



Jay Inslee
Governor
State of Washington

March 8, 2021

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Dear Mr. Doremus:

Please accept the following names, in priority order, as my nominees for one of the two obligatory Washington State seats to the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC). Mr. Craig Cross currently occupies this seat; he is not eligible for reappointment having served three terms.

Washington State has consulted with a broad range of commercial, recreational, and public constituents in seeking nominations; the consultation list is attached. Particular efforts were made to recruit qualified women and minority candidates. In conjunction with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, we have evaluated each candidate's suitability and qualifications relative to the Magnuson Stevens Act and the 2020 Guidance Document, have conducted initial background reviews, and have also determined that none of them are federally registered lobbyists. Based on my evaluations of each candidate's qualifications, I am recommending the following individuals in priority order. All three candidates should be classified in the commercial sector.

Ms. Anne M. Vanderhoeven

Ms. Vanderhoeven is the Director of Government Affairs for Arctic Storm Management Group, a position she has held since 2017. Arctic Storm is a Seattle-based company that owns and operates several fishing vessels that participate in groundfish harvests in the Bering Sea, Gulf of Alaska as well as fisheries managed by the Pacific Council. Previously, she worked for several organizations in Alaska that participate in NPFMC fisheries, as a fishery manager and as an observer. Over the last decade, she has served on the Council's Advisory Panel, Fishery Monitoring Advisory Committee and Non-target Species Committee. She serves on numerous Boards, including the Bering Sea Fisheries Research Foundation, Marine Conservation Alliance, Pollock Conservation Cooperative, At-Sea Processors Association, United Catcher Boats and High Seas Catcher Cooperative. Ms. Vanderhoeven resides on Bainbridge Island, Washington.

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Dr. Mark Fina:

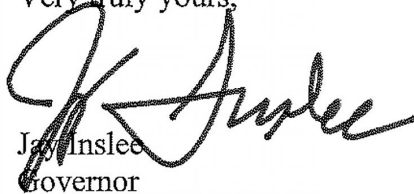
Dr. Fina is the Senior Analyst and Legal Counsel for United States Seafood, LLC, a Seattle-based corporation that owns and operates several fishing vessels that harvest groundfish in the Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska. He also serves as President of the Alaska Seafood Cooperative. Before he took this position in 2013, he was a Senior Economist on the staff of the NPFMC for a decade where he interacted extensively with the Council, industry members and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). Dr. Fina resides in Seattle, Washington.

Ms. Jamie Goen:

Ms. Goen is the Executive Director of the Alaska Bering Sea Crabbers, a trade organization of independent harvesters of Bering Sea crab that is headquartered in Seattle. Prior to taking this position in 2018, Ms. Goen worked as staff for the International Pacific Halibut Commission and previously for NMFS. In her current capacity, Ms. Goen interacts with the Council on a frequent basis as the primary representative for the crab harvesters. Ms. Goen resides in Seattle, Washington.

While Ms. Vanderhoeven is my preferred candidate, I believe that each of these three candidates are well qualified to serve on the NPFMC and will support management values that promote resource conservation, habitat protection, and sustainable fisheries. Thank you for your consideration of my recommendations.

Very truly yours,



Jay Inslee
Governor

cc: Kelly Susewind, Director, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Bill Tweit, Special Assistant, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Attachment: List of Groups Consulted

Enclosure: Nomination kits for Ms. Vanderhoeven, Dr. Fina, Ms. Goen

List of Groups Consulted Regarding Nominations for Washington Obligatory Seat on the North Pacific Fishery Management Council – 2021 Nomination

Alaska Bering Sea Crabbers
Alaska Scallop Association
Alaska Seafood Cooperative
American Seafoods
Arctic Storm Management Group
At Sea Processors Association
Deep Sea Fishermens Union
Freezer Longliner Coalition
Groundfish Forum
Icicle Seafoods
Meddar Corporation
Midwater Trawlers Cooperative
Mundt MacGregor
North Pacific Crab Association
North Pacific Seafoods
North Pacific Vessel Owners Associatio
Ocean Conservancy
Pacific Seafood Processors Association
Peter Pan Seafoods
SeaState, Inc.
Trident Seafoods
United Catcher Boats
University of Washington – School of Marine Affairs
US Seafoods



Governor Mike Dunleavy
STATE OF ALASKA

March 12, 2021

Mr. Chris Oliver
Assistant Administrator for Fisheries
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Attention: Hannah Hafey

Dear Mr. Oliver,

In accordance with the provisions of Section 302 of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Act), I am pleased to submit my nominations for the two obligatory seats from the State of Alaska on the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC) expiring August 10, 2021. I am nominating individuals who are knowledgeable and experienced in the harvest, conservation, and management of fishery resources.

