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March 11, 2021

Dr. Paul Doremus
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Dear Dr. Doremus:

Thank you for your agency's letter dated January 11, 2021 requesting that I nominate a slate of qualified candidates for consideration by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce for an at-large appointment to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council.

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 113-260 charges the N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission with the responsibility of compiling a list of nominees for consideration by the Governor for Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council appointments. The commission provided the names of Ms. Anna Beckwith, Mr. William Gorham, and Ms. Sara Winslow for my consideration as nominees for an at-large appointment to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council. I concur with the commission recommendations and am forwarding these names to you as North Carolina's nominees. The nominees are presented in alphabetical order without preference.

Due to the statutory makeup of the N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission (please see enclosed list), compilation of the list of nominees by that body meets the requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, 16 U.S.C. § 1852(b)(2)(C) (2018), that each nomination be made in consultation with the commercial and recreational fishing interests of the state. The commission makes every effort to encourage and seek out qualified women and minority candidates during this process. All the nominees are residents of North Carolina. All nominees, by reason of their occupational or other experience, scientific expertise or training, are knowledgeable regarding the conservation and management of the commercial or recreational harvest of the fisheries resources of North Carolina.

Following is a brief summary of the experience that qualifies each nominee to serve as a member of the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council:

Ms. Anna Beckwith (Recreational). Ms. Beckwith holds a B.S. degree in Environmental Science and Policy from Florida International University in Miami, FL and a M.S. degree in Biological Oceanography with a Minor in Geographic Information Science from N.C. State University in Raleigh, NC.

Ms. Beckwith is currently finishing her third term on the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council. Her current term ends August 2021. On the SAFMC she serves as an at-large seat and is chair of the Dolphin/Wahoo, and Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Committees. As Chair of the HMS Committee she also serves on the HMS Advisory Panel for the National Marine Fisheries Service and the ICCAT Advisory Committee. She

attended the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) 2014, 2015 and 2016 annual meeting as part of the U.S. delegation. Ms. Beckwith has also served as liaison to the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council and the Mid Atlantic Fishery Management Council on numerous occasions. Ms. Beckwith has also served as a Council representative on King Mackerel, Cobia, Blueline Tilefish and Red Snapper (currently on going) stock assessments

Ms. Beckwith served on the N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission from 2009 to 2015, serving as Vice-Chair from 2011 to 2015.

Ms. Beckwith and her husband own Down East Guide Service, a North Carolina recreational fishing guide service and international travel agency for sport fisherman specializing in Costa Rica and Argentina. They are the managing partners of Dragin Fly Sportfishing based out of Los Suenos Marina Costa Rica.

Prior to 2007 Ms. Beckwith taught Environmental Science and Biology at the high school level and sixth, seventh and eighth grade science in eastern North Carolina. She was a research consultant (post-graduate work) from 2004 through 2006 monitoring red drum spawning habitat using passive acoustics, water quality, and egg/larval monitoring in the Neuse River Estuary, Pamlico River, Pamlico Sound and Ocracoke Inlet.

Previous to pursuing her graduate degree Ms. Beckwith was employed as Program Manager (1999-2001) for the American Farmland Trust in Washington, DC and was a marine fellow for The Nature Conservancy (1999).

Mr. William Gorham. Mr. Gorham is owner of Bowed Up Lures, a fishing lure manufacturer located in Dare County. Given Mr. Gorham's market area for his lure company, it gives him great insight into fisheries in both the Atlantic and Gulf states.

Mr. Gorham has been involved in the state and federal fisheries management for a number of years. He currently serves as the ongoing proxy for North Carolina's Legislative Appointee on the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission. Mr. Gorham also served on the South Atlantic's Cobia sub panel and Citizen Science Advisory Committee.

Mr. Gorham was also appointed to participate in each step of SEDAR 58 cobia stock assessment. Mr. Gorham has also assisted in stakeholder outreach and education on a variety of regulatory proposals.

Ms. Sara Winslow (Other). Ms. Winslow received a B.S. Degree in Marine Biology from UNC-Wilmington in 1978 and began her career with the NC Division of Marine Fisheries in January 1979 as a Marine Fisheries Technician II in the Northern District Office in Elizabeth City. She worked on anadromous species projects until May 1982 when she was promoted to Biologist I where she served as the Project leader for a Shad and River Herring Federal Aid Project until June 1986 when she was promoted to Biologist II. In 1988, Ms. Winslow was promoted to the Northern District Biologist Supervisor position. In that capacity, she was responsible for overseeing biological staff and projects in N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries offices located in Elizabeth City, Manteo and Columbia. In December 2000, Ms. Winslow was promoted to Northern District Manager position where she was responsible for all regional N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries projects/programs and served as staff lead for the Northeast Advisory Committee. She also served on the

division's Rules Advisory Team, the Management Review Team and participated in numerous division and N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission meetings and activities until her retirement in February 2011.

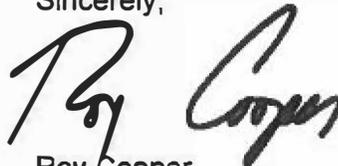
Ms. Winslow served as Project Leader for Phase II Striped Bass stocking and tag returns from 1980 to 2009. She served as Project Leader on N. C. Shad and River Herring projects where she was responsible for field sampling, data analysis and preparing project reports. She was responsible for reviewing and commenting on habitat alteration and coastal development permits (N.C. Division of Coastal Area Management Act, N.C. Division of Water Quality, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, etc.) for 23 years. During her career, she was involved with the development of several fishery management plans, including serving as the lead on the N.C. River Herring Fishery Management Plan, as well as co-lead and later mentor for the N.C. Estuarine Striped Bass Fishery Management Plan.

At the interstate level, Ms. Winslow served on Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Technical Committees for Shad and River Herring, Striped Bass and the Striped Bass Tagging Committee. For 21 of 23 years, Ms. Winslow participated in the Cooperative Winter Tagging Cruise, a collaborative effort among the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Marine Fisheries Service, the N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries and several other Atlantic coast states including Virginia, Maryland, Delaware and New Jersey. As a cruise participant, she was responsible for data collection and tagging striped bass, summer flounder, red drum, Atlantic sturgeon, spiny dogfish and horseshoe crabs.

Ms. Winslow currently serves on the N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission Finfish and Northern Regional (Chair) Advisory Committees. Ms. Winslow was appointed to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (New York – North Carolina) in August 2015 – 2018 to represent North Carolina and has been re-appointed for her second term (August 2018 – 2021). In 2019/2020, she serves on the following Mid-Atlantic Council committees: ee Demersal and Coastal Migratory, Mackerel, Squid and Butterfish (Vice Chair), Ecosystemee (Vice Chair), Bluefish and Executive. Ms. Winslow is currently serving as the Chair of three Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's River Herring and Shad Committee. In three past, she also served on the Protected Resources and Highly Migratory Species ee committees. ee

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the nomination process for a N.C. at-large seat to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council.

Sincerely,



Roy Cooper

Enclosures

cc: Secretary Dionne Delli-Gattie
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March 15, 2021

Mr. Paul Doremus
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Dear Mr. Doremus:

I am writing to submit three qualified candidates for both Virginia's obligatory seat and for the at-large seats on the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council.

I have worked with my Secretary of Natural Resources, Matthew J. Strickler, to identify and consider a number of qualified individuals, ensuring our nominees are knowledgeable in commercial and recreational fisheries and committed to the conservation and management of our fisheries and marine resources. Below are the nominees in order of priority and preference:

MAFMC Obligatory Seat

1. Skip Feller – Recreational
2. Chris Newsome – Recreational
3. Alex Aspinwall – Other

At-Large Seats

1. Chris Newsome – Recreational
2. Alex Aspinwall - Other
3. Skip Feller – Recreational

Skip Feller's expansive background in the fishing industry includes for-hire, commercial and recreational experience. Well respected in the fishing community and among his peers, Skip has spent his life on the water, both recreationally and professionally. In addition to managing his company, he also oversees all operations of the Virginia Beach Fishing Center. Mr. Feller has completed numerous course modules of the Marine Resources Education Program focused on fisheries science and management processes. He is an engaged member of the Finfish Management Advisory Council for the Virginia Marine Resources Commission and also serves on several advisory panels for the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council. He has previously served on the summer flounder, black sea bass, and scup panel for the Atlantic

States Marine Fisheries Commission.

