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Dear Jennifer

I am writing to you to express my support to the nomination of Dr. David Fournier for the William E. Ricker Resource Conservation Award.

Although Dr Fournier initially developed ADMB for application in North American, his work has had a global impact. Including in Europe where the availability of ADMB and the lead given to us by David Fournier has allowed a variety of methods to be developed that otherwise would have been impossible. For example in my own work I have been able to develop models for a variety of fisheries and stock dynamics and to evaluate alternative management strategies. This is of crucial importance in allowing the European Community to develop recovery and long-term management plans that meet commitments under the World Summit on Sustainable Development.

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