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Committee on Natural Resources
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Dr. Hilborn,

Thank you for testifying before the Committee on Natural Resources at our November 17th legislative hearing entitled "*Ocean Climate Action: Solutions To The Climate Crisis*," which covered H.R. 8632, the Ocean-Based Climate Solutions Act, and H.R. 3548, H.R. 3919, H.R. 4093, H.R. 5390, H.R.5589, H.R.7387, H.R. 8253, H.R.8627. As a follow-up to your testimony, please find the enclosed additional questions submitted by members of the Committee for inclusion in the final hearing record. Please provide your written responses to: Casey MacLean, Policy Aide, **no later than December 3rd, 2020**. Committee Rule 3(o) requires responses within 10 business days of the last day of the hearing (we are allowing an extra day due to the Thanksgiving holiday).

We greatly appreciate your time and insight, and we remain grateful for your contribution to the Committee's work. Should you have any questions, please contact Ms. MacLean at (202) 875-0126 or casey.macleam@mail.house.gov about this request.

Sincerely,



Raúl M. Grijalva
Chair
Committee on Natural Resources

Enclosure

Questions for the Record from Democrat Members

None submitted

Questions for the Record from Republican Members

Questions from Rep. Bishop

1. During the hearing we heard testimony that the Magnuson-Stevens Act isn't a conservation statute, and that additional statutory authority is needed. Do you agree with that characterization?
2. During the hearing we heard testimony that target species managed under the Magnuson-Stevens Act only comprise a small percentage of the biomass in any given ocean area, and that therefore MPAs are essential to achieve broader marine biodiversity objectives. Do you agree?