MISSISSIPPI
DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS

Sam Polles, Ph.D.
Executive Director

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Chef Parola Enterprise
P.O. Box 84524
Baton Rouge, LA 70884

Dear Chef Parola:

I appreciate your efforts in the presentation you made to our Fisheries Bureau staff on January 26. I was able to taste the products that you prepared and was impressed. I also applaud your efforts to develop and market Silverfin© food products from these species for human consumption.

The potential economic impacts of Asian carp to Mississippi's recreational and commercial fisheries are of great concern. These species are now firmly established in the Mississippi River and in river systems and lakes in the Delta region of Mississippi. Although different control options are being discussed, commercial harvest of Asian carp is a viable way to manage and control these populations.

I appreciate your willingness to address the problem that has spread throughout the Mississippi River Valley by developing a commercial fishery with value added products. I also support your plan to develop and market food products from these species that may generate new businesses and new jobs.

Please contact me if you have any further questions regarding my support and that of the Department.

Sincerely,

Sam Polles, Ph.D.
Executive Director