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Dear Mr. Frazier and Mr. Keeney,

We are submitting for your consideration and approval the enclosed *South Carolina Aquatic Invasive Species Management Plan*. The plan was developed by a 32-member task force composed of representatives from state and federal agencies and the private sector. Development of the plan followed the guidance provided in Public Law 101-646, as amended by the National Invasive Species Act of 1996 (P.L. 104-332), and included public input and review.

For several years, various state and federal agencies and private organizations have worked independently to address aquatic nuisance species issues in the state. This document represents the first unified effort by these agencies and entities to identify common goals and objectives and present a coordinated implementation plan to address aquatic invasive species problems. This is also the first time that our state has addressed both freshwater and marine invasive species concerns together. All member agencies of the South Carolina Aquatic Invasive Species Task Force have submitted letters of support for the final plan.

We look forward to Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force's approval of the plan and the potential awarding of federal funds to help implement the plan. Please direct technical comments regarding the plan to Steven de Kozlowski, Interim Deputy Director, Land, Water, and Conservation at the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources. Mr. de Kozlowski can be reached directly at (803) 734-9114 or by email [dekozlowskis@dnr.sc.gov](mailto:dekozlowskis@dnr.sc.gov). Take care.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure