

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Mr. Marc Gorelnik
Chair, Council Coordination Committee and
Chair, Pacific Fishery Management Council
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Dear Mr. Gorelnik,

We are pleased to have introduced H.R. 4690, the Sustaining America's Fisheries for the Future Act, legislation that would reauthorize and provide much-needed updates to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Management and Conservation Act (MSA). We would like to formally request the feedback of the eight fishery management councils on the introduced legislation.

As you well know, the MSA has not been updated since 2006. In this new era of climate change, advancing technologies, and changing ocean use, our fisheries management and fishing communities need an MSA that is updated to address those challenges. During the drafting of this reauthorization, we followed a stakeholder-driven, science-based process. We conducted rigorous outreach and stakeholder engagement, including 8 public listening sessions around the country, and incorporated the viewpoints and proposals heard during those discussions as much as possible. Changes were also made to the legislation based on consideration of feedback from over 50 organizations and individuals that sent comments on the discussion draft released in December 2020.

The feedback of the fishery management councils on this legislation will be invaluable to the integrity of this bill as we refine it, and we appreciate your time and thoughtfulness in your responses. We respectfully request your feedback by September 30th, 2021. The text of the bill is attached. Should you have any questions regarding this request, please reach out to Casey MacLean, legislative assistant to Representative Huffman, at Casey.MacLean@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,



Jared Huffman
Member of Congress



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