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DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS

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Executive Director

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Chef Parola Enterprise
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Dear Chef Parola,

It was a pleasure to meet with you and Mr. Zack Gyler on January 26 to hear your presentation. We were impressed by your concern, dedication and zeal to explore ways of marketing Silverfin© products for human consumption. Everyone who tasted the products that you prepared was impressed. We applaud your efforts to develop and market food products from these species to stimulate consumer demand for them.

The potential impacts of Asian carp to Mississippi's native fish species, as well as our country's aquatic resources, are of great concern. These species are now firmly established in the Mississippi River and in river systems and lakes in the Delta region of Mississippi. We recognize that commercial harvest of Asian carp is currently the most viable way to manage and control these populations.

We understand that your future development efforts depend on your ability to secure initial funding to build or renovate a fish processing plant. We certainly support your efforts and suggest that you present your plans to state and federal economic development officials to determine what assistance may be available.

We look forward to working together in the future with this program to make it a success. Please contact me if have any question regarding our support.

Sincerely

Larry Pugh
Fisheries Bureau Director
Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks