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Subject : Major Fisheries Closures off SC

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Katherine,

Please take a look at my letter, attached below, and forward to the Governor for her perusal. There is a proposed closure off of SC, which is completely unfounded and unsubstantiated by science. The closure happens to be many square miles of ocean, precisely in one of the most popular offshore fishing destinations for Charleston, Georgetown, Murrells Inlet and Myrtle Beach.

If you don't think these things have an impact on our economy, I spoke with my cousin today, Heyes Goldfinch, who is considering canceling his order of a custom sportfishing boat, built in Charleston. The boat is called a Freeman, and is valued around \$300,000. Can you imagine the others? Besides the boat industry, think about the loss of revenue from Ice, Fuel, Bait, Rigging, Hotels, etc...

The SAFMC has unnecessarily squeezed SC's fishing industry to the brink of extinction. Governor Haley would be a hero among sportsman if she were to stand up against the federal government (NOAA) and oppose any more closures (fish or bottom) without the use of best scientific practices to evaluate, implement and monitor those closures.

Sincerely,

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