March 11, 2022

Ms. Janet Coit  
Assistant Administrator for Fisheries  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
1315 East-West Highway  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

Dear Ms. Coit,

I am writing in response to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service’s (NOAA Fisheries) January 11, 2022 letter regarding Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) nominations. I am pleased to offer the following candidates to fill the position on the Council that will become vacant on August 10, 2022 upon the expiration of the term of the at-large seat held by Mr. Marc Gorelnik 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 candidate represents the “recreational” sector.

I am nominating Mr. Marc Gorelnik as my preferred candidate for reappointment to the at-large seat. Mr. Gorelnik represents the recreational sector and is currently serving as the Council’s chair, is eligible for reappointment for a third term, and has demonstrated the ability and experience to fulfill the role of the at-large seat. As requested in the NOAA Fisheries’ letter and required by MSA, I am providing two additional nominees. The nominees are as follows:

- Mr. Marc Gorelnik - preferred candidate, recreational sector
- Mr. Dan Wolford, recreational sector
- Mr. Tom Mattusch, 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 6,200 subscribers received a notice of this posting via email.

The required federal application forms for the candidates are enclosed.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
Governor of California

Enclosures
**NOMINEES for the at-large seat**

**Marc Gorelnik – Preferred Candidate, Recreational**

Mr. Gorelnik joined the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) in September 2016 as a member at-large and is completing his second term. In September 2018, Mr. Gorelnik became vice chair of the Council, and in 2020 he became chair of the Council. In his Council capacity, Mr. Gorelnik has met with various stakeholders to gather information and perspectives to aid in the Council’s decision-making process. Mr. Gorelnik is an active member of the Council’s Legislative and Budget Committees. Additionally, in his role as chair, Mr. Gorelnik has represented the Pacific Council on the Council Coordinating Committee.

Mr. Gorelnik was a member of the Council’s Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) from 2013 to 2016 and has been a regular participant in state and federal salmon management processes since 2006. As an SAS member, Mr. Gorelnik worked collaboratively with other states and fishery interests on controversial salmon issues. Mr. Gorelnik currently serves as director of Coastside Fishing Club, Golden Gate Salmon Association, and Coastal Conservation Association.

**Tom Mattusch – Recreational**

Mr. Mattusch was appointed as a member of the Council’s Highly Migratory Species Advisory subpanel in 2021. He has served on various federal and state committees including the Dungeness crab task force whale entanglement group and the regional working group for the central California and north-central California marine protected area development. Mr. Mattusch is a member of the Recreational Fishing Association and the Sportfishing Association of California.

Mr. Mattusch has been involved with charter fishing for more than 30 years and has owned a charter vessel for 22 years. He has worked on various research projects with federal and academic scientists in freshwater and marine settings. Mr. Mattusch has direct experience with stock assessments, exempted fishing permits, and projects related to barotrauma, rockfish, and salmon.

**Dan Wolford – Recreational**

Mr. Wolford was a member of the Council representing California from 2007 through 2016 and termed out after completing three consecutive terms. He served as the Council’s chair and was vice chair from August 2009 through June 2011. He also served on the Council’s Budget and Legislative committees. In his role as chair, Mr. Wolford represented the Pacific Council on the Council Coordinating Committee. Mr. Wolford primarily represented recreational fishery constituents.

Prior to his appointment on the Council, Mr. Wolford was a member of the Council’s Salmon Advisory Subpanel and the Salmon Amendment Team. He previously served as the recreational fishery representative to the Marine Recreational Information Program and served on two special study panels during his tenure.
March 14, 2022

Janet Coit
Assistant Administrator for Fisheries
National Marine Fisheries Service
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Attention: Morgan Corey

Dear Ms. Coit,

Please accept the following names as my nominees for the State of Idaho obligatory seat to the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC). Mr. Pete Hassemer currently occupies this seat. His first term will expire on August 11, 2022, and he is eligible for another term under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (the Act). With the understanding that at-large member Marc Gorelnik is seeking reappointment, Idaho is not nominating other candidates for this seat.

