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## DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND ENERGY

February 27, 2026

The Honorable Brett F. Geymann  
Chairman, House Natural Resources Committee  
P.O. Box 94183  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

RE: Second Report for Amendment to Rules and Procedures to Title 43: Chapter 15 - Fisherman's Gear Compensation Program

Dear Chairman Geymann:

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Sincerely,

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House Speaker  
La. House of Representatives  
P.O. Box 94062  
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Senate President  
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