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Subject TRAWLING BAN

Honorable gentlemen,

I am writing to show my clear support for the government's plans to rejuvenate Hong Kong's marine life and marine resources. Current fishing practices, especially trawling are known to damage our marine environment and we are concerned about the future sustainability of our seas for our children and for the future of our fishing communities.

I am fully aware of the important role that the fishing industry has played in Hong Kong's history and I know that the local fishing community has suffered for many years and has gone through a major decline in recent decades. The introduction of long term sustainable fisheries policies is needed to ensure the revitalisation and long term survival of this important community in Hong Kong.

Hong Kong's seas are at the point of complete collapse and have been over exploited for many years. Measures to protect and ensure the sustainability of the seas for all Hong Kong's people are long overdue. We know that banning trawling is a successful fisheries management practice in many other parts of the world. A total ban on trawling in Hong Kong's waters is urgently needed and we fully support current efforts to introduce this far reaching policy.

I look forward to hearing the good news about a quick and full implementation of the trawling ban in Hong Kong.

Yours faithfully,

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This email has gone to

Donald Tsang, Chief Executive Hong Kong SAR government

Mr Alan Wong, Director AFCD

& all members of the Legco Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene