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Ms. Elizabeth Sablad
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Regarding: Rose Canyon Fisheries

Dear Ms. Sablad,

I am writing in full support of the Rose Canyon Fisheries' application for a permit to farm fish in Federal waters off the coast of San Diego, California. This is an application whose time has come, as the United States verily needs offshore mari-culture development, such as the proposed Rose Canyon plan, for many reasons.

Today in the United States we are importing 91 % of our seafood, half of which is farmed. Seafood is the second largest, natural resource trade deficit, second only to oil, a trade deficit that costs our country over $ 12 Billion dollars annually. In 2010, Congress passed the Open Ocean Aquaculture Act – and we are long overdue in ocean mari-culture development. Ocean Farming is in accord with the NOAA Strategic Plan, and will provide an urgently needed boost to our economy. Aquaculture is the most sustainable way to produce animal protein for human consumption, and we must begin farming the ocean now if we are to meet the growing demands to feed our world population.

The Rose Canyon proposed plan seeks to reduce our U.S. trade deficit, while at the same time ensuring that any impact to the marine environment is negligible. Technology has developed to support such ocean mari-culture, and it is now possible to farm seafood in the ocean in a sustainable and environmentally sensitive fashion, as has been proposed. There should be no further delay, and I urge you to approve this plan.

Respectfully submitted,

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