Chris Newsome has been an active participant in fisheries management both on and off the water for numerous years. For the past 19 years he has owned a charter fishery business and more recently has served on the board of the American Saltwater Guides Association. He has a B.S. in biology with an emphasis in marine science. He combines years of on the water experience both as a guide and an avid recreational angler with a passion for advocacy for science based fishery management.

Alex Aspinwall previously worked at the Virginia Marine Fisheries Commission as a Fisheries Management Data Analyst. Alex has extensive experience translating fisheries data and science into management options and fisheries policies. He holds an undergraduate degree in Fisheries and Wildlife Management and a Master of Science in fisheries, aquaculture and aquatic studies from Auburn University. In addition to his degrees, he also completed stock assessment courses with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission. Alex is also an avid recreational angler who has fished in numerous tournaments and understand firsthand how fisheries polices are applied to on the water anglers.

During the search staff conducted outreach to numerous people in the commercial and recreational fisheries including but not limited to:

- Rick Robins – Owner, Bernie’s Conchs
- Mike Hutt - Executive Director, Virginia Marine Products Board
- John Bello – Chairman, Virginia Saltwater Sportfishing Association
- Meade Amory – Owner, L.D. Amory and Co. Seafood
- Patrick Geer – Division Chief, Virginia Marine Resources Commission

In addition to the individuals from the recreational and commercial fishing communities, we also contacted the nonprofit groups Green Latinos and Outdoor Afro to see if they knew of interested and qualified candidates in the communities they represent. We also did outreach to several of the Governor’s advisory boards including the Virginia Asian Advisory Board, Virginia African American Advisory Board, Virginia Council on Women, and to individual interested board members. Finally, we queried our database of applicants for state boards and commissions for interested and qualified women and minority candidates.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact the Secretary of Natural Resources, Matthew J. Strickler, for any next steps or follow-up.

Sincerely,

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Ralph S. Northam



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March 11, 2021

Attn: Morgan Corey

Dear Ms. Corey:

Enclosed please find the completed nomination materials for the pending vacancies of interest to New Jersey on the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC). These seats include the New Jersey obligatory seat currently held by Mr. Adam Nowalsky, and the at-large seat currently held by Mr. Anthony Dilernia (NY). The New Jersey Marine Fisheries Council, the Garden State Seafood Association, and numerous commercial fishing ports and recreational fishing groups throughout the State were solicited for nominations to these seats. The solicitation included an explicit request to identify qualified women and minority candidates. The candidates below belong to, or are affiliated with, some of the organizations solicited for nominations, and each has been active in state and/or federal level fishery management issues. All are highly respected within the fishing community. In priority order, we nominate the following:

Obligatory seat:

- Mr. Adam Nowalsky (recreational)— Mr. Nowalsky is the incumbent in this seat, currently serving in his second term. He is a licensed charter fishing captain and has been very active in both local and regional fisheries management issues. In addition to his time on the MAFMC, Adam serves as New Jersey's legislative proxy to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries

Commission, is acting chairman of the New Jersey Chapter of the Recreational Fishing Alliance, and serves on multiple citizen advisory committees to the New Jersey Marine Fisheries Council.

- Greg Hueth (recreational)– Mr. Hueth has a long history of involvement in recreational fisheries issues. An avid angler from a young age, he previously worked in the for-hire industry and is active with a number of fishing clubs and organizations. Greg currently serves on a number of fisheries advisory panels and is a regular attendee at state, interstate, and federal management meetings.
- Jeff Kaelin (commercial) – Mr. Kaelin has been involved with commercial fisheries management his entire career and has a comprehensive knowledge of the industry and associated state and federal statutes and policies. A former member of the MAFMC, he currently serves on several advisory panels and is a member of the NJ Marine Fisheries Council.

