA BITE Tour Boat
Derrick and Darrel Lombardi, Owners
Clearwater Beach, FL

Kai Lani Catamaran
Mike Judge, Owner
Clearwater Beach, FL

ParrotDise Express Boat Tours
Jeff Gearheart
Dunedin, FL

Chute Em Up Parasail
Caleb McClymont, Manager
Clearwater Beach, FL

Tampa Bay SUP Standup Paddle Boarding & Kayaking
Kim Ward, Owner
Safety Harbor, FL

Carolina Mike’s Kayaking Adventures
Kim Ward
Safety Harbor, FL

High Times Parasail and Watersports
Mark Ketlan, Manager/Owner
Clearwater Beach, FL

Around the Bend Nature Tours
Karen Willey, Owner
Bradenton, FL

Parasail City
Caleb Mcclymont, Owner
Clearwater Beach, FL

Riverfront Cruises
James Cambell, Owner
Fort Lauderdale, FL

Jungle Queen Riverboat
Mike Faber, Owner
Fort Lauderdale, FL

Carrie B Cruises
Steve Thorton, Owner
Fort Lauderdale, FL
Riverfront Gondola Tours
Captain’s Roy and Lauralee Conklin
Fort Lauderdale, FL

Sea Life Kayak Adventures
Tom McFarland, Owner
Sarasota, FL

Island Time Charter
Captain Chet Soltak
Sarasota, FL

Atlantic Coast Kayak Company
Kenneth A Myers
Wilton Manors, FL

Carmen’s Kayaks
Carmen Driscoll
Pine Island, FL

FunDay Tours
Barbara Schenck
Cocoa Beach, FL

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.

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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
Newark, NJ

The Inn at Lambertville Station
Dan Whitaker, Owner
Lambertville, NJ

Jenkinson’s Aquarium
Cindy Claus, Director
Point Pleasant Beach, NJ

NJ Campground Owners Association
Joann DelVescio, Executive Director
Marmora, NJ

Pequest Valley Farms
Richard Vohden, Owner
Andover, NJ

Pinelands Adventures
Rob Ferber, Director
Shamong, NJ

Pure Energy Cycling
Arounkone Sananikone, Owner
Lambertville, NJ

cc: Members of the House Committee on Natural Resources
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.

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 menhaden on the road to recovery. The signs of success for menhaden—more and bigger fish dispersed throughout a broader range—are evidence that strong fisheries management can work.

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,

Doug O’Malley
Environment New Jersey Director
Trenton, NJ
October 24, 2017

The Honorable Rob Bishop, Chairman
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,

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.

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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,

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Jose Chesmore
Director of Communications
Environmental Justice
December 7, 2017

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

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.

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Tarpon Springs, FL

cc: Members of the House 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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Bristol Bay, Alaska

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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,

Charlotte C. Persons
Conservation Committee
November 9, 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
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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,

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The Honorable Rob Bishop
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The Honorable Raúl M. Grijalva
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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
December 7, 2017

The Honorable Rob Bishop
Chairman
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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 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.

Sincerely,

Haleigh Doherty

LEAF President
December 8, 2017

The Honorable Rob Bishop
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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.
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
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October 27, 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 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.

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 the sturgeon, shad and striped bass on the road to recovery. The signs of success for these and bigger fish dispersed throughout a broader range–are evidence that strong fisheries management can work.

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
September 25, 2017

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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 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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October 30, 2017

The Honorable Rob Bishop  
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The Honorable Raúl M. Grijalva  
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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  
Founder & Executive Director  
Center for Food Safety
November 9, 2017

The Honorable Rob Bishop
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Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Raúl M. Grijalva
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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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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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October 30, 2017

Cheryl Dahle
Founder
Future of Fish

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,

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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
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 Speaker Ryan and Leader Pelosi:

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. 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.303).
- 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. 204).
- Roll back science-based management and lessen accountability of recreational fisheries (Section 203).
- 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. 302 & 307). 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 House 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 any House floor consideration of H.R. 200 and any similar efforts to undermine U.S. fisheries.

Sincerely,

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- California Marine Sanctuary Foundation
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- Citizen's Campaign for the Environment
- Coastal Conservation League
- Connecticut Ornithological Association (COA)
- Conservation Lands Foundation
- Conservation Law Foundation
- CT Fund for the Environment/Save the Sound
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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. 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.

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. 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.).
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

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June 21, 2018

The Honorable Paul Ryan
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Ryan and Minority Leader Pelosi,

On behalf of The Pew Charitable Trusts, I urge your members to vote NO on H.R. 200, a bill to reauthorize and amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), when it is considered on the House floor.

The Magnuson-Stevens Act is working to prevent overfishing and rebuild depleted fish populations across the Nation. If enacted, H.R. 200 would threaten these rebuilding successes and the future of healthy fish populations and fisheries. The bill would significantly weaken the Magnuson-Stevens Act’s conservation objectives by undercutting efforts to rebuild overfished stocks, increasing the risk of overfishing, decreasing accountability, and undermining science-based decision-making.

Because of the Magnuson-Stevens Act and its commitment to science-based fisheries management, U.S. ocean fish are on the rebound. Since 2000, 44 commercially and recreationally important and once-overfished populations have rebuilt to healthy levels. The number of stocks subject to overfishing (catching fish faster than they can reproduce) has decreased from 72 stocks in 2000 to 30 in 2017. This has led to more fish in the water, better fishing opportunities, and more recently, an increase in fishing jobs. Improved conservation has led to increased U.S. seafood revenues and landings and to a recreational fishing industry that generated $63.4 billion in sales impacts in 2015.

H.R. 200 would significantly weaken policies established by a visionary and bipartisan group of U.S. Representatives and Senators, who worked together during the 1996 and 2006 reauthorizations to overwhelmingly support a national fishery management system focused on science-based conservation of ocean resources. Instead of building on this foundation, H.R. 200 would, among other damaging provisions:

- Create broad exemptions to the requirement that fishery managers set reasonable timelines for rebuilding depleted fish populations. These loopholes would extend timelines that would in turn jeopardize the recovery of ecological and economic benefits tied to healthy fish populations.

