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Mr. Walt Kittleberger, President
Lower Laguna Madre Foundation
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Dear Walt:

I wish to thank you and the Lower Laguna Madre Foundation (LLMF) for your long standing efforts to protect the health of this unique ecosystem. The Laguna Madre is a very special place and deserves all of our best efforts to assure its future health and productivity. The fisheries of this marine ecosystem make a significant economic contribution to Texas. The growing eco-tourism industry has also long recognized the Laguna as a special place as well. As our state's population continues to grow, those goals will become more difficult to achieve and even more critical that we succeed.

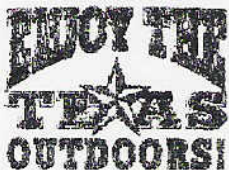
The LLMF has been an influential supporter of efforts to protect the Laguna's fisheries from habitat losses, freezes and over fishing. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department regulations towards those ends, Freeze Response Rules and Regional Management of Spotted Seatrout, benefited from your input. The LLMF has a long and well known history in the area of habitat protection.

Thank you for your past contributions to conservation and your ongoing efforts on behalf of the Laguna Madre.

Sincerely,

Larry D. McKinney, Ph.D.
Director of Coastal Fisheries

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