March 14, 2022

The Honorable Ms. Gina Raimondo
Secretary of Commerce
Attention: Morgan Corey
1315 East-West Highway, Room 14636
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Dear Secretary Raimondo,

In accordance with the provisions of Section 302 of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management 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, 2022. 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
Nicole Kimball
Angela Drobnica
Sam Rabung
Dave Rutz

I select, Ms. Nicole Kimball, as my preferred nominee for consideration. As required by the act, I am submitting three alternate nominees who can be considered for the seat, Ms. Angela Drobnica, Mr. Sam Rabung, and Mr. Dave Rutz.

Ms. Kimball has dedicated her career to fisheries management. Ms. Kimball has served with distinction for the last three years. She worked as a Fisheries Analyst for the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council, Federal Fisheries Coordinator for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and now with the Pacific Seafood Processors Association. She holds a bachelor's degree in Natural Resource Management from the University of Maine and a Masters in Environmental Policy from Tufts University.
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, help alleviate communities out of poverty and help build fisheries-based economies in the program's 65 member communities.

Mr. Sam Rabung has over 35 years of experience in salmon fisheries enhancement and mariculture in Alaska. He currently serves as the Director of the Division of Commercial Fisheries at the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. Mr. Rabung has a Bachelor of Science in Aquatic Resources, Fisheries Science and Aquaculture Emphasis from Sheldon Jackson College. He has served in various capacities including his previous capacity as Section Chief of Statewide Aquaculture Planning and Permitting where he was responsible for oversight of Alaska's Private Nonprofit Salmon Hatchery program, aquatic farm permitting, fish transport and propagative research permitting.

Mr. Dave Rutz has nearly 40 years of experience in fisheries research and management. He currently serves as the Director of the Division of Sport Fish. Mr. Rutz has a Bachelor of Science in Wildlife Fisheries Emphasis from St. Cloud State in Minnesota. He has served in various capacities including Area Management Specialist in Northern Cook Inlet management area, Western Cook Inlet management area, and has led the Department's Alexander Creek Invasive Northern Pike Removal and restoration project.

Seat 2
Angela Drobnica
Nicole Kimball
Sam Rabung
Dave Rutz

I select, Angela Drobnica, as my preferred nominee for consideration. As required by the act, I am submitting three alternate nominees who can be considered for the seat in Ms. Nicole Kimball, Mr. Sam Rabung and Mr. Dave Rutz.

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Enclosed you will find a list of commercial and recreational fishing groups that have provided input in my nomination of 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,

[Signature]

Mike Dunleavy
Governor

Enclosures

cc: The Honorable Douglas Vincent-Lang, Commissioner, Department of Fish and Game

Courtney Enright, Director of Boards and Commissions, Office of the Governor
List of commercial and recreational fishing groups and other stakeholders providing input for my nomination:

- Adak Community Development Corporation
- Alaska Bering Sea Crabbers Association
- Alaska Charter Association
- Alaska Groundfish Data Bank
- Aleutians East Borough
- Afognak Native Corporation
- Atxam Corporation
- Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation
- City of False Pass
- City of Saint George
- Coastal Villages Region Fund
- Freezer Longline Coalition
- Groundfish Forum
- Homer Charter Association
- Icicle Seafoods
- Kodiak Vessel Owners Association
- Koniag Inc
- Lynden Companies
- Native Village of Nikolski
- Nelson Lagoon Corporation
- Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation
- Pacific Seafood Processors Association
- Peninsula Fishermen’s Coalition
- Petersburg Vessel Owner’s Association
- Qawalangin Tribe of Unalaska
- St George Tanaq Corporation
- Southeast Alaska Guides Organization
- Unalaskan Fisherman’s Association
- Unisea Inc
- United Catcher Boats
- Village of False Pass
- Yukon Delta Fisheries Development Association
- Village of Nikolski