- Curb the use of science-based catch limits that are in place to prevent overfishing and make recreational fisheries less accountable to these limits. Fishery managers would be allowed to exempt many species from science-based catch limits, including some short-lived forage fish that are important prey for larger commercially and recreationally caught fish, marine mammals, and birds.
• Transfer responsibility for the recreational management of Gulf of Mexico red snapper from the established system under the Magnuson-Stevens Act to a state-based system, which could undermine efforts to manage this important resource in a consistent and science-based manner. The stakes for sound commercial, recreational, and charter-for-hire sector management of red snapper are high, but thanks to federally required, science-based catch limits, Gulf red snapper has been recovering since its population plummeted in the 1990s due to overfishing. Management of Gulf red snapper outside the requirements of Magnuson-Stevens Act could jeopardize the progress that has been made rebuilding this important species.

• Hamstring management efforts to protect fish habitat and minimize bycatch. Amendments made during the Committee mark-up would obstruct efforts to protect fish habitats in waters affected by significant coastal wetland loss and hollow out the definition of bycatch which would make it more difficult for fishery managers to collect data about and reduce bycatch for many recreational fisheries.

Pew believes that the Magnuson-Stevens Act should be updated to meet the challenges of the 21st century, but H.R. 200 does not achieve this goal. H.R. 200 represents an approach that would risk returning the U.S. to a past when overfishing and depleted fish populations were chronic problems.

Congress should not weaken the core conservation provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Act that are leading to healthier fish populations and more stable fishing businesses and coastal communities. I urge you to oppose H.R. 200.

Sincerely,

Ted Morton
Director, U.S. Oceans, Federal Fisheries

CC: Members of the 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. The Gulf of Mexico alone produces over $850 million in commercial fisheries landing revenue. U.S. consumers spent an estimated $96 billion for fishery products in 2015. 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. 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. 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. 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.

3 Ibid, p. 9.
5 Ibid.
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.

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. 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 years. The MSA already provides substantial flexibility on rebuilding schedules.

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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/GMFM/Free/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.
**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.”

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.

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.

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.

**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

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13 2016 Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper Recreational Season Length Estimates, NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office.
of the stock by as many as 6 years.” 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

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November 2, 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,

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.

Sincerely,

Martha Klein, Chapter Chair  
Connecticut Sierra Club  
P.O. Box 270595  
West Hartford, CT  
06127
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.
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
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,

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
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,

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—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
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
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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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.

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.

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 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 businesses and other enterprises that are involved in the ecotourism and outdoor recreational industries 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.

Mountain Gear, Inc.  
Paul Fish, President  
Spokane Valley, WA

Northwest Guides & Anglers Association  
Grant Putman, President  
Tillamook, OR

Calyx Sustainable Tourism  
Heidi Siegelbaum, Former Owner  
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Evergreen Escapes  
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Port Townsend, WA

American Alpine Institute  
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Bellingham, WA

Orca Network  
Howard Garrett, Board President  
Freeland, WA

Olympic Raft & Kayak  
Morgan Colonel, Owner  
Port Angeles, WA

OnBoard Tours Whales  
Caroline Armon, Owner  
Friday Harbor, WA

cc: Members of the House Committee on Natural Resources
March 13, 2017

The Honorable Paul Ryan, Speaker                           The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Democratic
U.S. House of Representatives                                 Leader
H-232, U.S. Capitol                                             U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515                                           H-204, U.S Capitol
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Dear Speaker Ryan and Representative Pelosi,

As scuba diving businesses, we submit this letter urging you to oppose any reauthorization that damages the core conservation provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Act (MSA). We are especially concerned about some of the provisions in H.R. 200, which would jeopardize our fisheries, destabilize coastal communities, and undermine America’s ability to protect important ocean areas. Healthy fish populations are vital for the ocean environments that we, as diving businesses, depend on for our livelihoods and recreation. There are over 12 million active divers and snorkelers in the United States that drive $11 billion in spending annually.

Healthy fish populations are an integral part of a robust marine ecosystem. The MSA, our nation’s principal law governing our ocean fisheries, seeks to end overfishing, rebuild depleted fish stocks and maintain the U.S.’s fish populations now and into the future—and it’s working. All decisions about federal fisheries management in the United States are made by a regional council and are designed to be guided by the best available science.

Through the MSA, we have seen more than 40 fish species come back from being depleted and overfishing rates drop to a historic low of 9%. The MSA also allows for the protection of habitats that are essential to the life cycles of fish, from coral reefs to kelp forests to rocky reefs, which are often popular dive locations.

Despite this progress, H.R. 200 and other efforts underway in Congress seek to undo much of these improvements by allowing decision makers to ignore the science that has been key to the successes that we have seen.

Our concerns include:

- Changing the requirements for depleted populations to be rebuilt in the shortest time possible to the shortest time practicable. The term “practicable” is imprecise and could lead to resource managers prioritizing short term concerns over long term sustainability.
- Exempting many populations from science-based catch limits — including forage fish. These limits establish the maximum number of fish that can be caught each year while still preventing overfishing. By not setting a catch limit, there is a risk of removing too many fish from the environment. Forage fish form the basis of the food chain and provide a source of nutrition for some of our most iconic species, from whales to dolphins to sharks.
- Overriding several key environmental laws, including the Endangered Species Act, the National Environmental Policy Act and the National Marine Sanctuaries Act. Right now, these laws work together for the greatest protection of fish life and the environment, but this bill would have the MSA supersede these laws where marine fish are impacted.
While there are still challenges, the MSA is a successful law that works to protect fish, coastal communities and the business that depend on them.

We urge you to support businesses like ours and oppose harmful MSA reauthorization attempts such as H.R. 200.

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June 21, 2018

TO: The Honorable Members of the California, Oregon, and Washington Congressional Delegations

RE: H.R. 200 - OPPOSE

Dear Representative,

The Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations (PCFFA) is the largest organization of commercial fishermen on the West Coast, representing the interests of hundreds of family-owned commercial fishing operations who harvest and deliver fresh seafood to American consumers and for export. Collectively, we represent many thousands of family wage jobs and a West Coast commercial fishing industry that contributes billions of dollars to the U.S. economy.

On behalf of the hundreds of hard working commercial fishermen we represent, we are OPPOSED to H.R. 200. We urge you to oppose this bill when it is considered on the House floor next week and to instead support the development of environmentally-based fisheries legislation that will ensure the health of America’s fish stocks for generations to come.

H.R. 200 is, fundamentally, a partisan commercial fishery management bill. However, the bill contains a version of the Modern Fish Act that our organization strongly opposes. The recreational fishery management language found in H.R. 200 would severely compromise federal agencies’ ability to sustainably manage commercial and recreational fisheries. **H.R. 200 is simply not the appropriate vehicle for recreational fishery management reform.**

At its core, H.R. 200 makes significant unnecessary changes that would weaken the world class Federal fisheries management system outlined in the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976 (MSA). The bill would contravene the scientific best practices of fishery management by creating broad loopholes that could, and would, be used to deplete vulnerable fish populations. by which fish stocks could be exempted from rebuilding timelines recommended by science, instead allowing managers to extend fishery
rebuilding timelines far beyond what is advisable. West Coast commercial fishermen know well that protracted rebuilding timelines keep small fishing businesses from achieving long-term stability and prevent sustainable growth. Ignoring scientifically recommended rebuilding timelines keeps fish in the hands of the few, hurts working waterfronts, and reduces the public’s access to healthy, sustainable seafood.

For over 40 years through the hard work and dedication of fishermen and allied groups, the MSA system has rebuilt our fish stocks from a state of near-depletion, when foreign fleets overfished our marine resources at will, to the place they are today. Now, healthy stocks are the norm instead of the exception. The management system we use has continued to improve over the years by keeping fisheries science at the forefront of our decision-making. However, H.R. 200 displays a retrograde vision of fishery management, allowing Fishery Management Councils to permit overfishing to occur in sensitive or depleted fisheries. For the fishing families who wish to pass sustainable resources and stewardship values on to the next generation, ignoring the lessons of the past 40 years is simply unacceptable.

The bill’s proposed changes to fish stock rebuilding programs have never been necessary for the rebuilding of fish stocks on the West Coast or any other areas of our oceans. It is not, nor will it ever be, the time to experiment with fishery management at the expense of commercial fishing livelihoods. The recent, multi-hundred-million-dollar fishery disasters in West Coast salmon and Dungeness crab fisheries demonstrate this clearly: we need strong fishery management based on science, not politics.

H.R. 200 represents a vision of fisheries management that hurts commercial fishing families and the resources on which they depend. We strongly urge you to oppose this bill and any other legislation that would weaken the MSA and harm West Coast community based fishing businesses.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

STEWARDS OF THE FISHERIES
June 22, 2018

United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Oppose H.R. 200, an attack on sustainable fisheries management and our oceans

Dear Representative:

The League of Conservation Voters (LCV) works to turn environmental values into national priorities. Each year, LCV publishes the National Environmental Scorecard, which details the voting records of members of Congress on environmental legislation. The Scorecard is distributed to LCV members, concerned voters nationwide, and the media.

LCV urges you to vote NO on H.R. 200, legislation to reauthorize and amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) that threatens decades of successful sustainable fisheries management. H.R. 200 would severely undermine the science-based conservation tools under current law that are essential in preventing overfishing, restoring depleted fish populations, and aiding coastal communities that have suffered the negative consequences from years of overfishing.

With several provisions that would weaken rebuilding requirements, establish broad loopholes in conservation efforts, decrease accountability for overfishing, and other harmful language, H.R. 200 would fundamentally dismantle core management standards under the Magnuson-Stevens Act. The rebuilding requirements and annual catch limits have been some of the most successful provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Act in conserving fisheries. However, this bill undermines those provisions, ultimately allowing for depleted stocks for long periods of time and threatening recovery and stability, as well as establishing weaker standards and less accountability for some sectors of the fishing economy.

Rather than approving harmful and unnecessary measures that would weaken our fisheries economy and harm the environment, Congress should work in a true bipartisan fashion – as was done in 1996 and 2006 – to reauthorize the Magnuson-Stevens Act, not undermine its proven successes.

We urge you to REJECT H.R. 200. We will strongly consider including votes on this bill in the 2018 Scorecard. If you need more information, please call my office at (202) 785-8683 and ask to speak with a member of our government relations team.

Sincerely,

Gene Karpinski
President
June 22, 2018

RE: Please vote NO on H.R. 200

Dear Representative,

We, the Inland Ocean Coalition and its chapters, urge you to oppose H.R. 200 and any other partisan bills to reauthorize the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA). As conservationists, fishermen, seafood consumers, scuba divers and visitors to the coast, we understand the importance and value of our oceans. We are an inland movement that builds land to sea stewardship because we know that all Americans are connected to the ocean no matter where they live. Our chapters are located from the Sonoran Desert to the Prairies and Great Lakes, and our members are part of the many inland communities that care deeply about the ocean.

Thriving fish populations are an essential part of healthy ocean ecosystems and support our nation’s fisheries. In turn, productive and well-managed recreational and commercial fisheries directly contribute to a robust U.S. economy, which benefits everyone. Finally, the U.S. is the second largest consumer of seafood in the world, and sustainable fisheries at home can provide our nation with a vital source of fish and shellfish. With sustainable management, our fish can provide for us now and for generations to come.

Our fisheries are some of the best managed in the world thanks to the MSA. Previous bipartisan reauthorizations have strengthened the MSA by grounding fishery management in science and providing greater accountability to end overfishing and rebuild overfished stocks. The result has been a truly impressive turnaround in our fish stocks. Overfishing has been greatly reduced and more than 40 stocks have been brought back to healthy levels.

H.R. 200 threatens to turn the tide on the progress we’ve made over the last 40 years by weakening the conservation core of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. Although there are a number of concerning provisions in the bill, we find a few particularly troubling. The first is a change that would exempt potentially hundreds of species from science-based annual catch limits. Annual catch limits are a proven cornerstone of good management, and they ensure that decisions are based on scientific data instead of politics. The second concerning provision would loosen requirements to rebuild fisheries. Lengthening the timeframe to recover depleted fish stocks will only continue to deprive fishermen, coastal communities, and seafood lovers of the many benefits that derive from healthy fish populations.

