

April 25, 2007

The Honorable Jay Inslee
403 Cannon House Office Building
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Inslee:

On behalf of World Wildlife Fund, I am writing to thank you for your leadership in introducing HR 1957, a bill that will permanently prohibit oil and gas leasing in the North Aleutian Basin Planning Area. These sub-arctic waters support important commercial fisheries, representing more than 40 percent of the nation's annual seafood catch. With your help we will renew long-standing, bipartisan protection for this economically, culturally, and ecologically important ecosystem. The Bering Sea ecoregion has been a longtime priority for WWF and we will continue to be actively engaged on the issue and look forward with you and your staff to help protect this magnificent, but highly threatened area.

We would also like to extend our gratitude to Tracey Nagelbush and Dana Kelly whose hardwork have helped to make protecting Bristol Bay a focal point for the US Congress.

All of us at World Wildlife Fund appreciate your commitment to Bristol Bay.

Sincerely,

Carter Roberts