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The Honorable Cliff Bentz
Chairman, Natural Resources Subcommittee
on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Bentz:

Enclosed is a response prepared by the Department of the Interior to the question for the record submitted to Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks Matthew J. Strickler following his appearance at the September 28, 2023, legislative hearing before your subcommittee.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to you on this matter.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure
cc: The Honorable Jared Huffman
Ranking Member

Question for the Record
House Natural Resources
Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries Subcommittee
Legislative Hearing
September 28, 2023

Question from Representative Murphy

Question 1: Would Mr. Strickler be willing to meet with Alderman Tom Leonard at North Topsail Beach to survey the 590 acres of land that H.R. 2437 would take out of CBRS zone known as Unit L06?

Response: The Department of the Interior (Department) appreciated the opportunity to testify before the Subcommittee during this hearing, including on H.R. 2437. We thank you for your interest in the Coastal Barrier Resources Act and appreciate the invitation to meet with Alderman Leonard in North Topsail Beach. We would be glad to follow up with your office regarding scheduling a possible visit with a representative of the Department.