We ask you to work to achieve a bipartisan bill that protects and improves the science-based management and conservation measures in the MSA rather than hinder them.

Sincerely,
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The Honorable Paul Ryan  The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker  Minority Leader  
United States House of Representatives  United States House of Representatives  
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Dear Speaker Ryan, and Leader Pelosi:

As recreational fishermen from the Gulf of Mexico – the ultimate angler’s paradise - we write to urge you to prevent bringing forward for a vote H.R. 200, the Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management Act, which would modify the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA). The MSA has been working to curb overfishing and to rebuild depleted fisheries through a combination of science-driven catch limits and required recovery plans. As a result, more than 40 fish populations have been rebuilt to healthy levels since 2000, and overfishing has been dramatically reduced. H.R. 200 would undermine these proven tools, which in turn threatens to undermine stable and abundant recreational fisheries.

Recreational anglers benefit from abundant populations that give us an opportunity to catch more fish, which are either harvested or released back into the water. When fish populations decline, the recreational experience is negatively affected, the economic impact of our activity wanes, and coastal economies suffer. The MSA’s conservation framework requires that overfished populations are rebuilt in as short a time as possible, thus minimizing the time we must endure poor fishing. H.R. 200 would eliminate this rebuilding timeline, allowing fisheries managers to relax rebuilding plans, which would keep fishery abundance at lower levels for a longer time. We oppose this short-sighted provision.

Furthermore, H.R. 200 would allow many different fisheries to be exempted from annual catch limits. We have seen annual catch limits work to end overfishing by holding everyone who fishes responsible to stay within their limits. Placing clear limits on catch and enforcing those limits is a common tenant of responsible fish and game management and should absolutely continue to apply to all ocean fisheries, as well.

As recreational anglers who have seen impressive progress toward sustainable saltwater fisheries management under the MSA, we urge you to oppose any effort that would undermine the conservation aspects of the MSA. We desire to pass along to our children even better fishing opportunities – and bigger fish – than we have now. Please work to keep the MSA strong by avoiding proposals like H.R. 200.

Sincerely,

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June 21, 2018

Dear Member of Congress:

We understand that H.R. 200, the “Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management Act,” is scheduled for a vote on June 26, in the House of Representatives. Gulf Fishermen’s Association and our over 500 business members remain staunchly opposed to this bill. H.R. 200, would do very little to improve the management of the recreational fishing industry while severely undermining the sacrifices the restaurant, seafood consumers, and the U.S. commercial fishing industry has made to ensure that we are sustainably harvesting fisheries resources.

Gulf Fishermen’s Association is a broadly-based organization that represents over 500 restaurants, commercial fisherman and the millions of seafood consumers in the five Gulf States. Our members reflect the diversity of the coastal communities that depend on healthy and sustainable U.S. fishery resources. As domestic harvesters of an American public resource, we recognize and embrace our stewardship responsibility that resource management requires. We strive for accountability in our fisheries, the same accountability of all users that the present Magnuson-Stevens Act has in place, and we encourage others to do the same. Lastly we speak out on issues of common concern that affect the stewardship of our public resources, and the many millions of Americans who enjoy seafood.

H.R. 200 poses numerous threats to sustainable fisheries management:

1) H.R. 200 Risks Overfishing and Imperils Rebuilding of Overfished Species
   - Despite significant flexibility already incorporated into the MSA, Section 4 establishes multiple exceptions to the rebuilding timeline. Congress previously strengthened the rebuilding timeline requirements because many fish stocks were not recovering and were at risk of continued overfishing. Without this statutory standard, rebuilding timelines could vary dramatically, perpetuating depleted stock conditions and harming our businesses’ bottom lines.
   - Overfishing has been illegal since the MSA was first signed into law in 1976, but the 2007 requirement for annual catch limits (ACLs) truly put an end to the practice. Section 5 waives the requirement for ACLs for a large number of species, including virtually all bycatch species and many fish that are caught in international waters, significantly raising the risk of overfishing.
• Repealing MSA Section 407 entirely (Section 12 in H.R. 200) would **remove backstops against recreational quota overages** and allocations that would unfairly reflect such overages.

2) **H.R. 200 would weaken the scientific basis for fisheries management decisions**
   - While we value transparency in all aspects of Council work, Section 7 provides for a level of public involvement in the process through which the Science and Statistical Committees develop advice for the Councils that could significantly dilute the role of scientists in the process and increase the politicization of SSCs.
   - Directing that specific sources of information, regardless of their quality, be considered the best scientific information available and requiring the Councils and NMFS to incorporate certain data (Section 27) would weaken the strong standard for science and the scientific process.

3) **H.R. 200 would impose unnecessary Congressional interference**
   - Fishermen are deeply involved in the development of catch share programs, which often take years of deliberation with extensive public input. Under current law, Councils can require referenda on these programs at their discretion. Mandating additional referenda and specifying who should be allowed to vote in them is unnecessarily intrusive and creates undue hurdles to catch share development (Section 8). While we recognize that a catch share program may not be appropriation for every fishery, we feel strongly that this management tool should remain a viable option.

We are disappointed to see this bill move along near partisan lines. The reauthorization of the MSA has traditionally been a bipartisan effort that advances the sustainability of our nation’s fisheries. Instead, what we see today is a partisan effort to advance the interests of the recreational fishing industry at the expense and to the detriment of the U.S. restaurant industry, millions of American seafood consumers, and the commercial fishing industry.

As thousands of restaurants, millions of American seafood consumers, and thousands of commercial fishermen around the country stand in opposition to this bill, we urge House Leadership to reconsider bringing this bill to the House floor for a vote.

We serve as a direct connection to the ocean for many inland citizens and we take our responsibility as stewards of the ocean very seriously. We stand ready to work with Mr. Young and others to develop a bill that works for all sectors and progresses fisheries management across the board.

We appreciate your consideration of our request.

Glen Brooks, President
Gulf Fishermen’s Association
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Brooks3glen@yahoo.com
Website under re-construction

[Signature]
June 25, 2018

To the New York Congressional Delegation:

As recreational fishermen and charter captains from New York, we oppose House and Senate bills that would roll back our federal fisheries law, the Magnuson-Stevens Act.

