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The Honorable Henry A. Waxman
Chairman, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Chairman:

We received your letter dated February 4, 2008, requesting that the Government Accountability Office review a number of issues concerning the expenditures of the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council.

GAO accepts your request as work that is within the scope of its authority. To fully respond to your request, GAO plans to initiate work on this project in about five months when it is expected that staff with the required skills will be available. Your request has been assigned to [redacted] or a member of his team will contact [redacted] to discuss the request and options for helping you meet your needs. As applicable, we will also be in contact with the cognizant Inspector General's office to ensure that we are not duplicating efforts. If an issue arises during this coordination, we will consult with you regarding its resolution.

If you have any questions, please contact [redacted]

Sincerely yours,

Ralph Dawn
Managing Director for
Congressional Relations

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cc: The Honorable Tom Davis
Ranking Member