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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

FROM: Dr. Jonathan M. Shenker  
Director, Sportfish Research Institute

RE: Mr. Gary Giles

Mr. Gary Giles asked that I provide a character reference in support of his application to operate as a charter sport fishing captain. Mr. Giles has worked in close association with my sportfishery research for several years, and I am pleased to support his endeavor.

A great deal of the work done in my laboratory involves enlisting local anglers to participate in research, educating adults and school children about the value of the local environment as habitat for vital fishery species, and encouraging citizens to help preserve and protect these valuable resources. Mr Giles has assisted us in all aspects of this program. He has proven to be a tireless advocate for our program and a major participant in our research efforts. In addition to directly collecting a great amount of fisheries data, he has acted as a great educator and recruiter, using his tremendous enthusiasm and knowledge to teach others about our work, and he has been successful in getting others to join the program. All in all, he has proven to be a responsible and effective steward of our vital coastal fisheries.

Please contact me if you need any additional information.