This law has a strong track record of putting an end to overfishing, and restoring important recreational fish populations for our state, like bluefish, black seabass and summer flounder.

As anglers, we rely on abundant fish populations and Magnuson has helped bring such to New York’s waters.

In short, the law’s conservation success has been a boon for our fishing, our businesses, and our communities. Bills currently moving through Congress endanger this success.

For example, H.R. 200—**which is likely to receive a vote on the floor of the House this week**—would exempt many fish stocks from key conservation requirements, like rebuilding plans, water down legal standards in the law, and decrease accountability for commercial and recreational fishermen alike. Likewise, a bill in the Senate, S. 1520, while not as egregious as H.R.200, still undercuts the law’s conservation standards. It would also need to be reconciled with H.R. 200, and the outcome would almost certainly be bad for us.

We are not saying that Magnuson is perfect, but these bills don’t even attempt to tackle tough management challenges that remain, like how to respond to shifting stocks, make fair allocation decisions, manage for ecosystem considerations (i.e. forage fish management and habitat considerations), etc.

We urge members of the House and Senate to work together to find broadly supported bipartisan solutions to the remaining challenges of fisheries management. To help ensure future generations of anglers 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, S. 1520, and other efforts that would lead to an undermining of successful U.S. fisheries management.**

Sincerely,

Capt. John McMurray, Oceanside NY, *One More Cast Charters*

Capt. Paul Dixon, East Hampton NY, To *The Point Charters*

Capt. Bryan Goulard, East Hampton NY, *Point to Point Charters*

Capt. David Blinken, East Hampton NY, *Northflats Guiding*

Capt. Daniel Reich, New York NY, *One More Cast Charters*
Capt. Andrew Derr, Greenpoint, NY, *Long Island on the Fly*
Capt. Vinnie Catalano, Greenpoint NY, *Joey C. Charters*
Capt. Jim Levinson, Montauk NY, *Double Haul Charters*
Brendan McCarthy, Brooklyn NY, *Urban Fly Guides*
Capt. Ernie French, East Hampton NY, *Fly Fishing Montauk*
Joel Filner, New York NY, *Salty Flyrodders of New York*
Lou DiRicco, Rockville Center NY *Gateway Striper Club*
Kerry Heffernan, New York NY *Chef, Grand Banks Restaurant*
Neil Stoff, Brooklyn NY *Gateway Striper Club*
John Durante, Breezy Point NY, *Gateway Striper Club*
George McAuliffe, Sag Harbor NY
Long Nguyen, New York NY
Andrew Roberts, Sea Cliff NY
Scott Andrews, Merrick NY
Mark Soley, West Islip NY
Rob Lynch, New York NY
David Yagerman, Bayside NY
Scott Laton, New York NY
Lee Kirkham Scholtz, New York NY
Timothy Walker Shaw, New York NY
Steve Lalonde, New York NY
Stuart Homcy, Middle Village NY
Angelo Peluso, Port Jefferson NY
Stanley Knipe, New Hyde Park, NY
Frederic Thorner, Little Neck NY
Mark Kanterman, Long Beach NY
Jerry Pascucci, Wantagh NY
Thomas Gorman, Central Islip NY
Keith Franz, East Rockaway NY
Percy Brice, Freeport NY
Mike Gallego, Eastchester NY
William Belfi, Douglassstown NY
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John Papciak, Montauk NY
Charles Witek III, Babylon NY
Ross Squire, Port Jefferson NY
June 25, 2018

To the Connecticut Congressional Delegation:

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We urge you to oppose H.R. 200, S. 1520, and other efforts that would lead to an undermining of successful U.S. fisheries management.

Sincerely,

Capt. Mike Platt, Norwalk, CT Light Bite Charters

Capt. Mark Dysinger, Killingworth, CT, Flyosophy Charters

Capt. Ian Scott Devlin, Norwalk, CT, Devlin's Charters

Capt. Donald Roberts, Andover, CT, Barking Dog Charters

Capt. Cory Crochetiere, Norwalk, CT, One More Cast Charters
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Alex Taylor – Fairfield, CT
Wes Preston – Norwalk, CT
Brad Forkner – Darien, CT
Tim Shaw – Wilton, CT
David Ingraham – New Canaan, CT
Michael Tucker – New Canaan, CT
June 25, 2018

Dear Members of the Connecticut Congressional Delegation:

We write to you in reference to House and Senate proposals that would weaken the Magnuson-Stevens Act.

As recreational fishermen of Connecticut, our voting habits are influenced by the issues that we care most about, including recreational fishing, the marine ecosystem, employment rates and the health of the economy. We believe that keeping a strong Magnuson-Stevens Act is the right move to support all four of these concerns, and that those seeking to undermine this law are sabotaging all four. The Act has a strong track record in preventing overfishing and restoring depleted fish populations that were once struggling, including bluefish and fluke. But bills in the House and Senate that would weaken science-based catch limits and accountability for our fisheries would put this all at risk. Connecticut fishermen care about the long-term sustainability of our fisheries. Please consider the points we make in this letter and make the right decision.

Some have argued that the Act is unnecessarily restrictive on the fisheries and limits their income potential, but that is actually contrary to the reality of the situation. In reality, the Magnuson-Stevens Act set up a system that focuses on regional flexibility, and over the last 40 years Congress has built on that system to improve the science, data collection, and management tools to allow valuable fisheries to recover for long-term sustainability. History has shown that insufficient regulation of our fisheries has led to moratoriums on those fisheries (examples are the striped bass fishery collapse of the 1980s and the demise of the Gulf of Maine cod fishery) which put many fishermen out of business. Unemployed fishermen and mothballed vessels don’t contribute to the GNP.

United States coastal fisheries were saved by the Magnuson-Stevens Act, which banished foreign fishing fleets from the 200-mile Exclusive Economic Zone, protected fish habitat, mandated a stop to overfishing and rebuilding of depleted fish stocks. In other words, this act protects our fisheries, rather than restricts them. This is what the angling public of Connecticut values: plentiful fish in our local waters. Any profit increases from weakening the law would be short-term only, followed by drastic reductions.

