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Press Release

MARCH on WASHINGTON AN OVERWHELMING SUCCESS

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The Fishermen March on Washington on February 24, 2010 established a new dawn in American Fisheries. Over 5,000 recreational and commercial fishermen, their families, supporting businesses, and community leaders all came together as one United Voice seeking relief from the overly restrictive federal fishing requirements. **FIVE** United States Senators, bipartisan, stood with us and told it like it is regarding what has been done to our proud industries. The Democratic Senators were Schumer (NY), Gillibrand (NY), Hagen (NC) and Burr (NC) and the Republican Senators were Lemieux (FL) and Brown (MA). Bipartisan Representatives included Democrats Pallone (NJ), Frank (MA), Tierney (MA), Adler (NJ), Macintire (NC), Brown (SC) and Republicans Jones (NC), Putnam (FL), Mica (FL), Wittman (VA), LoBiondo (NJ). They all spoke supporting us and vowing to fix Magnuson.

The over 5,000 attendees were from every coastal state from Alaska to Maine. Everyone has the same concern, survival and the desire to continue to work to support their families and communities. The main messages are "Fix Magnuson Now", "Honest Science", "Sustainable Fishermen and Communities". The Senators and Representatives all voiced the same message that they intend to help and all intend to work together to keep America's fishermen working while sustaining our resources.

"The event is a new beginning for American Fishermen and Fisheries" said Capt. Bob Zales, II, Executive Director of CCGF. "As one of the organizers of the event, I was extremely pleased with the turn out". "Congress saw first hand the concern of American Fishermen and we are so proud of the event."

The real effort now begins as the follow up on congressional action will start. Everyone is encouraged to get involved by contacting your legislators by email and fax and requesting their support for the effort. Information on where to find your legislator contact and pictures and videos of the rally are available on www.conservationfishermen.com.

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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