At-large seat:

- Eleanor Bochenek (other / research) – Dr. Bochenek is a prominent figure in fisheries research in the mid Atlantic region. Her research over multiple decades has covered both the commercial and recreational sectors, giving her a broad knowledge of the fisheries, and the management challenges they face. She is a member of the NJ Marine Fisheries Council, as well as a member of several advisory panels for MAFMC and ASMFC.
- Jeff Kaelin (commercial) – see description above
- Kevin Wark (at-large seat) – Mr. Wark has been a commercial harvester for over four decades. During this time, he has advocated at the state and federal level for sustainability and harvesters' rights and responsibilities. Kevin is also actively engaged in fisheries research, collaborating with local universities and agencies to address important management issues. He is a member of the NJ Marine Fisheries Council and several advisory panels.

All candidates listed above are highly regarded by their peers, and would be excellent representatives to MAFMC. ***However, New Jersey strongly recommends the reappointment of Mr. Adam Nowalsky for a third term in the obligatory seat, and Dr. Eleanor Bochenek for the at-large seat.***

- Mr. Nowalsky has a comprehensive understanding of marine fisheries management issues. He prepares thoroughly for meetings, and is well spoken and unbiased in his deliberations. These attributes have secured him respect and support for reappointment from both recreational and commercial constituents and New Jersey Marine Fisheries Administration staff.
- Dr. Bochenek has been at the forefront of fisheries research in the mid Atlantic region for over two decades. During this time, she has worked extensively with both the commercial and recreational sectors, investigating some of the most important fishery issues in the region. With her diverse knowledge and commitment to finding solutions to difficult issues, she is a superlative candidate for nomination.

For these reasons, my office fully supports the prioritization of these two names in the nomination process.

Thank you for your consideration of my nominees for these seats on the MAFMC. If you have any questions, please contact Tim Hillmann at (609) 777-2203.

Sincerely,

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Philip D. Murphy
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Dear Mr. Doremus:

I am writing to submit New York State's recommended candidates to be considered for appointment to fill the "At Large" seat on the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC) which is currently held by Mr. Anthony DiLernia, who is completing his third term on MAFMC and is therefore not eligible to seek reappointment to an additional term.

As in previous years, the process we used to identify candidates included discussions with leaders of commercial and recreational fishing organizations in New York and with individuals who have attended and provided input at management meetings, including the New York Marine Resources Advisory Council (MRAC) and public meetings on individual Fishery Management Plans (FMPs). This collective process resulted in the consideration of several candidates. This year, no women or minority candidates expressed an interest in the At-Large position, despite our recruitment efforts. Nomination kits for the qualified candidates identified below are enclosed with this correspondence.

At-large Seat Recommendations

I am pleased to recommend Mr. Fred Golofaro for appointment to the "At-Large" seat. The senior editor of *The Fisherman Magazine*, Mr. Golofaro has highly knowledgeable about all aspects of commercial and recreational marine fishing and would be a tremendous asset to MAFMC. In addition to Mr. Golofaro, I am submitting the names of two other candidates who are worthy of your consideration. These candidates are Tom Schlichter and Brian Culhane, both of whom have the requisite expertise on fishery management issues.

The following, in order of preference, are New York State's 2021 nominees for the "At-Large" seat on the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council:

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Fred Golofaro – As the senior editor of *The Fisherman Magazine*, Mr. Golofaro has deep knowledge of all aspects of recreational fishing, including fishery management, access and conservation. His experience in working on management issues involving a large number of marine species and his knowledge of MAFMC, ASMFC and New York State's Marine Resources Advisory Council has provided Mr. Golofaro with the experience to be a valuable MAFMC member.

Thomas Schlichter -- As perhaps the last full-time outdoors writer left on Long Island, Mr. Schlichter's knowledge of local fishing communities is unsurpassed. More importantly, he is devoted to protecting and fostering our fishery resources stands firm, balanced with a fair and healthy respect for all user groups and stakeholders who share these resources. Mr. Schlichter also has an understanding of, and sincere respect for, the operations of MAFMC. His holistic approach to marine issues would contribute to MAFMC's activities.

Brian Culhane – Mr. Culhane's wealth of knowledge on marine fishery issues stems from his many years of service for the New York State Senate, where he served in positions including the Director of the Subcommittee on the Long Island Marine District and as the proxy for the Senators who served on the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission. His broad and diverse service with respect to marine fisheries would be of clear value to MAFMC.

I highly recommend Fred Golofaro and respectfully request your consideration of his appointment to the "At-Large" seat on the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council.

Sincerely,

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Dated: March 30, 2021

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