Weakening the Magnuson Stevens Act would be devastating to our recreational fisheries and, ultimately, our economy. Not only does recreational fishing provide healthy recreation and use of our public resources owned by all Americans, but its impact on the economy is significant. Our recreational fishermen contribute much to Connecticut’s economy through tackle and bait sales, restaurants, fuel, marinas, motels and many other supporting businesses. This provides many jobs as well. In 2015, saltwater recreational fishing contributed $367 million in sales to the Connecticut economy and supported nearly 3,400 jobs. Nationwide, saltwater anglers drive our economy, supporting $63 billion in total sales impacts and 439,000 jobs in 2015.

In summary, we, the undersigned, urge you to continue using the good judgment and support for the people of Connecticut that you are known for, and oppose all efforts to weaken the Magnuson-Stevens Act.
Act. Please work instead to help preserve both the commercial and recreational fisheries enjoyed by the people of Connecticut. Let’s continue to improve our natural resources so they may be enjoyed by our citizens and their children of future generations.

Thank you,

Patrick Abate, Madison, CT
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Quentin Kresser, Portland, CT
Andrew Kuczma, Clinton, CT
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My name is Peter Jenkins and I have owned the Saltwater Edge for twenty years. The Saltwater Edge is a tackle business in Middletown, RI with an online presence. I have moved the business several times to larger and larger locations over the years and now employ thirteen employees to varying degrees.

Rhode Island enjoys a rich recreational fishing history that surprising to some is on par with commercial fishing in terms of economic contribution. According to the National Oceanographic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and its 2017 ‘Fisheries Economics of the U.S.’ report recreational fishing in 2015 generated $332-million in sales, compared to commercial fishing generating $290-million in sales. So both recreational and commercial fishing are important to our economy.

What is most notable about recreational fishing in the Ocean State is that more than half the anglers are from out of state. These travelers choose Rhode Island for its wonderful access to the shoreline, to the water itself via numerous state boat ramps and charter operations and most importantly to the fish. That’s why it is so important to preserve our fisheries.

My employees and I have made a good living providing customers with what they need to fish successfully in saltwater. Recreational fishing and the wellbeing of the fish, however, are being threatened by those that hope to weaken the Magnuson-Stevens Act (MSA), the fishing law of this nation. Healthy fisheries support recreational fishing and are a vital part of the social identity and economic health of Aquidneck Island and Rhode Island.

There are bills in Congress that threaten sustainable fisheries, like H.R.200 and S.1520 (the Modern Fish Act), that are supported by special interest groups that want to make it easier to take more fish for short-term profit rather than sustainable long-term fisheries and economic stability. These bills are full of loopholes and exemptions that would reverse the progress made over two bipartisan revisions to the MSA. It’s the wrong direction to go.

MSA has successfully rebuilt 44 fish stocks since 2000 and is a shining star of bipartisan politics. Success has come from fishermen, managers, scientists and stakeholders working together with a long-term commitment to sustainability. Science-based Allowable Catch Limits (ACLs) have made sure we avoid overfishing and mandatory rebuilding time lines have ensured that fisheries are rebuilt in a timely manner rather than letting time lines slide to take more fish for short term gains.

Our U.S. Senators Whitehouse and Reed, and our Congressmen Langevin and Cicilline, have an opportunity to put the fish and fishermen first. The threats from bills like S.1520 and H.R.200 will only hurt recreational fishermen in Rhode Island and those like me (and my employees) that depend on healthy fish population in order to make a living. We need our Senators and Congressmen to oppose attempts to weaken the conservation measures in the MSA.
Let’s look at MSA in a bi-partisan way, out in the open that prioritizes conservation and longevity of our fisheries rather than short-term profit with long-term consequences.

Sincerely,
Peter Jenkins, Owner
The Saltwater Edge, Middletown, RI
Members of the United States Congress

RE: Reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Act

Dear Representatives and Senators;

We are a group of chefs, restaurant owners, and commercial and recreational fishers. Our businesses rely on healthy oceans, which is why we are vehemently opposed to both Rep. Don Young’s H.R. 200, the “Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management Act of 2017” and Roger Wicker’s S. 1520, the “Modern Fish Act.” These bills would weaken the Magnuson-Stevens Act, which brought science-based decision-making to fisheries management and has reduced overfishing rates to all-time lows in the recorded era.

H.R. 200 and S. 1520 would represent a significant step backward and hinder federal fisheries managers’ ability to rebuild and maintain sustainable fish stocks. They would weaken some of the most important measures adopted during previous reauthorizations and create exemptions that have the potential to render other management measures meaningless.

These bills threaten the MSA’s proven management measures and its strong accountability requirements—including the requirement to use science-based fishing catch limits. H.R. 200 and S. 1520 also threaten the scientific integrity of the stock assessment process.

Additionally, these bills would roll back the law’s successful rebuilding requirements by establishing broad loopholes that effectively remove reasonable time limits and allowing short-term economic concerns to trump the long-term economic and ecological health of the nation’s fish and fisheries. Economics would factor into setting catch limits. H.R. 200 and S. 1520 would broaden the categories of data deemed to be “best available science” to include information provided by sources untrained in scientific survey methods and data gathering.

Strong fishing communities depend on healthy fisheries. Anything that undermines conservation provisions or promotes greater uncertainty in fisheries management jeopardizes the livelihoods of fishermen, seafood business owners, and coastal communities throughout the country.

In addition, we have deep concerns about the effect that offshore finfish aquaculture has on our oceans and coastal fishing communities. MSA is a fisheries bill, and aquaculture has no place in it.

Thank you for supporting wild-caught fisheries and ecosystem-based management. Thank you for voting against H.R. 200 and S. 1520.

