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Dear «PREFIX» «SURNAME2»:

We hope you will participate in the Survey of Participants in the Gulf of Mexico Grouper-Tilefish Individual Fishing Quota (GT-IFQ) Program being conducted for the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) by QuanTech. NMFS needs to assess the impacts of management actions on commercial fisheries. This survey is being conducted as part of the five-year evaluation of the GT-IFQ Program. It is very important that we hear from everyone selected for this survey. Your participation is critical to ensuring success.

To complete the survey online, please log into the NMFS IFQ Gulf Reef Fish System and click on the link for the “Survey of Participants in the Gulf of Mexico Grouper-Tilefish Individual Fishing Quota Program”.

If you prefer not to complete the survey online, enclosed please find a paper questionnaire and postage paid return envelope.

Thank you very much for your help with this important study. We will take all appropriate steps to protect your privacy. Your responses will be held strictly confidential. We know your time is valuable, but hope you will participate and be part of the fisheries management process.

If you would like more information about the study, please contact:

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Thanking you in advance,

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