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The Honorable Grace Napolitano
United States House of Representatives
1610 Longworth
Washington, DC 20515

Subject: Requested Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) Report on H.R. 1837, The Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Water Reliability Act

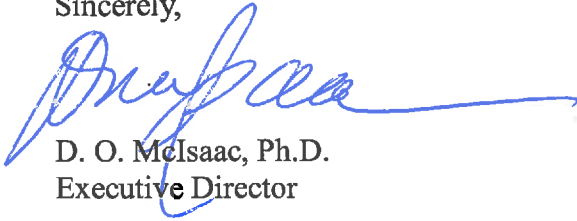
Dear Congresswoman Napolitano:

Thank you for the July 5, 2011 letter, for taking the time to meet with us in January regarding your request for Pacific Fishery Management Council (Pacific Council) comments on H.R. 1837, the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Water Reliability Act. The Pacific Council and its Legislative Committee reviewed H.R. 1837, commented on a draft Pacific Council staff report on the bill, and heard public testimony regarding the bill at their September, 2011 meeting in San Mateo, California and their April 2012 meeting in Seattle, Washington. The Pacific Council has directed me to send you the enclosed report "*A General Review of Potential Effects of H.R. 1837, the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Water Reliability Act, on Central Valley Salmon Productivity and Salmon Fisheries in Ocean and Inland Waters.*" As we discussed in January, a complete, detailed analysis of all the biological and economic effects of H.R.1837 is an enormous endeavor that would require considerable time and staff resources to complete. This document is a general, qualitative review containing relevant findings of the Pacific Council regarding H.R. 1837.

The Pacific Council remains concerned about negative effects of H.R. 1837 might have on salmon stocks and their habitat, and the consequent negative economic effects on communities that depend on a healthy, vibrant salmon fishery. The Pacific Council and its staff will continue to track H.R. 1837 in the United States Senate and remains responsive to your request for our perspective on any updates as this bill or similar legislation progresses through Congress.

Thank you again for your request for Pacific Council comments on H.R. 1837. The Pacific Council appreciates your dedication to improving West Coast fish stocks, fisheries, and the communities that depend on them. Should your staff have any questions about the enclosed report or require additional information, please have them contact me or Mr. Mike Burner at 503-820-2280.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure: A General Review of Potential Effects of H.R. 1837, The Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Water Reliability Act, on Central Valley Salmon Productivity and Salmon Fisheries in Ocean and Inland Waters

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