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Chairman Raúl Grijalva
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U.S. House of Representatives
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Chairman Jared Huffman
Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife
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Dear Chairman Grijalva and Chairman Huffman,

As you proceed with efforts to investigate our nation's fisheries and reform the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, I hope you will prioritize measures that support the socio-economic status of the recreational and commercial fishing communities.

Fisheries science is complex. Management practices should account for this by incorporating flexible timelines for rebuilding stressed, federally-managed stocks instead of arbitrary deadlines that are not based in sound science. Additionally, recreational and commercial fishermen would greatly benefit from a predictable scientific and management regime. Healthy fish stocks are a priority we all share. Reforms to Magnuson-Stevens to build thriving fish stocks need not conflict with reforms that likewise bolster these important American industries and traditions.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,



FRANK PALLONE, JR.
Member of Congress