Idaho has reviewed Section 302(b)(2) of the Act regarding qualifications for individual nominees and for consultation to the extent practicable with recreational and commercial fishing interests of the state regarding nominees.

Idaho has determined the following individuals are qualified for nomination under Section 302(b)(2)(A) of the Act. I nominate them for the Idaho obligatory seat, as listed in the order of Idaho’s preference (i.e., Mr. Hassemer is Idaho’s preferred nominee for our obligatory seat):

1) Mr. Pete Hassemer

Mr. Hassemer holds B.S. and M.S. degrees in Fisheries Resources from the University of Idaho. He has been a voting member of the PFMC as designee for the State of Idaho Principal Official since 2015. Mr. Hassemer is currently completing his first term in the Idaho obligatory council seat for the PFMC and serving as chair of the budget committee. He retired from a career with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) in 2017 as the Anadromous Fish Manager. During his 26 years at IDFG he worked in the research and management arenas and served on many Columbia River basin and west coast technical and management bodies including the Pacific Salmon Treaty Chinook Technical Committee, the Council’s Scientific and Statistical and Habitat Committee, U.S. v. Oregon Columbia River Fish Management Plan committees and the NOAA Interior Columbia River Basin Technical Recovery Team. Prior to joining IDFG, Mr. Hassemer spent seven and a half years teaching in
the fisheries and marine biology programs at Sheldon Jackson College in Sitka, Alaska.

2) Mr. Scott Marshall

Mr. Marshall holds a B.S. in Fisheries Science from Oregon State University and an M.S. in Fisheries Science from the University of Washington. Mr. Marshall has worked in fisheries since 1973 for the University of Washington, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, IDFG and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Mr. Marshall has served on numerous committees involved in the management of Pacific Salmon including the SSC for the North Pacific Fishery Management Council and the Habitat Committee for the Pacific Fishery Management Council. He is currently a consultant working on the sustainability criteria for the Marine Stewardship Council and Alaska Responsible Fishery Standard.

3) Mr. Paul Kline

Mr. Kline retired from the IDFG in May 2021 after 29 years of public service. In September of 2021, Mr. Kline returned as Special Assistant to the Director to work on special assignments. Mr. Kline held several positions within the Department, most recently as Deputy Director of Policy and Programs. In this capacity he was responsible for providing leadership in various policy-level capacities including the oversight of Administration, Communication and Marketing, and Engineering divisions of the Department. Prior to holding this position, Mr. Kline served as the Department’s Assistant Chief of Fisheries. In this position he had broad responsibilities including coordination of Fisheries Management, Research and Artificial Production programs at the policy level. Prior to this position, Mr. Kline served as Columbia River Policy Coordinator, Principal Fisheries Research Biologist and Senior Fisheries Research Biologist for the Department. He has participated in a variety of regional processes including the development of Hatchery and Genetic Management Plans, the Northwest Power and Conservation Council’s Artificial Production Review and Evaluation, and the development of NOAA’s Snake River Sockeye Salmon ESA recovery plan. Mr. Kline has been a member of the Columbia River Hatchery Scientific Review Group since 2006 and is experienced in the development of biological assessments and consultation documents used specifically to address ESA compliance needs. Mr. Kline was an appointed member to the Columbia Basin Partnership Task Force operated under the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee, an effort initiated to develop regional consensus around long-term goals for all listed and non-listed Columbia Basin salmon and steelhead. He received B.S. and M.S. degrees in Fisheries Management from Humboldt State University.
Each of the above individuals has the necessary experience, scientific expertise, training and knowledge of fishery conservation, management, and harvest to not only represent Idaho but to assist the PFMC in fulfilling its broader statutory mandate.

Although Idaho does not have commercial fishing communities that target or use fish species of interest to PFMC, we have significant recreational fisheries for anadromous salmon and steelhead produced from hydropower mitigation hatcheries. Each of the above candidates is qualified to provide exceptional representation to PFMC on behalf of Idaho’s recreational fishing interests, as evidenced by their respective long histories of service with IDFG and close interaction with our recreational salmon and steelhead anglers and host communities.

Thank you for your consideration and please let me know if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Brad Little
Governor of Idaho