

### Generic ACL/AM Amendment Summary of Written Public Comment

In addition to the comments provided during the scoping meetings, the following written comments were submitted to the Council regarding the Generic ACL/AM Amendment:

Two petition letters with a total of 1267 signatures, of which 287 signers also sent personal comments (petition and sample e-mails attached) requesting that the Council establish strong, precautionary rules when implementing annual catch limits and accountability measures, and that following key principles be applied:

- Develop clear control rules and procedures to ensure annual catch limits account for scientific and management uncertainty
- Incorporate both landed catch and bycatch when calculating total catch
- Use “annual catch targets” and set them below required catch limits
- Design accountability measures that prevent limits from being exceeded, and ensure when overages occur the subsequent year’s catch is reduced by the value equal to the overage
- Specify separate annual catch limits, targets and accountability measures for commercial and recreational sectors

The petition cover letter also notes that 177 signers are licensed recreational fishermen from throughout the Gulf of Mexico region.

Another letter opposes the implementation of Annual Catch Limits and Accountability measures for the recreational sector. The reason stated is because there is no recreational data system in place, nor will there be for several years, preventing the proper use of ACLs and AMs for recreational fisheries. The writer suggests postponing the implementation of ACLs and AMs until the recreational data system is able to account for real effort, catch and discards. (copy attached.)

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RE: Scoping Comments on Generic Amendment – Annual Catch Limits & Accountability Measures.

Dear Chairman Shipp and fellow Council members,

Please accept as public comment, the attached letter with 177 signatures from licensed recreational fishermen throughout the Gulf of Mexico Region who support Ocean Conservancy's Sustainable Fisheries Campaign. **Approximately 57 of the people who signed onto this letter took the time to also write a personal statement about why this is important to them for your consideration.**

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



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Dr. Robert Shipp, Chair  
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Dr. Shipp,

The 2007 amendments to the Magnuson Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act were an important step towards ending overfishing and safeguarding the sustainability of our nation's fisheries. Healthy Gulf of Mexico fish populations are important to me personally as an angler, and vital to the ecology and economy of our region. I am writing to urge the Gulf of Mexico Fisheries Management Council to establish strong, precautionary rules when implementing annual catch limits and accountability measures for Gulf fisheries.

The following are key principles, consistent with the Magnuson-Stevens Act and the National Standard 1 guidelines, that should be applied:

- Develop clear control rules and procedures to ensure that annual catch limits account for uncertainty in scientific and management information.
- Incorporate both landed catch and bycatch, a significant source of mortality for many managed species, when calculating total catch.
- Use "annual catch targets" and set them below required catch limits according to the uncertainty managers' have in constraining catch and preventing overfishing.
- Design accountability measures that prevent limits from being exceeded, and ensure that when overages occur, the subsequent year's catch is reduced by the value equal to the overage.
- Specify separate annual catch limits, targets, and accountability measures for commercial and recreational fishermen. Holding fishing sectors individually accountable provides an incentive to stay within allowable limits. If an entire fishery is penalized for overfishing, when only a single sector is responsible for the overage, there is little incentive to stay within catch limits.

The Gulf's ecology and the economy of our coastal towns depend on healthy, vibrant fisheries. Implementing strong, precautionary rules for establishing annual catch limits, targets, and accountability measures will help prevent overfishing and ensure a sustainable future in the Gulf of Mexico.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Wilson	Knox-Bagwell	Earleton	FL	Alaska has shown that SERIOUS and EFFECTIVE fishing controls will RESTORE overfished populations. ALL it takes is the GUTS and WILLPOWER, something seriously missing from this group forever. DO IT or the fish will be GONE FOREVER!!!
Kristina	Jackson	Gainesville	FL	As a FLoridian sustainable fishing is VERY important to our quality of life & economy. Please respect the intent of the Mag-Stevens Act and end overfishing in the Gulf!
Jose	Perez		FL	As a recent graduate looking for a graduate school opportunity to work with grouper ecology I feel gag and other grouper are very important predators in these ecosystems. Please take the needed measures to ensure that grouper fisheries are sustainable.
Robert	Smyth	Clearwater	FL	As a recreational fisherman, boat owner, diver, and consumer of seafood I am concerned about the current state of fisheries and that fact that so many are currently overfished or experiencing overfishing. Please take action to stop this now.
Jacqueli	Minniti	Treasure Island	FL	As a resident of coastal Pinellas County, I am very concerned about maintaining the health of the Gulf waters. Our economy and our quality of life depends on the environmental integrity of the Gulf of Mexico.
Anthony	Cortez	Gainesville	FL	As an advocate for the ocean, I realize that it is extremely important to sustainably manage our resources so that we do not cause ecological collapse and disaster within our natural environments. Please support this cause!

Lisa	Jelks	Gainesville	FL	As an angler I know first hand how the destructive, non-sustainable practices have affected our fishing resource. Soon it will be too late to do anything. Please act now!
Victor	Mustelier	Miami	FL	As an experienced fisherman i have been able to notice the decline in fishing reports locally since the past 4 years. The decreasing population not only affects the ecosystems but also the economy in tourism and our fishing industries.
Fox	Shimani		LA	Come on, guys, dont be greedy
Peter	Bouley		FL	
Raymond	Collins	Miami	FL	Do the right thing
terry	strong davis	deerfield beach	FL	EAT IT ALL. We are too greedy, we catch too much, a great deal is wasted. We are a nation of excess. We need to control what is caught and how.
Ann Marie	Daly	Port St. Joe	FL	Everyone is racing to catch the last fish in the ocean..... please reconsider the foolishness of 'catch & release' - it doesn't work. We live on the water and we know. Thank you.
Kathleen	Patton	Key West	FL	Generations to come wil thank you for perserving their rights as Americans to fish.
Greg	Sparks	Leander	TX	gulf snapper are almost gone!!!!!!
Douglas	Toney	Allen	TX	I am a salt water fisherman.
Luis	Cabrera	Miami	FL	I am an avid fishing enthusiast,and I can honestly say that their is steep decline in the variety and size of fish in the Gulf of Mexico. I have been coming to the Ft.Meyers and Sanibel Island coast for over 20 years and have seen this dramatic decrease.
Peter	Lombardo	Cape Coral	FL	

E.A.	Eich		FL	I grew up in Florida and I work for a government agency involved in environmental protection now and from both personal and professional experience I feel strongly that more regulations and limits are needed as the populations I saw in the past are gone.
paul	williams	st petersburg	FL	I have approx 50 years experience in Gulf of Mexico enterprises such as charter fishing diveshop ownership etc
Jay	Morren	Garland	TX	I live in Texas and I fish the Gulf. I'd like future generations to have a good time recreationally fishing in the Gulf too. Let's work together and make it happen!
Pamela	Reber	gilchrist	TX	I love to fish an pass down the love for fishing to my grandsons but at the rate of commercial fishing going overboard an just plain folks keeping to small of fish they will not be able to pass it down to their grandchildren for there wont be the any fish
Tami	Chrisope	Lake Charles	LA	If overfishing is not stopped then there will never be a way for our children to fish for certain things. The greed of this generation has to stop.
Leslie	Mccollom	Austin	TX	If you don't get this right now, it is very likely going to be too late for many stocks.
Dakota	Taylor		TX	Im a big fisherman i enjoy every bit of it. But we have to conserve what we have! If we follow regulation and fish smarter we can continue doing what we do! If not our children will never expirence it!
Christine	Dvorak		FL	It is our intention that fishing is done with sustainability in mind, so we can rely on our oceans in perpetuity.