Sincerely,
Lucas Bissett, charter fishing captain, Low Tide Charters, Slidell, LA
Brandon Blackwell, chef and seafood wholesaler, Elysian Seafood, New Orleans, LA
Chris Borges, chef, Josephine-Estelle, New Orleans, LA
Ryan Bradley, director, Mississippi Commercial Fishermen United, Long Beach, MS
Daniel Breidlove, chef, Ruins Pub, Kansas City, MO
Dickie Brennan, owner, Dicke Brennan & Co. restaurant group, New Orleans, LA
James Bruce, commercial fisher, F/V Liar Liar, Dular, LA
Gavin Cady, chef-owner, 1,000 Figs, New Orleans, LA
Leah Chase, chef-owner, Dooky Chase’s, New Orleans, LA
Adrian Chellette, chef-owner, Ancora, New Orleans, LA
Jonathan Comeaux, seafood wholesaler, Inland Seafood, New Orleans, LA
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Kristen Essig, chef-owner, Coquette, New Orleans, LA
Patrick Feges, chef-owner, Feges BBQ, Houston, TX
Michael Gallina, chef-owner, Vicia, St. Louis, MO
Jason Goodenough, chef-owner, Carrollton Market, New Orleans, LA
Chris Hastings, chef-owner, Hot and Hot Fish Club, Birmingham, AL
Dana Honn, chef-owner, Cafe Carmo, New Orleans, LA
Michael Hudman, chef-owner, Andrew Michael restaurant group, Memphis, TN
Evan Ingram, chef, Effervescence, New Orleans, LA
Marcus Jacobs, chef-owner, Marjie’s Grill, New Orleans, LA
Phillip Lopez, chef, New Orleans, LA
Sheila Lucero, chef, Jax Fish House, Denver, CO
Charles Murley, chef-owner, Tacocat, New Orleans, LA
Jack Murphy, chef-owner, Pearl, San Francisco, CA
Lance Nacio, commercial fishing captain, Anna Marie Shrimp, Montegut, LA
Kevin Nashan, chef-owner, Sidney Street Cafe, St. Louis, MO
Ryan Pera, chef-owner, Agricole Hospitality, Houston, TX
Harlon Pearce, owner, Harlon’s LA Fish and Seafood, Kenner, LA
James Ponder, chef-owner, nom depot, New Orleans, LA
Monica Pope, chef-owner, Sparrow Cookshop, Houston, TX
Ryan Prewitt, chef, Pêche, New Orleans, LA
Todd Pulsinelli, chef, Restaurant August, New Orleans, LA
Colleen Quarls, chef, Turkey and the Wolf, New Orleans, LA
Luis Roger, chef-owner, BCN, Houston, TX
Brenna Sanders, chef, Effervescence, New Orleans, LA
Kevin Scribner, owner, Forever Wild Seafood, Portland, OR
Todd Schulte, chef-owner, Genesee Royale, Kansas City, MO
Mina Seck, chef-owner, Beets ‘n Thyme, New Orleans, LA
Chris Shepherd, chef-owner, Underbelly Hospitality, Houston, TX
Jennifer Sherrod, owner and seafo, Elysian Seafood, New Orleans, LA
Patrick Singley, owner, Gautreau’s, New Orleans, LA
Erin Smith, chef-owner, Feges BBQ, Houston TX
Colles Stowell, president, One Fish Foundation, Yarmouth, ME
Ben Tabor, chef-owner, Sneaky Pickle, New Orleans, LA
Andrew Ticer, chef-owner, Andrew Michael restaurant group, Memphis, TN
Joseph Tiedmann, chef, La Petite Grocery, New Orleans, LA
Steve Tomeny, charter and commercial fishing captain, Port Fourchon, LA
Marcus Woodham, chef, Bar Frances, New Orleans, LA
Rebecca Wilcomb, chef, Herbsaint, New Orleans, LA
Octavio Ycaza, chef-owner, Miti Miti, New Orleans, LA
Colin Zug-Moore, chef, Jayne, New Orleans, LA
July 9, 2018

Dear Representative:

As leading manufacturers, retailers, guides, outfitters and media serving the fly fishing industry, we write to urge you to oppose H.R. 200, a bill that threatens the health and abundance of marine fisheries. H.R. 200, the “Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management Act,” would amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA). The MSA has been methodically rebuilding fisheries decimated by once-rampant overfishing. Since 2000, forty-four previously overfished stocks have been fully rebuilt, and NOAA Fisheries just reported that the number of overfished stocks is at an all-time low.¹

Thriving and healthy fish populations are at the heart of our businesses, and saltwater fly fishing is a vibrant and growing segment of our industry. The Magnuson-Stevens Act is working as intended to maximize fishing opportunities while ensuring the long-term sustainability of marine fisheries. Yet the work is not done. While the science-based management required under the Magnuson-Stevens Act has dramatically reduced overfishing, fifteen percent (15%) of assessed fisheries are still overfished. Now is the time to double-down on our proven management system, not undermine it.

Unfortunately, H.R. 200 attacks the very provisions in the Magnuson-Stevens Act that are responsible for putting America’s ocean fish on a secure path to full recovery. If enacted, H.R. 200 would allow many different fisheries to be exempted from the annual catch limits and accountability measures identified by independent scientific bodies. Setting clear, science-based limits on catch and enforcing those limits is a hallmark of prudent management. H.R. 200 would also undermine the recovery of fisheries by allowing fisheries managers to relax timelines for rebuilding depleted stocks. Healthy fisheries support the greatest number of angling opportunities, and should be rebuilt as quickly as possible, as currently directed by the Magnuson-Stevens Act.

Make no mistake, H.R. 200 seeks to undermine our conservation progress in service of increasing short-term economic gain. As successful business leaders, we assure you that

prioritizing the health of our nation’s fishery resources is the best way to invest in American businesses like our own. We urge you to vote no on H.R. 200.

