

TEAM SCORPACUDA FIRST LEGO LEAGUE

<Date>

<Supermarket Name>

<Supermarket Address>

<Supermarket City, State, Zip>

Dear <Supermarket Manager>:

Our LEGO robotics team has been studying the effects of overfishing, global warming, and overfertilization on the health of the oceans. People are becoming aware of the fact that sustainable fishing harvest practices are needed to preserve our oceans and the animals that live in them. One of the most effective ways of educating consumers is to provide information on food labels.

Consumers read food labels to make healthy choices for their dietary needs. They find nutritional information such as calories, fat, sodium, carbohydrates, fiber and sugar content. Labels also tell us about all the ingredients in the food item. Consumers will know where the food item was manufactured and whether or not it is organically grown but not necessarily where and how it was grown or raised.

Very few food products provide information consumers need to make choices that will not harm fish and that will lead to healthy ocean waters and fish schools. Taking too many of one variety of fish can put that entire species at risk. Taking fish in a way that damages the ecosystems fish depend upon by ruining the spawning grounds, plants, killing predators and food sources, introducing non-native species, by overboard polluting, or dumping unwanted dead fish overboard, can also put a species at risk. Taking fish at a time when they are vulnerable, such as during spawning can also reduce the ability of the fish to recover.

Please post information to your customers about whether the fish in your market are farmed or wild; and how, when, and where the fish in your market were caught. Through public education and information like this, people can make individual choices that collectively will benefit not only our ocean environments but our world environment.

Sincerely,

Team Scorpacuda
Fifth Graders and Lego Robot Designers