Ryan	Druyor	St.Petersburg	FL	It might take some convincing on the side of the fishermen, but if there are no fish to catch who is looking out for their survival, not themselves obviously. Develop the best estimates of catch limits and stick to what science has to say.
Dante	Massi		FL	Keeping fishes in the ocean will sustain humankind and the ecosystem for future generations.
Leigh	Emerson-Smith	S Miami	FL	Let's be reasonable and maintain a sustainable future
Elizabeth	A. Camp	Copperhill	TN	My husband is the fisherman of our family but he believes in catch and release. We must protect our fresh water fish and salt water fish. Please enforce rules to prevent overfishing.
Timothy	Gudukas		AK	No brainer. It's time to understand what sustainability really is and then APPLY it. Oh, yeah, and let's move past the \$\$\$ signs and begin to take better care of our planet... OUR HOME.
Erin	Clancy	Coconut Grove	FL	Now is the time to save the fisheries- we have an obligation to the generations to come. Please take brave and bold action to ensure their survival.
Christel	Vinson		FL	Once the fish are gone, there is no going back. We have to change the attitude of the 'ME' generation and start acknowledging that we are the stewards of this world, not its rulers.
Jerry	Cravey	Palm Coast	FL	Over fishing is depleting our valuable fish stock. Please stop it now!
Debra	Ozenick	Arlington	TX	Overfishing is as simple as the fact that it is wasteful and detrimental to the survival of all species!
Joan	Sessions	PORT CHARLOTTE	FL	please do not take our seas for granted. we must learn to

manage what we have.

Randy	Moore		FL	
Douglas	Harper		FL	Please help do your part to keep our water's ecosystem healthy and fishing at a sustainable limit. Thank you very much. Sincerely, Doug Harper
Donald	Shubert		FL	Please help the Gulf
Mike	Powers	Haines City	FL	Please help to protect our fisheries. When they are gone it will be too late. Thank you.
Dan	Vorderbrueggen	Plano	TX	Please leave the fish come back naturally without overfishing or destroying their habitat?
Robin	Barnes		FL	Please try to make better rules to protect fisheries better than they are protected as of now.
James	Kern	Saint Augustine	FL	Please use science based fisheries management and sustainable limits. Thank you.
TONY	MARTINEZ	sugar land	TX	red snapper is in danger in texas for overfishing, i have seen also oriental markets selling fish that is not off legal size
Stacy	Dunn	Crystal River	FL	
Brett	Crawford		AL	The time is now.
Beth	Schwander	Metairie	LA	The waters belong to everyone. We must conserve resources based on scientific facts and not let greed rule. I want my children to be able to catch fish and enjoy our resources. Be smart, be accountable, do not overfish.
William	Klock	Watauga	TX	This subject is easy keep the population good maintain the population or even raise it for future generations
Kate	Goodson	Virginia Beach	VA	We all need to do what we can to protect our planets resources, they can be limitless if protected properly. Thank you for your time in this matter. Kate Goodson

T	Logan	Austin	TX	we are a family of fisherman who support protecting marine life and environment
Diane	Price	Carrollton	TX	We are barely holding on with the fish left in our oceans. Please make every effort to prevent overfishing in the Gulf.
Lisa	Urbanski		TX	We have got to think about the future. I need my grandchildren to enjoy every opportunity to see and enjoy every fish species and the beautiful clean oceans.
William	Dolly	McAlpin	FL	We may need these resources to survive as a species ourselves. Without food we'll die.
Amanda	Glaze	Yulee	FL	We need guidelines set so our Oceans can still be plentiful for the next generations. If we over fish now this will be bad news later on.
Jane	Miller		FL	We need to be looking long term into this matter. Short term thinking is not the answer. We are responsible for the future.
Elizabeth	Schlein	Houston	TX	We need to save the fish.
emily	petitt		FL	We should stop all fishing boat trawlers. Our only seafood source should be man made fisheries! We are killing the ocean from over-fishing.
Richard	Grove	New Smyrna Beach	FL	You know fishermen, sport or commercial will never admit to a conservation step that will inhibit their fishing but clearly for the sake of this planet, science and intellectual direction needs to prevail. Please put the necessary measures in place
Judith	Therrell	Bay St. Louis	MS	You know the responsible thing to do - now please do it to keep the Gulf healthy.
Thomas	Franklin	Daytona Beach	FL	
diane	Arrieta	Spring	TX	
Dave	Howard	Gulfport	FL	
Deb	Neerman	West Palm Beach	FL	

Paul	King	Venice	FL
Joanne	Ryan		FL
John	Lambert	SPRINGHILL	FL
Mary	Sweet	San Antonio	TX
Edwin	Fox	Nokomis	FL
Kelly	Robertson	Jupiter	FL
Michael	Krieger	Miami Beach	FL
Wendy	Maus	Jupiter	FL
Bob	Williamson	Baton Rouge	LA
Robert H.	Pike	Homestead,	FL
cheryl	anderson	cape coral	FL
William	Tremear	New Smyrna Beach	FL
Teresa	Williamson	Sanger	TX
sabrina	habib	Gville	FL
Tamera	Askew	Lake Worth	FL
Brendy	Drumheller	Opelika	AL
Jayd	Torchia	Spring	TX
Kevin	Grossman	College Station	TX
Mark	Roman	St. Petersburg	FL
Erin	Shannon	DELRAY BEACH	FL
Scott	Sikorski	Cape Coral	FL
Robert	Taylor	League City	TX
nicholas	campbell	covington	LA
Machelle	Smith	Garland	TX
Brenda	Sikorski		FL
Bruce	Purdy	Scottsboro	AL
patricia m	lasek		NY
Phil	Craggs	Bradenton	FL
David	Daniels	Red Oak	TX
Dale	Colby		FL
Gary	Grossman	Houston	TX
Michael	Neary	Venice	FL
Kimberly	Schmidt	De Leon Springs	FL
Walter	Duke	Clewiston	FL
Misty	Hamilton	port saint lucie	FL
Austin	Powell	Pflugerville	TX
Lindsay	Wheary		FL
Tim	Miller	Pensacola	FL
Crystal	von Kruger	Loxahatchee	FL
David	Batson	Miami	FL
Bonnie	Lindsey	New Smyrna	FL
Miguel	Vasquez	Miami	FL
Lynn	Houston	Satellite Beach	FL
Alma	Howington	Dania Beach	FL
Djuana	Dolan		FL
Don	Rose	Largo	FL
Virginia	Ferriero	Clearwater	FL
Claudia A.	Chaffin	Austin	TX
Kelly	Payne	Key West	FL
Christina	Hopewell	Venice	FL

