



To: HMS AP Meeting Speakers
From: Rich Ruais, ABTA Executive Director
Ralph Pratt, HMS AP Member
Re: 9/11/09 Public Comments

We would like to personally thank fishermen Eric Hesse, Steve Weiner and Steve Getto for traveling to Washington on their own time and expense to deliver their powerful well spoken comments at the public hearing for the proposed CITES listing of Bluefin tuna.

It is important that NMFS and others involved in fisheries management hear directly from fishermen who are impacted by critical decisions made by this group.

Thank you for all your time and effort.

Sincerely

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