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Press Release

FISHERMEN TO MARCH ON WASHINGTON, DC (CORRECTION ON DATE)

For Immediate Release, December 14, 2009:

We wish to correct the date for the March on Washington that was announced on December 10, 2009. The previously announced date was February 17, 2010. Preliminary information indicated that congressional leaders would be in Washington on that date but we have since learned that was incorrect as that is a holiday week for legislators and they will be back in their respective districts. The correct date for the event is **FEBRUARY 24, 2010**. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience and encourage you to plan to attend the meeting.

Recreational and commercial fishermen, support business owners, families, and community leaders will gather at the steps of our Nation's Capitol on **February 24, 2010 from noon to 3 PM** to demonstrate against the unintended impacts of the Magnuson Stevens Conservation and Management Act as revised effective January, 2007 (RMSA). The overly restrictive management requirements created by the RMSA based on non scientific arbitrary deadlines are forcing anglers off the water, eliminating commercial fishing, preventing consumers from purchasing locally caught fresh seafood, destroying small family businesses, increasing unemployment, and adversely affecting coastal communities.

We fully support real science based management and the conservation of our marine resources while also being able to sustain recreational and commercial fishing activities, providing locally caught seafood, sustaining small family businesses, and supporting our coastal communities. Please stay tuned as the details are being developed and will be provided. Make your plans to join us for this historic event and work with us in a United effort from coast to coast.

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CCGF urges all elected officials to work together and to join the efforts by the leaders of other coastal states for the best interests of our coastal communities and the Nation.

This effort is being coordinated by many organizations and individuals including but not limited to CCGF, RFA, FRA, United Boatmen of New York, United Boatmen of New Jersey, MSSA and more to be announced.

CCGF is a 501(c) (6) non profit that represents recreational for-hire vessel owners and operators, supporting businesses, and recreational anglers from the Gulf of Mexico

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