Rachel	Garibay- Wynnberry	Sarasota	FL
Annette	Long	Chiefland	FL
Pat and Gary	Gover	Fairhope	AL
Joseph	Bradley	Converse	TX
Kristin	Beebe	Tuscaloosa	AL
Tattiana	Delfino	Boynton Beach	FL
Melissa	Gaskins	Tallahassee	FL
amy	lee	indialantic	FL
John	Williams	Moss Point	MS
Duane	Wicklund	Fruitland Park	FL
terry	west	Morgantown	WV
Jennifer	Kilgore		AR
Kelly	Hood	Loxahatchee	FL
Paul	Verzosa	Tampa	FL
Laura	Hester	Gainesville	FL
Cindy	Haynes	Apopka	FL
Holly	Swint	Riverview	FL
Jose	Ramirez	Orlando	FL
Kristin	Kavanagh	Austin	TX
Diane	Gentile	Fort Lauderdale	FL
Joyce	Gentile	Westminster	CO
Joelle	Hildebrand	Aurora	CO
Ruben	Del Pilar	West Palm Beach	FL
Vince	Mendieta	Austin	TX
Dave	Byrne	Austin	TX
Stephen	Gerwer	Port Saint Lucie	FL
Michael	Adler	Gainesville	FL
joy	ellis	amarillo	TX
Steven	Keltz	Miami	FL
Nikki	Manns	Fort Worth	TX
Carrie	Crady	Fort Pierce	FL
Steven	Edmonds	Inglis	FL
rebecca	schopfer	sarasota	FL
Nicholas	Santoro	N Ft Myers	FL
Bill	Barrows	Houston	TX
Alita	Bagley	South Padre Island	TX
William	Ahern	Galveston	TX
Jason	Lockwood	Waxahachie	TX
Angela	Lang	Tampa	FL
Paul And Lynde	Williams	Denton	TX
Richard	Sall	Marathon	FL
Steve	Boyce	Saint Petersburg	FL
Adam	Buhring	Orlando	FL
Anthony	Gerst		IA
Lee	Patrizzi	Chuluota	FL
Lainie	Durivou	new port richey	FL
evelyn	fisher		WA
Jessica	Pulfer		FL

TJ	Marshall	Miami Beach	FL
Scott	Dubois	Austin	TX
Lori	Sherry	San Antonio	TX
Michael	Black	Beaumont	TX
Thomas	Peel	Fort Myers	FL
Dorinda	Scott	Austin	TX
Deborah	Lyle-Dysart	Leander	TX
Elaine	Berg	Keller	TX
Rodolfo	Colberg	Houston	TX
Melinda	Henderson	Naples	FL
Tammy	Roberts	Middleburg	FL
Aaron	Binns		FL
Christopher	Pomeroy	Austin	TX
Fairbrother	Christa	Guldfport	FL
Robert	Wolf	Naples	FL

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Dear Chairman Shipp and fellow Council members,

Attached you will find a comment letter with 1090 signatures from coastal residents, divers, seafood lovers and ocean enthusiasts throughout the Gulf of Mexico region regarding the Generic Amendment on Annual Catch Limits & Accountability Measures.

Roughly 230 of the people who signed onto this letter also took the time to write a personal statement about why this is important to them. We ask that you please include this material in scoping comments on this important issue

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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Adriana	Faraldo	PEMBROKE PINES	FL	"What we do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make." ___Jane Goodall
Amy	Parsons	St. Petersburg	FL	After that summer of 2005 horrendous red tide, the the sea life in the bay and gulf areas really never recovered from what it was before that. Over fishing is a combined stress on what can survive in the local waters. Please take notice. Its

easy to do.

Bonnie	New		TX	Again, I urge you to take the lead in establishing strong, precautionary rules when implementing annual catch limits and accountability measures for Gulf fisheries.
Rosana	Millard	Fort Lauderdale	FL	All critters are important to me.
Dave	Griswold	N Miami Beach	FL	All our waters and fisheries are connected here in Florida. We must protect them all, or we will harm them all.
John	Runte	Pflugerville	TX	Although I currently do not have my state fishing license, I am an avid scuba diver and would like to see conservation efforts and better management practices of all things aquatic.
Peggy	Goldberg	Citra	FL	As a diver and underwater photographer, I see first hand the results of overfishing and the effect on the ecosystem - we hope it is not too late to fix this.
Tim	Duda	San Antonio	TX	As a long time Texas resident, I see the Gulf Of Mexico as a vital eco-system requiring protection from overfishing and pollution. We must insist on a sustainability policy that will insure that the Gulf continues to be a rich source of marine life.
David	Berkshire	Houston	TX	As a passionate consumer of seafood, I want there to be a continued source of it into the future.
Ada	Long		FL	As a resident in the Gulf (on St. George Island), I am especially concerned about maintaining the health of the fish populations.
Cindy	Martinage	Fernandina	FL	As a resident of FL and one who often travels to Japan, I see the devastating results of overfishing. Please set sustainable fishing limits so we all have fish in the sea (and not just jelly fish - a result of not enough fish to eat the larvae).
Matthew	Travers	Matlacha	FL	As a resident that lives on the Gulf of Mexico , I don't want to see our waters all fished out because of commercial greed .

Edward	Weingarten	Jacksonville	FL	As someone who has a residence in FL near the inter-coastal and enjoys it's waters across the state, I am asking you to please do the right thing regarding sensible limits towards the goal of sustainability.
Linda T.	Haney	Pensacola	TX	As you know we are already experiencing overfishing. Time to put a Stop to it in every way we can. Our future resources and health needs require strong management. We trust you to speak and act for us.
Janet	Molchan	Fort Lauderdale	FL	At some point we will hit critical levels that fish will not recover from. Use of nature is not a free for all and need to be managed for the benefit of all stakeholders.
Phyllis	Nycum		FL	Being a Floridian who grew up on the west coast, this matter is extremely important to my family and myself. Between overfishing and pollution, our oceans and marinelife are in critical need of help. Please do something for our environmental future! Thx
Jeanne	Rothchild	Miami	FL	By taking action today, we can protect future fish stocks, as well as limit unwanted bycatch, thus sustaining the health of our Gulf waters. Protecting our planets resources today will protect the lives of our children's children.
Barbara	Brodbeck	Palm Beach Gardens	FL	Common sense must rule, no overfishing.
William	Lurie	Green Acres	FL	Conserve the resource. Protect and defend it, don't let it disappear!
Julia	Zaborovsky	Austin	TX	Dear Sir, overfishing is unsustainable and will hurt everyone without exception in the not too distant future. Please take responsibility entrusted to you in your work and implement necessary actions!
Joanne	Jensen	Apopka	FL	Dear Sirs, Please help protect our oceans from overfishing. It's sad to think that people are so greedy that they are willing to cause the extinction of many species for the sake of money. Please help.
martha	perez	Austin	TX	Depletion is bad business

