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December 16, 2011

The Honorable Doc Hastings
Chairman
House Committee on Natural Resources
1203 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Hastings,

Thank you for holding the December 1st legislative hearing on Magnuson-Stevens reform legislation, including H.R. 2772. This hearing brought to light many problems with federal fishing policy as well as a number of bills that seek to remedy these issues.

H.R. 2772, The Saving Fishing Jobs Act of 2011 is one of these remedies and we formally request a full committee mark up of this bill as soon as possible. This bi-partisan legislation has cosponsors from every region impacted by its provisions including; New England, Mid-Atlantic, Southeast, and the Gulf.

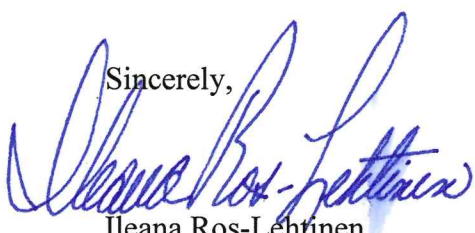
Time is running out for fishermen in our districts. Every day we delay action we risk the jobs of more fishermen. This is a jobs bill and with unemployment at 8.6% we need to act now. This legislation is endorsed by industry, the Garden State Seafood Association, and the consumer group, Food and Water Watch.

Thank you for your consideration of this legislation, and thank you for your continued strong leadership of the committee.

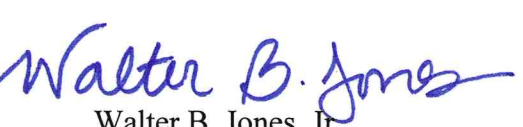
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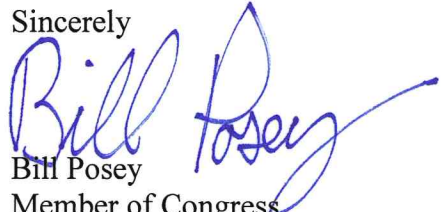
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