

**Gulf & South Atlantic Fisheries Foundation, Inc.**

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Ms. Kimberly Chauvin  
Mariah Jade Shrimp Company  
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Dear Ms. Chauvin:

On behalf of the Gulf & South Atlantic Fisheries Foundation, Inc., I'd like to express our gratitude to your company for the years of working with the Foundation on our cooperative research efforts to assist the commercial fishing industry in the Southeast. Research and testing aboard your vessel, FV Mariah Jade, has resulted in important developments and improvements in Turtle Excluder Devices and finfish reduction gear in the Southeastern shrimp trawl fishery. The dedication and cooperation your company continues to commit for the advancement of conservation and enhancement of our fisheries has led to dramatic improvements for both the environment and the shrimp industry.

In addition to your efforts outlined above, other collaborative research regarding shrimp effort investigations, seafood quality enhancement and gear efficiency studies has played an important role in advancing the shrimp fishery.

Thanks again for your cooperative efforts in conjunction with the Foundation's research programs. We look forward to continuing this important relationship in the future and wish to express our heartfelt appreciation for all that you do for the domestic shrimp industry.

Regards,



Judy Jamison  
Executive Director