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Dear Member,

    As a faith leader, I value the health of God's oceans and all marine life. Jesus kept the company of fishermen, and when he performed the miracle of the multiplication of loaves and fishes, everyone's hunger was satisfied. Today, without proper and ethical stewardship over our waters, overfishing could endanger the ability of future generations of fishermen to sustain their families, or for anyone to enjoy the bounty of the sea.

    It will take more than a miracle to sustain the multiplication of the fishes for future generations. It takes planning, safeguards, and accountability. The Magnuson-Stevens Act provides the basic science-based protections needed to safeguard the integrity of God's marine creation and prosperity of our human communities. HR 200 and legislation like it are dangerous because they create loopholes which reduce protections and accountability, and disregard science. Please support the delicate balance we need to ensure we have ample and healthy fisheries now, and in the future. Please vote no on HR 200.

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