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Submitted Via Email: Council.Appointments@noaa.gov

Dear Dr. Doremus,

I am writing in response to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service's (NOAA Fisheries) January 11, 2021 letter regarding Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) nominations. I am pleased to offer the following candidates to fill two seats on the Council that will become vacant on August 10, 2021 upon the expiration of the term of the California obligatory seat currently held by Robert E. Dooley, and the at-large seat currently held by Louis H. Zimm from California. All candidates appear to meet the minimum qualifications relative to pertinent sections of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA) and would be willing to accept appointment. As encouraged in the NOAA Fisheries' letter, the preferred candidates represent the "other" and "commercial" sectors.

I am nominating Ms. Corey C. Ridings as my preferred candidate for the California obligatory seat. As requested in the NOAA Fisheries' letter and required by the MSA, I am providing two additional nominees. All three nominees provide representation of environmental non-governmental organizations fitting into the "other" category.

Ms. Corey C. Ridings - preferred candidate
Ms. Emily E. Parker
Ms. Jennifer E. Savage

I am nominating Mr. Michael T. Conroy as my preferred candidate for the at-large seat. Mr. Conroy represents the commercial sector. As requested in the NOAA Fisheries' letter and required by MSA, I am providing two additional nominees.

Mr. Michael T. Conroy - preferred candidate, commercial sector

Mr. Robert E. Dooley, commercial sector

Mr. Louis H. Zimm, recreational sector

In soliciting nominees, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife contacted more than 150 individuals and fishery organizations whose members are directly affected by Council actions. Additionally, information was posted on the California Department of Fish and Wildlife website and sent to interested parties to make the public aware of the request for nominees. More than 4,500 subscribers received a notice of this posting via email.

The required federal application forms for the aforementioned candidates are enclosed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gavin Newsom', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Gavin Newsom
Governor

Enclosures

NOMINEES for the California obligatory seat
Corey C. Ridings – Preferred Candidate

Ms. Ridings has been a member of the Council's Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel since 2017 and a regular participant in Council meetings and ancillary activities since 2013. Ms. Ridings' work at the Council has focused on drafting and implementing the Fishery Ecosystem Plan and helping to develop NOAA Fisheries' West Coast Region Climate Adaptation Strategy. She has been an active participant in Council consideration of climate change, ecosystem-based fisheries management, and legislative matters. As the Fish Conservation Program Manager for Ocean Conservancy, Ms. Ridings works with state and federal agencies to promote stable and sustainable fisheries in the California Current Large Marine Ecosystem. Ms. Ridings has a Masters of Public Health from Yale University, and has worked on Capitol Hill as both a House Natural Resources Committee fellow specializing in oceans and fisheries issues, and a conservation advocate focused on federal fisheries policy and legislation. She has also worked in the public health field in the state of Michigan, as a Peace Corps volunteer, and a federal groundfish observer in Alaska.

Emily E. Parker

Ms. Parker is a coastal and marine scientist for Heal the Bay and connects science, policy, and conservation through advocacy and research locally and statewide. Her work has focused on sustainable fisheries management and seafood, plastic pollution, marine protected areas, and climate change. Ms. Parker has worked as a first mate aboard an educational vessel, which involved teaching students about fishing and healthy river and ocean ecosystems. Before her work at Heal the Bay, Ms. Parker earned a Masters of Advanced Studies in Marine Biodiversity and Conservation from the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at University of California San Diego, where she conducted research on sea turtle conservation in El Salvador.

Jennifer E. Savage

Ms. Savage is currently the California Policy Manager at the Surfrider Foundation. In this role, she engages in issues with the goal of promoting long-term conservation of coastal and oceanic natural resources. This includes campaigns on coastal preservation and clean water and ocean protection, organizing regional conferences and advocacy events, and editorials on key Surfrider Foundation initiatives. Ms. Savage previously worked on Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) issues in northern California, represented local interests regarding coastal legislation, and organized various education and outreach events. She also has a background in communications and has previously worked as lecturer in environmental communication and as freelance columnist and reporter. She has been a regular contributor in various media forums on ocean issues.

