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Dr. Stephen Bortone
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Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council
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Dear Steve:

The Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission, the State-Federal Fisheries Management Committee (S-FFMC) and its Commercial Recreational Fisheries Advisory Panel, wishes to support and encourage the planned efforts of the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council to get the necessary information that would lead to an amendment to the Red Drum Fishery Management Plan, which may lead to a controlled harvest of red drum in the EEZ.

Thank you for your consideration and attention to this matter. We look forward to Council support on this issue.

Sincerely,

Larry B. Simpson
Executive Director

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cc: CRFAP
S-FFMC
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