After reviewing the requirements of the Act, and consulting with commercial and recreational fishing interests in Alaska, I nominate the individuals listed below for consideration by the Secretary of Commerce:

Seat 1

Andrew Mezirow
John Moller
Angela Drobnica

I select Mr. Andrew Mezirow as my preferred nominee for consideration. As required by the Act, I am submitting two alternate nominees who can be considered for the seat, Mr. John Moller and Ms. Angela Drobnica.

Mr. Andrew Mezirow has served two terms on the NPFMC. He has been an active fisherman since 1982. Since 1996, Mr. Mezirow has operated Gray Light Sportfishing, a charter business in Seward, Alaska. Mr. Mezirow completed a Bachelor of Science in Marine Ecology and Maritime Affairs.

Mr. Moller is a lifelong subsistence fisherman with three decades of commercial fishing experience. Mr. Moller has extensive experience with fisheries policy having served on the NPFMC Advisory Panel and other commercial fisheries policy bodies. He currently serves as the Commercial Fisheries Advisor to the Governor.

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Ms. Angela Drobnica has over a decade of commercial fishing experience. Ms. Drobnica currently serves as the Government Affairs and Fisheries Director for the Aleutian Pribilof Island Community Development Association, one of six Community Development Quota (CDQ) organizations, whose mission is to increase direct participation in the Bering Sea Aleutian Island (BSAI) fisheries, alleviate communities out of poverty, and help build fisheries-based economies in the program's 65 member communities.

Seat 2
John Jensen
John Moller
Angel Drobnica

I select John Jensen as my preferred nominee for consideration. As required by the Act, I am submitting two alternate nominees who can be considered for the seat, Mr. John Moller and Ms. Angela Drobnica.

Mr. John Jensen has served one term on the NPFMC. He has over 50 years of fishing experience in over 20 separate fisheries located in Southeast Alaska, Gulf of Alaska, Prince William Sound, Cook Inlet, Alaska Peninsula, Bering Sea, Aleutians, Bristol Bay, and Norton Sound. Mr. Jensen has served on the Alaska Board of Fish for 19 years, actively participated as a member of the Petersburg Vessel Owners Association, and also as a member of the Red King and Tanner Crab Task Force.

Mr. Moller is a lifelong subsistence fisherman with three decades of commercial fishing experience. Mr. Moller has extensive experience with fisheries policy having served on the NPFMC Advisory Panel and other commercial fisheries policy bodies. He currently serves as the Commercial Fisheries Advisor to the Governor.

Ms. Angela Drobnica has over a decade of commercial fishing experience. Ms. Drobnica currently serves as the Government Affairs and Fisheries Director for the Aleutian Pribilof Island Community Development Association, one of six Community Development Quota (CDQ) organizations, whose mission is to increase direct participation in the Bering Sea Aleutian Island (BSAI) fisheries, alleviate communities out of poverty, and help build fisheries-based economies in the program's 65 member communities.

I have enclosed a list of commercial and recreational fishing groups that have provided input for my deliberation relative to these knowledgeable and qualified individuals. The nominees provide balanced and insightful experience for the NPFMC, and will contribute greatly to fisheries management and conservation in the North Pacific. I appreciate your consideration of these nominees.

Sincerely,



Mike Dunleavy
Governor

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Enclosures

cc: The Honorable Douglas Vincent-Lang, Commissioner, Department of Fish and Game
Kelly Denit, Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NOAA Fisheries, US Department
of Commerce
Gina Ritacco, Director of Boards and Commissions, Office of the Governor
Kip Knudson, Director of State and Federal Relations, Office of the Governor
John Moller, Policy Advisory, Office of the Governor

**List of commercial and recreational fishing groups and other stakeholders providing
nomination input:**

Alaska Groundfish Data Bank
American Seafoods Company
Concerned Area M Fishermen
Homer Charter Association
Kenai River Sportfishing Association
North Pacific Fisheries Association
Ouzinkie Native Corporation
Pacific Seafood Processors Association
Petersburg Vessel Owner's Association
Seward Chamber of Commerce
Silver Bay Seafoods
Southeast Alaska Guides Organization