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

The Honorable Raúl Grijalva Ranking Member Committee on Natural Resources 1329 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Bishop and Ranking Member Grijalva,

Nearly 300 chefs, restauranteurs and seafood suppliers from 24 states<sup>1</sup> signed onto the attached letter, stating their unequivocal support for a strong fisheries management system that addresses 21<sup>st</sup> 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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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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