Sincerely,

Jeff Patterson, Abel Reels, Montrose, CO
Eli & Tara Lucas, Alaska Coastal Hunting, Kupreanof City, AK
Tim Romano, Angling Trade Media, Boulder, CO
Kirk Deeter, Angling Trade Media, Boulder CO
Greg Blessing, Blessing Enterprises, Colorado Springs, CO
Ted Upton, Cheeky Fishing, Watertown, MA
Ben Kurtz, Fishpond Inc., Denver, CO
John Torok, Hatch Outdoors Inc., Vista, CA
Rick Wittenbraker, Howler Brothers, Austin, TX
John Barrett, JB Fly Fishing, Peoria, AZ
Abbie Schuster, Kismet Outfitters, Martha’s Vineyard, MA
Bob Triggs, Little Stone Flyfisher, Port Townsend, WA
Lucas Bissett, Low Tide Charters, Slidell, LA
Tom Sadler, Middle River Group, Verona, VA
Colby Trow, Mossy Creek Fly Fishing, Harrisonburg, VA
Chris Gaggia, Patagonia, Ventura, CA
Corrine Doctor, RepYourWater, Erie, CO
Michelle East, River Sister Fly Fishing LLC, Colorado City, CO
Jeff Patterson, Ross Reels, Montrose, CO
Taylor Vavra, Stripers Forever, South Portland, ME
Art Web, Silver Kings Holdings Inc., Tavernier, FL
Tom Bie, The Drake Magazine, Denver, CO
Neville Orsmond, Thomas & Thomas, Greenfield, MA
Scott Hunter, Vedavoo, Leominster, MA
Ted Upton, Wingo Belts, Watertown, MA
Jim Klug, Yellow Dog Fly Fishing Adventures, Bozeman, MT
Dear Chairman Bishop and Ranking Member Grijalva,

I’m writing to urge you to oppose H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023 and any other proposed legislation that would undermined the conservation provisions of the Magnuson Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson Stevens Act).

I worked as a food policy analyst at the Cornucopia Institute and led sustainable seafood initiatives at PCC Community Markets in Seattle for nearly a decade, so I know firsthand the impact of rebuilding, protecting, and maintaining U.S. fisheries. The Seattle area has a vibrant food culture in which local, sustainable seafood plays no small part. PCC’s members and shoppers consume hundreds of thousands of pounds of wild Northwest salmon, halibut, tuna and other regional species annually. Over the years I’ve talked to countless consumers who say that access to abundant, healthy seafood is one of the great benefits of living here.

Sustainable fisheries satisfy our appetites for delicious seafood — but they also are vital to the health of our environment and local economy. Puget Sound is home to more than 200 different species of fish, each with a unique role in the marine ecosystem. Robust fish stocks provide a key marker of the health of our environment. Thousands of fishermen who make their living in West Coast waters live in Seattle during the off-season, and the commercial fishing industry contributes billions of dollars to our state’s economy.

H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023 would weaken the management of West Coast fisheries. These two bills would increase the risk of overfishing and threaten the progress we’ve made rebuilding vulnerable fish populations. They would undermine years of strong science-based management and exempt many fish populations from science-based annual catch limits.

There’s strong evidence that fisheries management can work. 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. Since 2000 alone, 43 once-depleted fish populations across the U.S. have been rebuilt to healthy levels. Here on the West Coast, seven species of ground fish have been rebuilt years ahead of schedule because of the MSA.
Please oppose H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023 and any other legislation that would jeopardize the progress the United States has made in rebuilding and stabilizing fish populations. Instead, take the opportunity to help build a stronger future for fish, fishermen, businesses, and communities that depend on healthy, abundant oceans.

Sincerely,

Eli Penberthy

Eli Penberthy
December 11, 2017

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

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

[Signature]
November 20, 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:

I, Barbara Clabots, 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).

As a lifelong resident of Washington State, coastal communities in my state rely on healthy, abundant fish populations, especially of salmon, and any legislation that would weaken its management should not move forward in this Congress.

H.R. 200 and H.R. 2023 would increase the risk of overfishing. This is an unacceptable risk for a very vulnerable population.

The Coast Salish and Chemacum-descendant communities, particularly the Makah Nation, Quileute Tribe, Hoh Tribe, and Quinault Indian Nation, are particularly dependent on robust fish populations. Due to their geographic and economic isolation from the wealth of the Puget Sound area, it is crucial to their survival to access local seafoods for subsistence and commercial fisheries.

Indigenous communities in Washington State have long held high standards for sustainable fisheries and sacrificed greatly. In recent years, many indigenous communities have voluntarily forgone fishing specific salmon runs in order to rebuild the stocks. Their sacrifice should remind you that it is not always easy to do the right thing, but it is certainly possible.

It is our moral responsibility to respect indigenous rights with formal policy-making. We can do that by upholding strong fisheries conservation policies like the Magnuson Stevens Act.

I 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,

Barbara Clabots
Barbara Clabots
Master of Marine Affairs, University of Washington
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,

As a small business owner, I 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).

Legislation that would hurt my business and those of others in my community, as well as weaken the management here in New Jersey, 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 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 to end fishing at unsustainable rates and put flounder on the road to recovery.

I 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,

Gerri Jannarone
11 Lebanon Ave
Brielle, NJ 08730
December 7, 2017

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

As a recreational angler, I 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).

When I go out fishing, I rely on healthy, abundant fish populations. Any legislation that would weaken the management of these fish should not move forward in this Congress.

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Here in New Jersey, we rely on recreational fishing for our enjoyment as well as the local and state economy. Without a stable population of fish, New Jersey’s tourism industry would take a huge hit.

I 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,

Michael Megill
Little Silver, NJ
November 9, 2017

The Honorable Rob Bishop
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Washington, D.C. 20515

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Sincerely,

Nick Williams
Neptune Township
New Jersey
November 9, 2017

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Dear Chairman Bishop and Ranking Member Grijalva,

As a recreational angler, I 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).

When I go out fishing, I rely on healthy, abundant fish populations. Any legislation that would weaken the management of these fish should not move forward in this Congress.

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Here in New Jersey, we rely on recreational fishing for our enjoyment as well as the local and state economy. Without a stable population of fish, New Jersey’s tourism industry would take a huge hit.

I 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 Dement
67 Roosevelt Circle West
Red Bank, NJ 07701
Dear Chairman Bishop and Ranking Member Grijalva,

As a conservationist, I 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).

When I go out fishing, I rely on healthy, abundant fish populations, especially of fish abundant off the Jersey Shore—any legislation that would weaken the management of these fish 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.

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I 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,

Steve Clayton
Dear Chairman Bishop and Ranking Member Grijalva,

As a Chef 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).

When I go out fishing, I rely on healthy, abundant fish populations, especially of summer flounder. Any legislation that would weaken the management of these fish should not move forward in this Congress.

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Sustainable fisheries are vital to our shore economy, fresh fish bring customers into our restaurants.

I 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,

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