NOMINEES for the at-large seat

Michael T. Conroy – Preferred Candidate, Commercial

Mr. Conroy has been an active member of the Council's Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel since 2018 and has served as an alternate to the Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel. He owns and operates West Coast Fisheries Consultants, a

fishery consulting business that provides legal and business services to commercial fishers and commercial fishing associations. As a consultant, he engages in a wide array of issues affecting state, federal and international fisheries, the environment, climate change, and public health (domoic acid and harmful algal blooms). Mr. Conroy is the executive director of the Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations, an organization representing more than 400 west coast commercial fishing vessels, businesses and marketing associations with interests in Pacific salmon, crab and groundfish fisheries. He has been a consultant with the American Albacore Fishing Association for the past five-and-a-half years with primary responsibilities being to keep members informed on issues related to the north Pacific albacore fishery, the Marine Stewardship Council recertification, and the ongoing management strategy evaluation process. Additionally, Mr. Conroy is a consultant for the California Wetfish Producers Association and advises on fishery management matters related to coastal pelagic species. Mr. Conroy is also a member of the Responsible Offshore Development Alliance and works with fishing community members and representatives from San Diego, California to Astoria, Oregon on renewable energy issues. He has more than 10 years of experience in the California commercial fishing industry participating in a number of state and federally managed fisheries, including market squid, Pacific sardine, groundfish, tuna, white seabass, yellowtail, and barracuda, and decades of experience with California's recreational fisheries. Mr. Conroy also serves as a board member of the California Lobster and Trap Fishermen's Association, as a member of the California Fish and Game Commission's Bycatch Workgroup, and as the chair of a commercial fishing steering group, which provides input on the Port of San Diego Redevelopment Project.

Robert E. Dooley – Commercial

Mr. Dooley has served in the Council's California obligatory seat since 2018. He is a member of the Council Coordination Committee's Council Member Ongoing Development Committee, and the Council's Legislative Committee. He also serves on the Council's Ad Hoc Sablefish Management and Trawl Allocation Attainment Committee. Mr. Dooley serves on the Board of Directors of the Monterey Bay Fisheries Trust and has participated in the Marine Resource Education Program. He served as President and founding member of United Catcher Boats, an organization established in 1993 to provide a voice for the owners of vessels that trawl for groundfish in the Bering Sea, Gulf of Alaska, and West Coast commercial fisheries. Mr. Dooley has more than 40 years of commercial fishing experience off the west coast and Alaska targeting pollock, Pacific whiting, Pacific cod, west coast groundfish, Dungeness crab, Alaskan king crab, and California salmon. He also has more than 50 years of recreational fishing experience fishing for rockfish and salmon.

Louis H. Zimm - Recreational

Mr. Zimm has served in a Council at-large seat since 2018 and was formerly a member of the Council's Groundfish Advisory Subpanel. Mr. Zimm has more than five decades of recreational and scientific fishing experience, including being an owner and operator

of Commercial Passenger Fishing Vessels targeting a diversity of highly migratory species (albacore, bluefin tuna, yellowfin tuna, skipjack tuna, marlin, bonito), rockfish, yellowtail, and salmon. He has over nine years of commercial fishing experience targeting rockfish, skipjack tuna, albacore, mackerel, bonito, and sablefish. As a longtime member and supporter of conservation and environmental organizations such as Trout Unlimited, San Diego Flyfishers and the Hubbs Sea World Research Institute, he is devoted to the conservation of living resources. Mr. Zimm currently serves as an advisor to the Sportfishing Association of California and represents recreational anglers as a member of the Fisheries Information Committee to advise California's MLPA process. He also previously served on the Recreational Fisheries Working Group, an advisory group to NOAA's Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee.



