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Press Release

FISHERMEN GATHER IN WASHINGTON, DC

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In an unprecedented David and Goliath saga, recreational anglers, recreational charter boats, commercial fishermen and supported businesses are gathering at the Washington DC mall to request congress fix the Magnuson/Stevens Act.

These small family businesses are losing their livelihoods on arbitrary rebuilding schedules that have nothing to do with science. The schedules were initiated by well funded over zealous environmental groups who don't care about the loss of jobs unless it is their own. One such group is Environmental Defense and they have invested \$30 million to push catch shares on the fishing community while assisting NMFS in obtaining \$54 million of our tax dollars to push their agenda.

These small family businesses cannot fathom money with that many zeros. They just want to survive and support their families as these environmental groups roll over them like a steamroller.

But watch out Goliath... David is gathering their forces and they will continue to push for flexibility in the Magnuson/Stevens Act so that stocks will still be rebuilt, however family businesses and jobs will be protected at the same time.

There is one major difference between these two groups... money. The well funded environmental group will be funding the trip for some to oppose the flexibility while some small family business people struggle to pay \$150 per person for a 32 hour bus ride to save the ability to support their families.

For more info please go to www.conservationfishermen.com and www.unitedwefish.com

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