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Dear Mr. McIsaac:

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I have recently introduced legislation that takes significant steps toward making the West Coast Groundfish fishery and the commercial fishing industry sustainable. I would like the Council's support for this legislation, and welcome any suggestions for further improvement.

The Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Preservation Act (S. 973) authorizes a pilot project for the charitable donation of overages; authorizes a capacity reduction plan based on the "buyback" plan developed by the Fisherman's Marketing Association for the West Coast groundfish fleet; and amends the Capital Construction Fund to allow account holders to use the funds for other purposes.

I am also hosting a briefing on June 25, 2001, in Washington D.C. for congressional members and their staff who are not aware of the problems in the West Coast groundfish fishery and who need more information about this bill. I would like a Council member to join us on that day to speak on the Council's position on S. 973 and be available for questions from members and their staff.

I appreciate your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Ron Wyden  
U.S. Senator