KATE BROWN
Governor

March 12, 2021

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Attention Morgan Corey (sent via email to Council.Appointments@noaa.gov)

Dear Mr. Doremus,

In response to the letter from Chris Oliver dated January 11, 2021, I am submitting the names of three individuals for potential appointment by the Secretary of Commerce to the Oregon obligatory seat on the Pacific Fisheries Management Council (PFMC), currently held by Christa Svensson. The nominees are listed in order of our recommendation:

Ms. Christa Svensson
Ms. Theresa Labriola
Ms. Lori Steele

Included with this letter of nomination are the complete original applications and letters of support of the above-named individuals. I have determined that the candidates meet the requirements listed in section 302(b)(2)(A) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Reauthorization Act. A brief description of their abilities and applicable experience is provided below.

Christa Svensson (Commercial Sector)

Ms. Svensson has been in the commercial fishing industry for the past 25 years. After eight years of commercial fishing, she transitioned into the seafood processing sector in 2005. Currently, Ms. Svensson is the Sustainability Program Manager for an international trading company (Tri Marine Management Company) and is responsible for implementing a range of environmental and social responsibility programs. She has been an active participant at PFMC, serving on several advisory bodies, and is currently finishing her first term in the obligatory seat. She holds a Master's degree in Museum Studies and a Bachelor's degree in Anthropology.

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Ms. Theresa Labriola (Other Sector)

For the past 20 years, Ms. Labriola has been engaged in environmental regulations and administrative procedures. Over the past eight years, she has written dozens of news articles and blogs about highly migratory species and coastal pelagic species management, and ecosystem-based fisheries management. Ms. Labriola is the owner of Kind of Blue, LLC and her work focuses on engagement with the Federal Fishery Management Councils, National Marine Fisheries Service, Congress, and international managers. Her clients include Wild Oceans and the Natural Resources Defense Council. She has broad fishing experience, having engaged in commercial fisheries for two years and sport fishing for over 45 years. She holds a Juris Doctor degree from Vermont School of Law, and a Bachelor of Science in Ecology and Education from Cornell University.

Ms. Lori Steele

Ms. Steele has worked in fisheries management for over 20 years. Since becoming the executive director for a seafood processor's organization on the West Coast in 2015, she has followed fisheries issues, worked with other stakeholders, and regularly participated at PFMC. Prior to this, she was the lead fishery analyst and plan coordinator for multiple fishery management plans during 18 years on staff with the New England Fishery Management Council. She is currently an advisor to the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission and a representative to the Pacific Whiting Scientific Review Group under the US/Canada Whiting Treaty. She holds a Master's degree in environmental management and a Bachelor of Science degree in marine science and chemistry.

These nominees possess a broad range of fisheries knowledge and experience, and will contribute effectively toward the management goals of the Council. These candidates recognize their important roles as trustees and stewards of our Nation's marine fisheries resources.

In determining who to nominate, we have consulted with a broad range of conservation and management interests familiar with the work of the PFMC. In addition, we have carefully considered qualified women and/or minority candidates as requested. To recruit applicants, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) issued a news release and utilized social media to announce the opportunity to be considered. The agency also directly contacted a diverse group of over sixty individuals and organizations actively involved in West Coast marine resource issues from fishing and conservation perspectives (attached).

The work of the Council is extremely important. I appreciate this opportunity to provide Oregon's recommendation on the pending appointment.

Sincerely,



Governor Kate Brown

Attachment: Individuals contacted and press release
Enclosures: Applications of nominated individuals with associated letters of support

Attachment 1: List of Constituents Contacted

The email and press release below were sent to various constituents:

1. Nancy Fitzpatrick, Oregon Salmon and Albacore Commissions administrator
2. Hugh Link, Oregon Crab Commission administrator
3. Yelena Nowak, Oregon Trawl Commission administrator
4. Charles Loos, ODFW recreational fishing advisor
5. Dean Fleck, Marine supply business
6. Mark Lottis, Recreational fishing charter operator
7. John Holloway, ODFW recreational fishing advisor
8. Jack Craven, ODFW recreational fishing advisor
9. Tamara Mautner, ODFW recreational fishing advisor
10. Tony Hobbs, ODFW recreational fishing advisor
11. Walter Chuck, Recreational fishing
12. Wayne Butler, ODFW recreational fishing advisor

The press release was emailed to all of Oregon's advisors to PFMC, including:

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| 1. Andrew Thurber | 23. Mark Newell |
| 2. Ben Enticknap | 24. Michele Longo-Eder |
| 3. Bob Eder | 25. Mike Okoniewski |
| 4. Brad Pettinger | 26. Mike Sorenson |
| 5. Christa Svensson | 27. Nancy Fitzpatrick |
| 6. Dan Waldeck | 28. Paul Kujala |
| 7. Darus Peake | 29. Paul Shively |
| 8. David Jincks | 30. Ralph Brown |
| 9. Dorothy Lowman | 31. Richard Heap |
| 10. Fabio Caltabellotta | 32. Ryan Kapp |
| 11. Fran Recht | 33. Sarah Nayani |
| 12. Gerry Reinholdt | 34. Scott Heppell |
| 13. Gilly Lyons | 35. Scott McMullen |
| 14. Gway Kirchner | 36. Shems Jud |
| 15. Heather Mann | 37. Steve Marx |
| 16. Jeff Lackey | 38. Susan Chambers |
| 17. John Holloway | 39. Tara Brock |
| 18. Kevin Dunn | 40. Theresa Labriola |
| 19. Kristin McQuaw | 41. Tom Libby |
| 20. Liz Hamilton | 42. Tom Rudolph |
| 21. Loren Goddard | 43. Will White |
| 22. Lori Steele | 44. Yelena Nowa |

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The email and press release below were sent to Oregon Ocean Policy Council and Advisory members:

1. Susan Chambers, South Coast Commercial Fisheries
2. Kevin Dunn, North Coast Commercial Fisheries
3. John Halloway, North Coast Charter, Sport or Recreational Fisheries
4. Richard Heap, South Coast Charter, Sport or Recreational Fisheries
5. Walter Chuck, Vice Chair, Ports, Marine Transportation or Navigation
6. Charlie Plybon, Coastal Non-Fishing Recreation
7. Jena Carter, Chair, Statewide Conservation or Environmental Organization
8. David Yamamoto, North Coastal County Commissioner
9. Bob Main, South Coastal County Commissioner
10. Loren Goddard, Coastal City Elected Official
11. Jason Miner, Governor or Governor's Designee
12. Rian Hoof, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
13. Patty Snow, Department of Land Conservation & Development
14. Andre Celentano, Department of Land Conservation & Development
15. Lisa Sumption, Department of Parks and Recreation
16. Shelby Walker, Oregon State University, Sea Grant College
17. Kris Wall, Federal Agency Liaison
18. Jamie Fereday, Public-at-Large (coastal)
19. Ian Madin, Department of Geology and Mineral Industries
20. Ray Monroe, Coastwide Small Ports and Local Government
21. Margaret Corvi, Oregon Coastal Indian Tribes
22. Lindsay Eng, Department of Agriculture



Jay Inslee
Governor
State of Washington

March 8, 2021

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Via email to: Council.Appointments@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Doremus:

Please accept the following names, in priority order, as my nominees to fill the at-large seat on the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) with a term expiring on August 10, 2021 and currently held by Mr. Phil M. Anderson of Westport, Washington.

With the help of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), I have consulted with the commercial and recreational fishing interests and other stakeholders of Washington. A list of groups that were contacted is enclosed. A number of individuals, not listed, were contacted as well. I was also pleased to see your agency encourage Governors to consider nominees whose backgrounds, perspectives, and skills would contribute to achieving greater diversity in Council membership. I share your commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion and the call for nominations was cast widely.

The following summarizes how each nominee meets the qualification requirements of Section 302(b)(2)(A) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and the other applicable criteria given at 50 CFR 600.215. In addition and as requested, each nominee is classified as coming from the commercial, recreational, or "other" sector.

Mr. Phil M. Anderson (Other)

Few if any have shown as much dedication to the regional fishery management councils as Mr. Anderson. I am pleased to nominate him to serve a third term. Before being appointed to this at large seat, Mr. Anderson led the state's PFMC delegation as Director of WDFW from 2008-2015 and prior to that as Deputy Director and Special Assistant to the Director for Intergovernmental Policy. Before entering government service, Mr. Anderson emerged as a leader from the Charter Boat sector and was appointed to the PFMC Washington Obligatory Seat in 1987, serving in that seat until 1994 at which point he joined WDFW. He was the PFMC Chair from 1991-1992 and again from 2017-2020. Mr. Anderson also serves as a Commissioner on the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission and the Pacific Salmon Commission. In the latter role, he worked as lead U.S. negotiator for the latest renewal of the U.S.-Canada Pacific Salmon Treaty. The PFMC has also chosen Mr. Anderson to be its representative on the Joint Management Committee for the Pacific Hake/Whiting Treaty and for the International Pacific Halibut Commission. As the support letters he has received indicate, he is widely respected among

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commercial, recreational, and conservation advocacy groups for the diplomacy and creativity that he brings to conservation and management at the PFM and elsewhere.

Ms. Rebecca “Becca” Robbins Gisclair (Other):

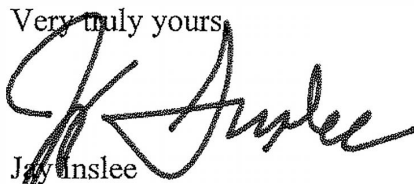
Ms. Gisclair is a resident of Bellingham, Washington, and works as the Senior Director of Arctic Programs for the Ocean Conservancy. She holds a law degree with focus in environmental law and policy and has over 15 years of experience working on fisheries and marine conservation issues. She is familiar to the state through her many years of active participation at the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC). She has served as a member of the NPFMC’s Advisory Panel (AP) for six years including as its Chair and co-Vice-Chair. Ms. Gisclair is also a Washington member of the North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission Advisory Panel and was nominated by the state for and currently serves on the Board of Directors of North Pacific Research Board. Her work at NPFMC gives me full confidence that she would contribute effectively toward the conservation and management goals of the PFM.

Mr. Daniel “Gus” Gates (Other):

Mr. Gates is a resident of Seattle, Washington, and is the Washington Policy Manager for the Surfrider Foundation. He holds a degree in Fisheries & Wildlife Science and has been an advocate for West Coast ocean resources for over 15 years. Early in his career, Mr. Gates gained ground up experience collecting data to support sustainable fisheries management. He is known to the state for his effective advocacy during development of The Marine Spatial Plan for Washington’s Pacific Coast. I appointed Mr. Gates to serve on the Washington’s Coastal Marine Advisory Council and ocean acidification focused Washington Marine Resources Advisory Council.

While Mr. Anderson is my preferred candidate, I believe that each of these three candidates are knowledgeable regarding the conservation and management, and would recognize the importance of their role as trustees, of the fishery resources within the authority of the PFM. This letter and the accompanying nomination kit fulfill my responsibilities described at 50 CFR 600.215(b). Thank you for your consideration of my recommendation.

Very truly yours,



Jay Inslee
Governor

Enclosures: List of Groups Consulted
Nomination kits for Mr. Phil Anderson, Mr. Daniel (“Gus”) Gates, and Ms. Rebecca (“Becca”) Robbins Gisclair

cc: Kelly Susewind, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

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

Arctic Storm Management Group, LLC.
Coalition of Coastal Fisheries
Coastal Dungeness Crab Fishermen's Association
Columbia River Crab Fishermen's Association
Environmental Defense Fund
Fishing Vessel Owners Association
Fury Group, Inc.
Ilwaco Charter Association
Lowman & Associates Fisheries Consulting
Midwater Trawlers Cooperative
The Nature Conservancy
Ocean Conservancy
Ocean Gold Seafoods
Oceana
Pacific Seafood
Pacific Whiting Conservation Cooperative
Pew Charitable Trusts
Puget Sound Anglers
Purse Seine Vessels Owners' Association
Surfrider Foundation
United Catcher Boats
University of Washington School and Marine and Environmental Affairs
Washington Sea Grant
Washington Trollers' Association
Westport Charter Association