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Chef Philippe Parola
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Dear Chef Parola,

I am writing to express my support for your work developing projects to remove more invasive carp from LA waters. In all the years, we have known each other, you have been focused on developing a business centered on processing invasive carp into food products. Creating different markets for use of every part of the carp should provide enough value in the fish that government backed subsides would not be needed to make the harvest profitable for the fisherman. This is something I have been supportive of in my work as Aquatic Nuisance Species Coordinator for LA.

Since 2019, LDWF has developed a program to study and manage invasive carp. One of the goals of the program is to increase dockside price of invasive carp by creating market demand for those fish. Your plans fit into that overall LA invasive carp management program by providing another high value market for the invasive carp. This market is one that doesn't exist currently in LA and has the potential to grow quickly. There are enough existing carp fishermen and commercial fishing infrastructure to support an increase in the invasive carp fishery. I also believe that there is enough invasive carp in LA waters to support the needs of your facility.

I believe that this has the potential to succeed and increase the harvest of invasive carp in LA. Research has shown that this will impact LA and potentially the entire Lower Mississippi River Basin by reducing the population size of the lower Mississippi and Atchafalaya Rivers. Please feel free to contact me at rbourgeois@wlf.la.gov if I can provide any further information to assist you in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

Robert P. Bourgeois
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