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Subject: Re: Fishing subsidies sign on letter

Dear Roberta,
I sign on behalf of Zerofootprint - count us in.
Best,
Ron

Sent from my BlackBerry device on the Rogers Wireless Network

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Subject: Fishing subsidies sign on letter

This email comes to you on behalf of WWF, Oceana, and the Mission Blue network, seeking the support of your organization on a letter to President Obama urging administration action to eliminate subsidies that drive overfishing. This letter follows up on a meeting that many of you attended, sponsored by Mission Blue (held at WWF headquarters in Washington a few weeks ago), and comes at a time when years of progress towards the negotiation of new World Trade Organization rules to end harmful fisheries subsidies are in jeopardy, amidst political crisis within the global "Doha Round" trade talks.

As you know, massive subsidies remain one of the key drivers of overfishing around the world. Binding and effective new rules at the WTO—which are meant to include an outright prohibition on many of the most dangerous subsidy programs—would be a huge step forward. But the Doha Round is struggling, and one result may be the weakening of a strong draft text that has been on the table since 2007. The situation in Geneva is complex and murky, but now is a key time for concerned groups to express strong support for keeping the elimination of harmful fisheries subsidies high on the US priority list.

We hope your organization will join us by signing this letter to President Obama. We would like to close out this letter for delivery by the end of next week (Friday April 22), if possible. Please note that we are **seeking signatures at the CEO level**, although we would like to hear from you if that imposes an obstacle to joining the letter.

If you would like to sign on or if have any questions, please contact me or John Carlson at Oceana (jcarlson@oceana.org, tel: 202-467-1920).

We look forward to hearing from you!

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