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The Honorable Mary Landrieu  
724 Hart Senate Building  
Washington, DC 20510

**RE: Oil Spill Supplemental Federal Appropriation for Gulf Fisheries**

Senator Landrieu

Ocean Conservancy wishes to express its appreciation for your leadership in successfully obtaining funding in the recent Supplemental Appropriations bill to enhance fishery data collection in the Gulf of Mexico. As you are well aware, Gulf coast communities dependent upon sustainable fisheries have been dealt a severe blow the past couple months. Only through science and understanding of what has happened in the Gulf will those communities be able to rebuild and made whole; in large part to your efforts on Capitol Hill.

Ocean Conservancy is extremely lucky to have had the assistance of **Ben Goliwas our International Coastal Clean-up Director for Louisiana** to bring the urgent need of Gulf fisheries to your attention during the early days of the Deepwater Horizon Incident. Ben's efforts to keep our beaches and waterways clean over the past years have made him well aware of the vibrant fisheries and way of life on the Gulf coast.

It is with heartfelt gratitude that we thank you for supporting and promoting the need for gulf fisheries research in the Supplemental Appropriations bill.

Sincerely,

TJ Marshall