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Chairman Richard Pombo
House Committee on Resources
1324 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

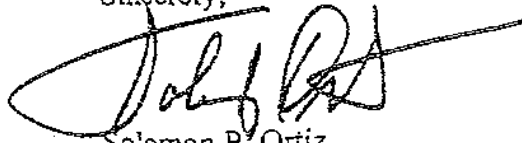
I am writing to express my concerns regarding the management of the Gulf of Mexico red snapper fishery.

Recently my staff and I have been contacted by several recreational fisherman and recreational fishing organization leaders. As I'm sure you are well aware, my Congressional District contains a large recreational fishing industry, and red snapper is a frequent favorite for those fishermen.

I'm particularly concerned by recent proposals calling for dramatic reductions in red snapper fish catch. If implemented, many of those proposals could be detrimental to the fishing industry in my Congressional District. As the Resources Committee continues to work on comprehensive fishery management reform, I hope we can work to ensure a healthy red snapper fish stock without paralyzing recreational fishing.

With warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress

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