Alan	Freed		FL	Dr. Shipp, The above communication seems to say it all. I can only say please abide by the above guidelines. We must exercise responsibility as we are the stewards of this earth and all living creatures. Thank you.
Mark	Robbins		FL	Earth has some important renewal resources, and our ocean's fish are one of them. Unless we turn it into a non-renewable resource. Think about our children and the world we want them to live in.
Brett	Olson	Ft. Lauderdale	FL	Ecosystem collapse must be reversed!
Arlin	Morales	PSL	FL	Every creature in this world has it's place. Stop over fishing! It's not just for the fish, it's for the entire balance of this world.
Barbara	West	Boulder City	NV	Everything in moderation! If man could learn to think about the future and less about his "deep pockets" and the money he wants in them, our planet would be so much better off...
Cindy	Anders	Middleburg	FL	Fish are a very important food source. One of the best and we need to be responsible to make sure they are taken care of. Clean waters and a chance to live and grow. Man needs to wake up. Its now that we need to cut back on our own growth!
Lucinda-Jane	Chastain		FL	Fish is one of our healthiest protein sources,we must ensure it will be available for future generations, together with the employment opportunities that a healthy fishing industry provides. Procrastination leads to annihilation.
Eric	West	Daytona Beach	FL	Fixing what we have screwed up will get a lot of folks mad in the beginning, but when the fish come back things will work out and give credibiltiy to this action.
Carmen	Martell	El Paso	TX	God gave this beautiful earth to us humans to enjoy and take care of(Psalms 115:16). The earth is where God himself lays down his feet. So imagine this privilege! The earth is supposed to always be clean and beautiful.
Richard Theresa	Poole Lianzi	Longwood Hollywood	FL FL	Healthy fisheries are important to our economy. Fish should be a part of a healthy diet. We can have neither of these

if we do not maintain our fish stocks.

Francine	Hasenbein	Cullman	AL	Help save the fish.
Sigrid	Benson	Gulf Breeze	FL	Here in the Pensacola area fishing is livehood and recreation for many people. Please make sure there are fish to be caught.
John	De Silva	Gotha	FL	How long will this message have to be repeated? How long does the logic fall on deaf ears? Responsible management which involves ending overfishing needs to be implemented and sustained. Demand will only increase as populations increase.
Ashley	Delameter	Dothan	AL	
R.	Mesavage	Winter Park	FL	
Barbara	Brown	Hattiesburg	MS	I am a 75 year young widow who has in the past enjoyed fishing with my husband but am no longer able to do this. Please implement strong rules for limits,targets and accountability measures so that others may continue to enjoy fishing.
Dana	Harlan	Dania Beach	FL	I am a Marine Biology student and take underwater photographs of the fish and coral in this area. If it isn't protected and replenished, then this ecosystem will be extinct and all sorts of problems will occur. We need our fish. Stop overfishing!!
David	Samek	Dunnellon	FL	I am a SCUBA diver and am concerned about conserving all sea life.
Holly	Dixon	Gainesville	FL	I am a South Florida native and I grew up in the 70s snorkling with my dad. It is a shame that with today's technology we haven't been able to figure out a way to keep our fish populations at a healthy level.
Raman	Rajagopalan	Dallas	TX	I am concerned about over harvesting any natural food source, especially by commercial means that don't even differentiate (cannot because of means!) between what is to be harvested and bycatch.

Rosemary	Homeister	Miramar	FL	i am very concerned about my environment and very angry at people that misuse it. i implore you to fish with a concious and to develop a love of all life
Norma	Hamilton	Punta Gorda	FL	I BELIEVE THAT OVERFISHING IS RISKING DEPLETION OF FISH STOCKS TO THE POINT OF NO RETURN.
Tierney	Grinavic	Huntingtown	MD	I care about all sea life and our Oceans are in trouble we need to help and protect the marine life now!
dogan	ozkan	Hazel Green	AL	i care about the gulf
Jenette	Champagne	The Woodlands	TX	I do not eat meat, only fish, so I need this as my primary source of protein. I do not want to do anything that would jeopardize the future fish supplies.
kristen	Breitweg			I DO NOT FEEL WE NEED TO TAKE ANYMORE, YES, I BUY FROZEN FISH AS ITS ALREADY "DEAD" BUT I'D GIVE IT UP TO STOP BIG TIME BUSSINESS. AND GET MY OWN . AT LEAST IT WOULDNT TAKE EVERYTHING, OUT OF OUR OCEANS.
Laura	Garden		FL	I don't go fishing because it is cruel, but I went along with some friends that were fishing in the keys, and in 3 days they didn't catch ONE fish that was big enough to take out of the water, or legal fishing size. OVERFISHING!!!!
Phil	Hampton	Orlando	FL	I don't have a state fishing license because I am 78 years old. However I had licenses and was an avid fisherman for many years. I saw the fishing improvements when gill-net fishing was abolished. We need regulation to preserve our fisheries.
Mary	Leon	San Antonio	TX	I don't want to see a world without fish!
Irene	Bohmann	Houston	TX	I ENJOY EATING FISH. I WORRY THAT THE TIME'S COMING WHEN THERE WON'T BE ENOUGH FOR EVERYONE. ALL I CAN DO IS ASK THAT FISHING IN THE GULF BE DONE JUDICIOUSLY W/ALL OUR INTERESTS PROTECTED.
Jennifer	Sylvia		FL	I feel we, as stewards of our planet, have an obligation of sustainability. As the most"advanced" species are we that ignorant to our own destruction? I hope you, as a person who has a position of

authority, will not be so indulgent to greed.

Rachel	Stone	Austin	TX	I grew up on the coast of Galveston and have seen the devastation that over-fishing, pollution, and poor beach planning has caused. Our waters and beaches are our resource and linking gift to our future.
Gloria	Tyler		TX	I grew up on the Gulf Coast in Corpus Christi. I can remember when the fish were abundant. That is not so any longer. I totally support any process that will prevent overfishing.
Samuel	McCulloch	San Marcos	TX	I grew up on the Texas Coast when there were Tarpon Rodeos. But no longer, because the unthinking, uncaring people who conducted these events did not follow simple logic. Use up the resources and wonder where they went. Don't let this happen again.
Carol	Martin	Joshua	TX	I grew up on the Texas Gulf coast & I used to fish with my Grandad. If we take too many fish & they can't reproduce as fast as we take them, it only stands to reason that we will deplete the fish to where there's not enough fish left to catch.
Joan	Coombs	Birmingham	AL	I grew up spending my summers on Mobile Bay, frequently going to the Gulf. When I return nowadays, I'm astounded at how little fish there are in the water compared to when I was a child. Overfishing is definitely a contributing factor.
Sandra	Reeves	Houston	TX	I have fished & scuba dived for 60 years and seen the decline. I want my grandchildren to see some of the old beauty.
Janel	Horne	West Palm Beach	FL	I have lived in Florida my entire life and enjoy eating local seafood. My husband and I are also snorkelers and love viewing the varied sea life around our coast. Please enact cautionary catch limits to ensure we will have these for many years to come.
Thomas E	Pass	Lake Charles	LA	I have lived in South LA and South TX most of my life. Would eat seafood every day if I could. But I have endured a time without redfish, because of overfishing.

Don't let it happen to other species!

