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Dear Adam,

The NJ Marine Fisheries Council would like to formally express our appreciation for your substantial contributions to New Jersey’s marine fisheries management through your participation on the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council. Recreational and commercial fisheries throughout the region have benefitted significantly during your tenure at MAFMC.

During my time on Council, I have had the opportunity to work directly with many of New Jersey’s representatives to the MAFMC, and few have exhibited such comprehensive knowledge of fisheries issues and the management process as you. Your thorough preparation and attention to detail contributed positively to deliberations and ensured that potential inconsistencies and uncertainties were fully evaluated before decisions were made.

I hear regularly from colleagues complimenting your ability to approach polarizing issues with an open mind and unbiased perspective, seeking mutually beneficial solutions. Similarly, you have exhibited a unique willingness to raise difficult questions and confront inefficiencies that can lead to improved access and opportunity. The ultimate example of this is your initiation and continued involvement with the recreational reform process.

As an unwavering advocate for fairness, transparency, and informed decision making that benefit both commercial and recreational participants, it is no wonder that MAFMC awarded you the Ricks E Savage award. Without a doubt, the Council, and all of NJ, owe you a debt of gratitude for your service.

On behalf of the Council, I would like to extend our thanks and appreciation for a successful tenure on MAFMC that has benefited so many. We commend your commitment to NJ’s marine fisheries and look forward to continuing to work with you to manage our valuable marine resources.

Sincerely,

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