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## **Conservation Groups Applaud *Sustaining America's Fisheries for the Future Act***

*Six leading ocean conservation organizations praise Rep. Huffman, Rep. Case's leadership to strengthen U.S. fisheries management*

WASHINGTON – Today, a group of six leading ocean conservation organizations came together and issued the following statement applauding U.S. Representative Jared Huffman (CA-02), chair of the House Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife, and U.S. Representative Ed Case (HI-01) for introducing a bill to reauthorize the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The legislation, titled the *Sustaining America's Fisheries for the Future Act*, strengthens the Magnuson-Stevens Act and makes important improvements to conserve and sustainably manage marine fisheries, adapt to climate change, and support coastal communities.

“The Magnuson-Stevens Act provides the bedrock foundation for sustainably managing our marine fisheries. The *Sustaining America's Fisheries for the Future Act* is a tremendous step forward in building resilient fisheries and coastal economies.

“From destructive climate disruptions, to declining fish populations, our fisheries are facing unprecedented challenges that warrant bold action. This legislation takes a science-based approach and provides new tools that will help us tackle the biggest threats to our nation's fisheries and the communities that rely on them.

“We appreciate Congressmen Huffman and Case's strong leadership and commitment to prioritizing these much-needed improvements.”

### **About the Groups**

The six ocean conservation organizations include Earthjustice, National Audubon Society, Natural Resources Defense Council, Oceana, Ocean Conservancy and The Pew Charitable Trusts. These groups have worked closely together for over a decade to protect and advance conservation gains in U.S. marine fisheries policy and management.

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