Karen	Burroughs	Albuquerque	NM	I have lived near the Gulf for many decades. I have seen the differences with my own eyes in fish populations. Something drastic must be done and it must be done now or we risk lives, dollars and the health of our seas.
Cassandra	Sullivan		TX	I have lived on the Gulf Coast all my life and am amazed at the greed that results in destruction of life and habitat. If individuals and corporations won't control themselves, they leave no choice but to have controls forced upon them.
Alice Diane	Celebre		NJ	I have many relatives in this area.
Laura	Jones	Universal City	TX	I like fish as much as the next person. But we need to let them develop and multiply naturally to be plentiful for years to come.
Ronda	O'Bryant	Lake Mary	FL	I live here on planet Earth! It is my home. The entirety of it belongs to all the people and living creatures and living organisms, etc. Balance must be achieved and kept and we are intelligent to make that happen. NO EXCUSES! Thank you.
Kristin	Brown		FL	I live in Florida and keeping the Gulf at it's most natural state is very important to our ecology and economy. Keeping a healthy count of our coast's catches is an important part of that natural state. Thank you
Catherine	Brown	Gulf Breeze	FL	I live on the Gulf Coast of Florida and see the importance of regulatory measures every day.
Beverly	Davis	Long Beach	MS	I live on the Gulf of Mexico and I am vitally concerned about the health of the Gulf, which has been decimated by hurricanes, agri-runoff, un-sustainable fishing and possible fish farms. There must be a strong plan with enforcable oversight for moving for
Jeannie	Dale	Gulfport	MS	I live, work, and depend on the Gulf of Mexico! Stop the rape & pilage!

Joseph	St. Louis	Livingston	TX	I love seafood so naturally I don't want to be unable to buy it in the future. And I don't understand why fishermen don't understand the importance of not overfishing and realize that once the fish are gone, so is their livelihood.
Samuel Mike	Mesersmith Loessin	Weimar	FL TX	I own three lots of coastal property, and I have many friends who are fishermen(women) in that area. They are concerned about the bays suffering from overfishing, overshrimping, and overoystering. I agree with them.
Jane	Abell	Houston	TX	I remember when there were an ample supply of redfish, flounder, speckled trout, etc. Please protect our gulf fisheries.
Crystal	Wilson	round rock	TX	I think that overfishing and the damage we are doing to our oceans is sad. I am going to college to study the ocean and by the time I get out of college, I dont know what will be left...
Rachel	Steinkuehler	Cleveland	TX	I think we should stop overfishing before we go to far and the fish can no longer recover their numbers. Dolphins and other fish also eat the fish that are fished out for human consumption and what are they going to eat when those fish are gone.
Caroline	Luley	Cocoa Beach	FL	I used to enjoy fishing but I no longer do it. Why? Because there are no good fish in the waters here. They are all babies or not good for eating. Overfishing has flat out ruined it for me and soon to be.. no fish. That would be a big drag.
Jillian	Schrier	Viera	FL	I want my children to live in a diverse world. If you do not control the fishing numbers, they will not see what we see today.
Ken	Odell	Fort Worth	TX	I would like to continue eating fish even in my old age.
James	Oliver	Sarasota	FL	I would like to see less comsumptive uses in the Gulf and more passive uses like scuba and eco tour operations.
Robert	Hill	Ft. Lauderdale	FL	I'd love some fish around for my grandchildren!

Rhonda	West	Copperas Cove	TX	If the Gulf continues to be overfished then this is one occupation that will have literally wiped itself out. Fathers will no longer have a need to pass on their fishing businesses to their sons. Their sons will have to find other lines of work.
Ginger	Young	Spring	TX	If we continue to exploit our oceans and the great wealth they provide to us, we will be killing ourselves.
Martha	Milne	Ft. Myers	FL	If we do not have clear and reasonable catch limits our oceans will continue to degrade, as they are now in decline, until our blue planet no longer sustains any life at all. Please take right action.
June	Flowers	Tavares	FL	If we do not start now to save all parts our world, we will soon have NOTHING.
Nikki	Henderson	Tyker	TX	IF WE DON'T CONSERVE OUR NATURAL RESOURCES, WE MAY BECOME EXTINCT LIKE SO MANY OTHER SPECIES ON OUR PLANET.
Romie	Brown	Jackson	MS	If we don't manage our fishing there will be no more fish to catch. If they are being taken from the waters faster than they can reproduce that is obvious.
Michelle	Bafik-Vehslage	San Antonio	TX	If we don't protect it who will?
Anne	Curran	Sarasota	FL	If we don't sustain the fish, they will be gone, the way of the dinosuar, extinct. Before this happens we must use sustainable fishing methods.
Ron	Tatar	Austin	TX	If we don't use renewable methods soon there will be nothing for anyone.
judith	rhodes	wetumpka	AL	If we the people of this earth do not do anything to preserve the GOD given beauty, and grace of our creatures here... then what does that say about our appreciation to our creator for these gifts?
Julia	Meyer		FL	I'm a Sustainability major and also a native Floridian, I want to buy local- but won't buy any in our current "state." Thanks.
Patricia	Molus	Sarasota	FL	It is a very sad situatuon,which can be reversed if all concerned can halt the over fishing which has gone on to long. My son-in-law is an avid fisherman and the little he catches for his use is an compliment to those who keep our waters

clean.

Glorian	Mulligan	Dallas	TX	It is critical that all those in leadership positions which affect conservation think FAR AHEAD to ramifications of decisions we make today. Think about what will the situation be 150 years from now if we take this action?
Leslie	Martino		FL	It is essential that humans learn how to live in harmony with a healthy and sustainable environment and all its creatures.
Courtney	Mann		CA	It is not for us to decide if an entire population will be wiped out because of our greed. Mother Nature has a funny way of balancing herself out. More hurricanes & human attacks from water because of your country's greed.
Cory	Brust Sheridan	Palm Beach	FL	It is so important to our ecosystem to protect the life in the Gulf of Mexico
daphna	jindrich	trevor	WI	It is time to live in balance with our world. We must stop the abuse.
Patricia	DiCoste	Bellaire	TX	It is your world to take care of mine as much as mine.
Irene	Parks	Havana	FL	IT MATTERS BECAUSE SPECIES OF ANIMALS ARE DISAPPEARING AT AN ALARMING RATE ! STOP THE OVERFISHING -YOU ARE DESTROYING THE PLANET !!
Betty	Melcher	Flint	TX	It's about the NATURAL BALANCE. Good grief...you are cutting off your own cajones with your greed.
Gerald	Bair	Miami	FL	It's bad enough to deplete fish stocks to the point of extreme scarcity, it's another to put every fish on the brink of extinction. It's about time that you use more initiative instead of sucking up to lobbyists and special interests.
Sandra	Smallwood-Beltran	Miami	FL	It's imperative that fishing be done according to good scientific guidelines in order to ensure supply and future proper environmental conditions.
Ransom	Stone	El Paso	TX	It's just common sense to limit fishing to a sustainable catch!

