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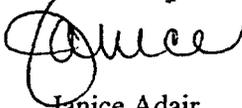
Joseph A. Levitt
Director
Center for Food Safety and
Applied Nutrition
Food and Drug Administration
Washington, D.C. 20204

Dear Mr. Levitt:

I have received your letter dated March 2 that proposes a revision to the fish consumption advisory FDA issued on January 12. The revision you've proposed certainly meets with our approval. I want to sincerely thank you and Mr. Carson for your willingness to work with us to resolve this matter. Please have someone let me know when the advisory has been revised.

I would also like to reiterate my request that Alaska be included in discussions FDA has with states and other stakeholders on seafood issues, particularly as they relate to product safety. We are the number one seafood producing state and have a higher-than-average individual consumption level. Both elements combined to make seafood very important to the state and its residents.

Sincerely,



Janice Adair
Director