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To: Kate O'Connell
Cc: Erin Baker
Subject: RE: Vaquita

Hello, Ms. O'Connell.

The information shared with you is correct, and is restated below.

We are cognizant of and concerned about threats to the survival of the vaquita. We currently offer one product that shares the same Northern Gulf of California habitat: Trader Joe's Uncooked Wild Blue Shrimp. As we are committed to ensuring that all of our seafood purchases are from sustainable sources, we have clarified our understanding and expectation with our vendor that their practices are not contributing to the endangerment of the vaquita.

Our Wild Blue Shrimp vendor has specified that a report is received upon the landing of each vessel and that through the use of GPS devices that document the areas fished, they can verify the provenance of product and categorically state that all product delivered to Trader Joe's was captured in a responsible manner, not using gillnets, outside the gillnet fishing exclusion zone.

With this understanding, we are selling through the remaining Wild Blue Shrimp from last year's catch. While we are confident this product has not contributed to the imperilment of the vaquita, we have decided not to purchase more shrimp from Mexico, at this time.

Thank you for your time and consideration.
-Matt

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