



November 06, 2025

The Honorable Ted Cruz
Chairman
Senate Committee on Committee on
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Maria Cantwell
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Cruz and Ranking Member Cantwell,

On behalf of the Marine Fish Conservation Network, I write in support of the **Young Fishermen's Development Extension Act (S. 2357)**, which was favorably reported out of the Committee. The legislation enjoys bipartisan, bicameral support, and we hope the Senate will give it favorable consideration.

Since being signed into law in 2021, the Young Fishermen's Development Act's grant program has supported the training, education, and mentorship for hundreds of young and beginning fishermen entering the commercial fishing trade.

This legislation represents an important opportunity to continue investing in our young, working people and new entrants to the trade, who are eager, willing, and able to develop skills needed to become successful commercial fishermen. The Young Fishermen's Development Extension Act will help promote marine stewardship, sound business practices, and sustainable fishing by small-boat fishermen keeping our waterfronts working and America's fishing traditions alive for future generations.

The Marine Fish Conservation Network is a coalition of commercial and recreational fishing associations, regional and national conservation groups, sustainable seafood suppliers, aquaria, and marine science organizations committed to sustaining fish populations, healthy marine ecosystems, and robust fishing communities. For more information, visit conservefish.org.

Thank you for your support of this legislation. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance or provide additional information.

Sincerely,
G.J. Thomas Sadler, Jr.
Chief Executive Officer

CC: Sen. Wicker, Sen. Murkowski, Sen. Markey, Sen. Thune, and Sen. Schumer