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Mr. Donald K. Hansen
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Dear Mr. Hansen:

Congressman Sam Farr introduced H.R. 21, the Oceans Conservation, Education, and National Strategy for the 21st Century Act, on January 4, 2007. The Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on the bill on April 26, 2007. The Subcommittee heard testimony from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, a former member of the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy, the Coastal States Organization, the Natural Resources Defense Council, the Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Association, and the Marine Conservation Alliance.

The Subcommittee may be scheduling a mark up on H.R. 21 in September. It would be helpful for the Committee to hear from the Council regarding the new authorities in H.R. 21. I am interested in the Council's view on whether or not the new authorities in H.R. 21 could effect Council actions under existing statutes such as the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. In addition, if there are any other comments or concerns the Council may have with the legislation please include them in your response.

I realize the Council is very busy working on its regular business. However, if it is possible, I would appreciate receiving the Council's comments on and concerns with H.R. 21 in September. Thank you for your assistance in this matter. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don Young", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Don Young
Ranking Republican Member
Committee on Natural Resources