Shannon	Viveiros	Sunrise	FL	It's the responsible thing to do. We all should be making more of an effort to leave this planet better than we found it. You are responsible for this issue, please handle it in a sustainable way that would make your grandchildren's grandchildren proud.
Carolyn	Ross	Red Oak	TX	Keep the gulf ecology healthy. The economy along the coast depends on a healthy balance.
Dana	Fillion		CT	Keep this up and we won't have anything left. Don't get too greedy.
Jared rashard	Repka chatmon	Dallas	FL TX	Let the fish be!
Martin	Slater		FL	Let's save something for our grandchildren
Wendy	Strain	Corpus Christi	TX	Living where I do, I have a strong interest in ensuring our ecosystem is safe and strong for all creatures living in the area. Overfishing is bad for our economy, our health and the health of species we're trying to protect.
Kathleen	Mullins		FL	Look at the big picture. Think about the generations after us.
Elaine	Whitelaw			Man's greed once again. You must back off & let the seas recover.
Barbara	Yule	Garland	TX	MY family would like to grow up knowing what fish are....not to see them as something that is extinct.
Elizabeth	Aikens		GA	My hope is that my grandchildren will have fish to enjoy in the wild and to eat.
Sarah	Schwarz	Saint Augustine	FL	My husband and I depend on local fresh fish for a healthy diet. We also know and respect local folks who are dependent on and/or enjoy local fishing,a once thriving business. For all our sakes,please save and protect our fish and their habitat!
Geatina	Hammer		FL	Nature's taken advantage of by those who are greedy without ability to defend itself. We take from nature, we need to leave it the ability to replenish to allow for a natural ecological balance & to ensure survival for future generations.

Fran	Sanders		TX	Ocean life needs to exist for future generations, and unless we end a host of harmful practices, that won't be the case. We urgently need to end needless slaughter and stop overfishing while it is still possible to do so. Thank you.
Gina	Touchstone	Austin	TX	On top of the over fishing, I now understand our oceans are becoming more acidic. This is killing the coral reefs and fish at the bottom of the food chain. Just one more thing our planet has to deal with because of human caused CO2.
Christopher	Gatzke		FL	Once one species is gone, all you will do is move on to the next and do the same thing to it. Fix the poblem now so this dos not happen.
Terrie C.	Williams	Vidor	TX	Once they are gone--they are gone forever. Please do something to ensure that all species of fish are around for our great-grandchildren and beyond. There are ways to promote and enforce catch quotas/limits.
Doug	Dyer	Alachua	FL	Our closest friend is a commercial fisherman in the Gulf. We all need to protect the fragile balance in protection and sustainable fishing.
Kelley	Dickey	Irondale	AL	Our ecology is a delicate balance of thousands even millions of species. ANY damage done such as over fishing will destroy the balance and plunge the immediate environment of the damaged area into chaos.
Patrish	Dehler	Bradenton	FL	Our oceans and their inhabitants are essential for us who live on on land. It's not just about what we eat, but the whole eco system. They must be managed with care.
Betsy	Gordon	Atlantic Beach	FL	our oceans including the fish that inhabit it are extremely important to the future of our world. keeping these fish safely protected from becoming extinct is vital.
Linda	Emmel	Plant City	FL	overfishing hurts us all
Sue	Miller	Hobe Sound	FL	Overfishing is a problem in South Florida where I live. Please stop overfishing in the Gulf of Mexico.

susan	pace	preston	MS	overfishing is dangerous ,not only to the fish ,but to people as well.overcrowding fish leads to birth defects in the fish as well to people. wild fish are healthier, and should they be eaten they are better for you.
Elizabeth	Taylor	Midland	TX	Overfishing is detrimental to our seafood supply,to the proper balance between species in our marine ecosystem, & to the future of the fishing industry. Prevent a reoccurrence of what happened to the New England codfish!
Kathe and Les	Nelson		CA	overfishing leads to fishing out which leads to the industry crashing. Just ask California's salmon fishers and the sardine fishermen before them. Where will you go when the fish are all gone?
Fred M.	Grimes	Houston	TX	Please act now to preserve Gulf fisheries.
Heather	Acone		FL	Please be logical, forward thinking, and see in the big picture, the fact that the industry is taking more than what is naturally being produced - before we end up looking back, saying; "Oops, well, hindsight is 20/20".....
Patricia	Jennings	St. Augustine	FL	Please conserve our fish and shellfish for future generations. How sad it would be if there were only stories told by senior citizens of the wonderful taste of shrimp and crab and fish.
Lisa	Bulloch	Plano	TX	Please consider the impact this will have on our oceans and on future generations.
Hazel	Seymour			Please develop better fish practises for the sake of the ocean thank you.
Sally	Tessicini	Sarasota	FL	Please do not kill the goose that laid the golden egg. We want our grand children to be able to eat that delicious fish.
Amanda	Lyons		GA	Please do not let overfishing continue and disrupt our precious ecosystems. We need limits on fishing to maintain populations and keep them stable to support all surrounding species!
Anna	Reycraft		NE	Please establish strong, precautionary rules when implementing annual catch limits and accountability measures for Gulf fisheries. Thank you. Anna Reycraft

Sharyn	Shubert	Naples	FL	please help
Barbara	Andersen	San Antonio	TX	Please help preserve my Gulf of Mexico and the rest of our world!!!
Mark	Sparks	Beaumont	TX	Please help protect the oceans. We are all taking too much advantage of this precious resource.
Shannon	Lindsey	Forney	TX	Please help save our beautiful oceans and the life they support
Timothy	Oldread	Apollo Beach	FL	PLEASE MAKE THE MORALLY AND ETHICALLY CORRECT DECISION REGARDING WILDLIFE, HUMANS, HEALTH, SUSTAINABILITY, AND THE FUTURE
Sharon	Philips		TX	PLEASE PRESERVE OUR FISHERIES!!!!!!
Patty	Young	Dallas	TX	Please promote fishing with sustainable limits. We must preserve our earth for future existence for all.
CHRISTINE SMITH			TX	Please protect our fisheries before it's too late.
Al	Giles	Austin	TX	Please protect our oceans and our fish populations.
dom	toomey		NY	please remember, that if you over fish, there won't be a product to sell at some point
Brian	Johnson	Jupiter	FL	Please respect the ocean life and its gift of food to us.
Benjamin	Goliwas	New Orleans	LA	Please save our fish We are the only ones who can Thank you Benjamin
rahul	patel		IN	Please stop overfishing for the sake of habitat conservation, diversity of fish population and the future generation!!!
Jennifer	Cooper		FL	Please try "to use science-based management and put measures in place that promote fishing within sustainable limits." Thank you.
Jennifer	Barraza	El Paso	TX	Preserving the fine natural resources and environment is of utmost importance to our current and future generations.
Dave & Rita	Cross	Marble Falls	TX	Science-based management is key to success!

mikel	athon	cedar hill	TX	somebody needs to be responsible for our actions,why not us?
Robin	Rhyand	Fort Worth	TX	Specify separate annual catch limits, targets, and accountability measures for commercial and recreational fishermen. Holding fishing sectors individually accountable provides an incentive to stay within allowable limits.
Erick	Jimenez	Miami	FL	Start using science-based management and put measures in place that promote fishing within sustainable limits!
katherine	lindley	pensacola	FL	stop over fishing, needless killing, we will all die if the oceans go bad...
Dylan	Cowles	Saint Petersburg	FL	stop the bi-catch netting
Cary	Masi	Ocala	FL	Stop overfishing
jennifer	martin	plano	TX	Sustainability is the only way to preserve our species of fish for future generations. Please help!
Nicholas	Galante	Tavares	FL	Taking fish out of the ocean faster than they can reproduce is bad for fish, fishermen, coastal economies and the marine ecosystems on which they all depend.
Aracelis	Jaffe	Orlando	FL	The creation of precautionary rules and accountability measures to be utilized by the fisheries is of utmost importance in the overall success of fishery conservation. I hope you will strongly consider supporting these ideas and methods.
Jerry	Wang		FL	the earth is our home, and it is our job to treat her with the utmost respect. as the dominant species on the planet we have a responsibility to do things the right way and protect the other species that share this planet with us.
Fae	Kieran		FL	The ecosystem is a very delicate and very touchy system. The faster you remove things from it, the Faster you destroy it. Do you want your company to stay around for the long haul? Then slow down!
Bettina	Schupp		LA	The ecosystem is vital to all life on earth. Overfishing is highly damaging to our watery environment.

