



## LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS

May 29, 2015

United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

**Re: Oppose H.R. 1335, A Partisan Attack on Sustainable Fisheries Management and Other Bedrock Environmental Laws**

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. 1335**, a partisan attempt to reauthorize and amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act). This legislation takes us backward by undermining decades of successful sustainable fisheries management and is contradictory to the last two strongly bipartisan reauthorizations of the Magnuson-Stevens Act in 1996 and 2006. In addition to harmful rollbacks to fisheries law, this bill would erode other bedrock environmental laws including the Antiquities Act, Endangered Species Act, National Environmental Policy Act, and National Marine Sanctuaries Act.

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 and rollback other environmental laws.

We urge you to **REJECT H.R. 1335**. While no amendment outcomes will change our opposition to the underlying bill, we urge you to oppose any anti-environment amendments and support pro-environment amendments. We will strongly consider including votes on this bill in the 2015 Scorecard.

Sincerely,

Gene Karpinski  
President