Olga	Vásquez	Panama	LA	The Gulf fishery impact on trophic levels does not only restrict to the Gulf geographical area, but to many, many, many other geographical areas that depend on a balanced fishery.
Kent	Garrett	Commerce	TX	The Gulf of Mexico is extremely important to us Texans
Nancy	Farmer-Lanz	Coconut Creek	FL	The issue of over fishing must be addressed not only for our current depleting supplies, but for the future of our sea-food supply.
Georgeann	Calendine	Vero Beach	FL	The oceans are being destroyed by overfishing. It must be stopped.
DAVID	WILBUR	MADISONVILLE	LA	The over-fishing concerns me. We need to develop respect for nature and that means maintaining a balance of it.
John	Drevicky	Farmers Branch	TX	The sustainability of our fisheries is very important to us all. With overfishing, and additionally, the increasing acidity of our oceans and lakes, the entire marine food chain is at severe risk. Please help us to manage this problem.
Scott	Olson	San Antonio	TX	The US needs to set the standard for the world. If the US does not follow a stricter standard then other countries will ignore pressures to change and the end result will be devastating for the world.
Samantha	Stone	Palm Coast	FL	There is no time to procrastinate things are going bad quickly.PLEASE act NOW.
Barbara	Greber		FL	There must be better control on the fishing in the Gulf. Just think about what happen to the sardines off the coast of California.
Marilyn	Larkin	Oldsmar	FL	There seems to be NO common sense used in this matter.
Grant	Campbell	Fort Lauderdale	FL	There should be a moratorium on all fishing for at least two years to allow the fish to reproduce and grow somewhere close to former numers
Sheila	Avary		FL	Think of the big picture.
Candi	Sherrill	piedmont	AL	This is a matter that no matter how big or small deserves the up most attention. Please take in account the points being made in this letter. Thank you for taking the time to address this matter.

debbie	Ianford	boerne	TX	This is a very important issue.I hope you are listening to all of us who care about our Gulf.
Rodolfo	Holz	Houston	TX	This is all about sustainability for future generations. Let not our greed starve them to death.
John	Lundeen	Orlando	FL	This is an important issue that affects us all. We must safeguard marine ecosystems and prevent overfishing. If we do not impose limits on catches we will all suffer unsustainable fisheries due to unhealthy species populations.
Francis	Marquez		PA	This is just wrong...no more overfishing.
Al	McClain	Palm Beach Gardens	FL	This is the 21st century, so it's about time to have realistic policies and limits.
Genevieve	Woolsey	Brandon	FL	This is vital to the future of the Gulf fish!
Wilson	Saavedra	Delray Beach	FL	This issue is important to me because we have to take every precaution to stop the self destructive path we have taken for our planet.
Callie	Williams		FL	This issue matters to me because without a healthy ocean the Earth will have more and more trouble sustaining life. I do not wish to witness our own demise nor do I wish it for my son.
Mary	Long	Austin	TX	This issue matters to me because without setting catch limits, overfishing can harm the ecology and the economy in many cities and towns along the Gulf of Mexico.
Craig	Nazor	Austin	TX	To remove fish from the ocean faster than they can reproduce can be summed up in one word: STUPID. Please don't support STUPID - there has to be a better choice.
Annette	Escobar		FL	Too many species already have been pushed to the brink of extinction and beyond. It is the responsibility of each one of us to do what we can in order to stope this abhorrent trend.
susan	dumas	ABINGDON	NV	Ultimately you will destroy your own trade because if you do not leave enough fish to replace the population you take, the numbers will dwindle. Its not rocket science! You are also damaging the whole ocean eco-system with your over-fishing behaviour.

Jody	Cosson	New Braunfels	TX	Unfortunately, many of the people who are closest to the ocean--those who fish it--do not see the big picture or what the future could bring if they are allowed to fish as they please. Regulations are necessary.
Kristin	Liskay	juno beach	FL	Use annual catch targets, and preventing overfishing!
Alexander	Rouhana	Altamonte Springs	FL	use science-based management and put measures in place that promote fishing within sustainable limits
Rebecca	Corruccini	Houston	TX	Water covers the majority of our planet, and the life forms and food chains dwelling in water are changing too rapidly as a result of human action. Please fish responsibly to preserve our planet.
Gordon	Gerbitz	St Petersburg	FL	We are comming to the realization that fish are being taken out of the ocean faster than they can reproduce and this is bad for fish, fisherman, coastal economies and the marine ecosystem in general. Please develop sustainable fishing policies.
William	White	Fort Walton Beach	FL	We are killing our mother-
Terri	Williams	Ocoee	FL	WE are killing this planet. Just the bait alone could feed a nation. We have to allow time for the world to replenish instead of constantly taking more than what can be produced.
Tina	Bush	Fort Worth	TX	We are losing and disrupting too many species of fish. Stop over-fishing and changing the ecological balance of our oceans. Enforce fishing limits.
William	Malone		FL	We are not fishermen, we are free divers and snorklers who understand the peril our oceans face.
Christian	Petrisko		FL	We are ruining this world for our children. Put a stop to irresponsible fishing practices NOW!
Cheri	Hanemann	New Orleans	LA	We are shocked by the selfishness of the fishing industry destroying the world of our children.
James	Hankins	Haines City	FL	We are ultimately accountable for the kind of world our children and grandchildren will experience. Let's do the right thing for those who will come after us.

Julie	Farrell			We cannot keep plundering the oceans!!!!
Tina	Henize	Summerland Key	FL	We continue to violate the balance of nature. It is very sobering to see that we are not correcting our mistakes before total collapse. If we do not change to live within nature's laws, collapse just may be in our future.
Brigid	Courtney		MA	We do not want to lose too many of our fish.
Jen	Werner	Tempe	AZ	We have done a great deal of damage in our pursuit of convenience and consumption, and now we are just beginning to pay the price. Our children will pay a much steeper price if we do not successfully protect and preserve what we have left. Thanks!
Mary Sue	Rose	Austin	TX	We have lots of people to feed. Conservation is necessary for future success.
Mark Ybanez	Gabumpa		NCR	We have to develop an alternative program to solve the overfishing problem in our ocean today. UN and other countries should form an alliance for a sustainable program in a fight against overfishing.
Rael	Nidess, M.D.	Marshall	TX	We must learn to live within nature's means.
David	Harres		FL	We must protect our gulf and all its inhabitants.
Greg	Logan	Wylie	TX	We must protect our Gulf Coast Region. in the future, it will provide a larger portion of our food supply.
Deborah	Albert	Tampa	FL	We must protect the ecology of our oceans.
Ronald	Letrent	Oviedo	FL	we must realize that overfishing is highly irresponsible and must be stopped!
Claudia	Scholz	Tallahassee	FL	We need a sustainable fishery.
Judy	Marti	San Mateo	FL	We need some fish left to populate our streams and oceans. Once they are gone, they are gone.
Mina	Loomis	Austin	TX	We need stable wildlife for our own survival.

Eric	Thibault	Hollywood	FL	we need to better manage our oceans. please help!!! Thank you, E
John	Jolley	Boynton	FL	We need to continue to err on the side of the resource.
Zac	Oppenheim	st petersburg	FL	We need to ensure that our fisheries exist for future generations and to ensure that our West Florida economy continues to grow. Thank you
Drew	Martin	Lake Worth	FL	We need to get overfishing under control. We cannot afford to lose our fish stock.
Alissa	Crotty	Orlando	FL	We need to preserve our marine ecosystems for so many reasons. But an important one is not for one person and one person alone it is for everyone. It is us to enjoy and fishes to enjoy.
Richelle	Rausch		WA	We need to protect our waters and oceans. Thank you.
Nora	Jones		OR	We need to start using some foresight and common sense when it comes to managing the oceans.
Calvin	Reeves	Lewisville	TX	We only have one Gulf and it is up to us to keep it natural.
H	Rankin	Houston	TX	What are they gonna catch when it's all gone? Stop them now before Nature stops them!
Sanford	Brown	Big Pine Key	FL	What part of "sustainable fishing" do we not seem to understand?
samantha	raftery			conservation should be THE most important issue here.
yalonda	Dye	spring	TX	when fish are gone they are gone....
Kathleen	Rueppel	San Antonio	TX	When one species dies out, the entire world suffers. Why is this so difficult to understand? When will Big Business finally begin to "do the right thing"?
Margo	Nielsen		TX	Why would you want to continue suicidal practices to your own livelihood? Is it that you don't believe the scientific evidence?
Frank	Millin		FL	Without conservation We place Every species in Jeopardy.
David	Bernstein	Tallahassee	FL	Without you immediate attention many fish populations will collapse. Please take action now.

Robin	Height	St Augustine	FL	You have to know that nature can only keep up to a point, and after that point there will be such a dramatic decline that the people will end up paying the cost for overfishing, whether in money or starvation. you choose!
Charles	Edwards	Houston	TX	You've seen the results of overfishing elsewhere in the world, please don't repeat the same mistakes in the Gulf. -Charles Edwards
Peter	Bromer	Miami	FL	.
robert	a	Birmingham	AL	
Frank	Aaron	Frisco	TX	
Evelyn	Adams	Mckinney	TX	
Charlotte	Adams	Wimberley	TX	
Liz	Addington	Wolfforth	TX	
Brett	Ader	Tallahassee	FL	
Shan	Albert	Miami Beach	FL	
Allison	Aldrich	Sarasota	FL	
J	Alessi	Fort Pierce	FL	
Sharon	Alexander	De Leon	TX	
melissa	alexander		FL	
Kim	Alligood	Jacksonville	FL	
Mary	Almendarez	Houston	TX	
Dennis	Amaya	Davie	FL	
Sandra	Amaya	Davie	FL	
Joanne	Anand			
Stephen	Anderson	Houston	TX	
Virginia	Anderson	Coconut Creek	FL	
Rhonda	Anderson	Media	FL	
Randy	Anderson-Orr	Harvey	LA	
Renee	Andrews	Gainesville	FL	
Sarah	Angell	Dallas	TX	
Anonymous	Anonymous	Miami	FL	
Stetser	Family	Miami	FL	
pat	anthony		TX	
Anthony	Antich	Key West	FL	
Diana	Arikane			
Richard	Arrindell	Melbourne	FL	
Pam	Arthur	Stuart	FL	
Kristen	Augustine	Pensacola	FL	
Julia	Austin			
karen	austin	El Paso	TX	
Joan	Balfour	Boynton Beach	FL	
Derek	Ball	Austin	TX	
Kathleen	Ball	Austin	TX	
Cindy	Banker	Pompano Beach	FL	
Steve	Banyai	Galveston	TX	
Leafgreen	Banyan	Miami Beach	FL	
Darcy	Baril	Lake Mary	FL	
Lee	Baron	Clifton	NJ	

robert	barth	miami	FL
Ann	Bates		TX
Stefanie	Batson		FL
chris	beal		
Elaine	Becker	Houston	TX
Alan	Beer	Largo	FL
Suzan	Bekiroglu		FL
Todd	Belcher	Watauga	TX
Bernard	Berauer	Seminole	FL
Kelly	Bergman	Katy	TX
Nercy	Berman	Pembroke Pines	FL
Marie	Bernache	Houston	TX
Cheryl	Bibby		
Kevin	Bickers	Atlantic Beach	FL
Lianne	Biegay	Pearland	TX
Ruth	Biekert	Houston	TX
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**Date:** Wednesday, October 14, 2009 12:14 PM

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**Date:** Thursday, October 8, 2009 5:16 PM

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September 23, 2009

**RE: Scoping Document for a Generic ACL/AM Amendment For the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council's Red Drum, Reef Fish, Shrimp, Coral and Coral Reefs, and Stone Crab Fishery Management Plans**

In reference to the above scoping document, I strongly protest the proposed implementation of ACLs and/or AMs for the recreational sector. The current recreational data collection system does not provide the information necessary to manage the recreational sector with ACLs and AMs. Also, the current effort by the NMFS to change the current data system will not be implemented or be able to be utilized for at least 5 years. There is no recreational data system that provides the ability to make realistic seasonal or even yearly changes to catch and effort impacts from recreational fisheries. The models run by NMFS and the Gulf Council take very small samples and extrapolate them into what is supposed to be happening Gulf wide in our fishery. It's not any different that saying you saw one speeder in a particular area and therefore saying that everyone in that area speeds.

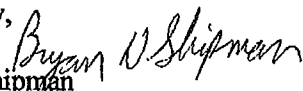
**The fact that there is no recreational data system in place and that there will be no new data system in place for several years prevents the proper use of ACLs and AMs for the recreational fisheries. The ability of the NMFS to correctly identify and quantify the recreational sectors effort, catch and take rate in the Gulf of Mexico has come into question.**

The NMFS itself has not complied with Section 109-479 in the Magnuson Stevens Reauthorization Act (MSRA) which aims to improve recreational data collection, despite firm deadlines (January 2009) contained within the law. It is unreasonable for the NMFS to require accountability measures for the recreational sector when the NMFS itself is not being held accountable for failing to comply with congressional mandates.

The NMFS should postpone implementation of ACLs and AMs as management measures for the recreational fisheries until the recreational data system is able to account for real effort, real catch, and real discards. Until a new data system is created, implemented, and utilized the recreational sector will continue to suffer severe economic and social harm at the hands of the NMFS with no recourse for relief. Implementing ACLs and AMs on the recreational sector based on current data collection systems will only increase the severity of the harm.

I request that the Gulf Council maintain status quo with regard to ACL and AM in the recreational cobia, king mackerel, Spanish mackerel, red drum, and reef fish fisheries until all provisions of section 109-479 are enacted. Furthermore, I urge the Gulf Council to contact the NMFS requesting status of their progress in implementing Section 109-479 and an estimation of when they anticipate this section will be fully enacted.

Sincerely,

  
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