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Mr. Samuel D. Rauch III
Acting Assistant Administrator
National Marine Fisheries Service
1315 East-West Highway, Room 14636
Silver Spring, MD 20910
Attention: Brian Fredieu

March 13, 2017

Dear Mr. Rauch,

It is my pleasure to submit the following names for consideration for appointment to the at-large seat on the New England Fishery Management Council (NEFMC) for the State of Maine.

The Department of Marine Resources (DMR) has been in contact with a number of organizations and individuals across the coast with knowledge and interest in marine fisheries. These organizations include Associated Fisheries of Maine, Maine Coast Fishermen's Association, Maine Center for Coastal Fisheries, Maine Lobstermen's Association, Downeast Lobstermen's Association, The Nature Conservancy, Maine Aquaculture Association, Maine Association of Charterboat Captains, Island Institute and Gulf of Maine Research Institute. In our search process we did make an effort to consider qualified women and/or minority candidates.

The individuals listed below are qualified by residency and in accordance with the requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Conservation and Management Act.

It is worth noting that my nominations are prioritized in order based on my strong views of how best to represent Maine's interests on the Council, as well as the long-term stewardship of New England's fishery resources.

For the at-large seat currently held by Mary Beth Tooley:

1. Ernest F. Stockwell III (Terry)
2. Kristin E. Brawn (Togue)
3. Dr. James A. Sulikowski (Jim)

1. Ernest F. Stockwell III

Terry Stockwell is currently DMR's Director of External Affairs, and has been involved in the fishing industry for over 40 years as a participant in a number of commercial fisheries and as a fisheries manager. Terry's unique experience and demonstrated commitment to sustainable fisheries management makes him my top



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choice for the State of Maine. Terry is currently the DMR Commissioner's proxy to the NEFMC, is the past Chairman, and currently serves as the Vice-Chairman. Terry is also the Chairman of the Groundfish Committee and the Chairman of the Transboundary Management Guidance Committee, as well as an active member of the Habitat, Atlantic Herring, Sea Scallop, Spiny Dogfish, Northeast Regional Coordinating Council, and Council Coordination Committees. Terry also serves on the Portland Fish Pier Authority Board of Directors. Terry has recently announced his retirement from the DMR, and it was our pleasure to learn he was interested in still serving the State of Maine on the NEFMC.

2. Kristin E. Brawn

Togue Brawn has worked in the seafood industry for almost 30 years. Togue is the owner and operator of a specialized sea scallop seafood company, "Downeast Dayboat", an independent fisheries consultant, a journalist, and a past Resource Management Coordinator for DMR. Togue is also a current member of the DMR Advisory Council and a member of the Maine Fishermen's Forum Board of Directors. Togue is passionately committed to seafood marketing and sustainability.

3. Dr. James A. Sulikowski

Dr. Jim Sulikowski is a marine biologist and professor at the University of New England. Jim has 25 years of experience working with cartilaginous and bony fish. Jim's specialties include life history and population dynamics of sharks, skates, and rays; composition and spatial/temporal distribution of fish communities; physiological responses to stress and how this influences by-catch mortality; environmental adaptations in fish; conservation of fish communities; and trophic interactions between fish species. Jim is a new member of the NEFMC's Science and Statistical Committee.

I appreciate your consideration of these individuals for this critical appointment. I am confident of their experience and qualifications to represent the State of Maine.

I have asked DMR Commissioner Patrick Keliher to follow up with you to reiterate my priorities, but please feel free to contact him directly to answer any questions or concerns that your agency may have.

Sincerely,



Paul R. LePage
Governor of Maine

Cc: Patrick Keliher, Commissioner, Maine Department of Marine Resources



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RE: Commonwealth of Massachusetts Nominations to the New England Fishery Management Council

Dear Mr. Rauch:

I am submitting four individuals as nominees for two of the vacant at-large seats on the New England Fishery Management Council (NEFMC) that will become vacant on August 10, 2017. Included are the completed application kits for the nominees.

My selections were made from a list of candidates who responded to the efforts of the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries (*Marine Fisheries*) to solicit interest in the NEFMC positions. Outreach included an announcement over the Division's email listserv, posting on the *Marine Fisheries* website, and direct contact with potentially qualified candidates. Efforts were made to consider qualified women and minority candidates. Those whom I am nominating are eligible by reason of occupational or other experience, scientific expertise, or training, thereby making them knowledgeable and experienced in ways related to the fishery resource of New England.

For the at-large seat currently held by Elizabeth Etrie of Massachusetts, I nominate in order of preference:

- **Elizabeth Etrie (incumbent).** Ms. Etrie is the Program Director for the Northeast Sector Service Network, a not-for-profit organization that assists groundfish fishery sectors in achieving economies of scale for various regulatory requirements, such as annual operations plans and quota monitoring. Through this work, she has developed a robust understanding of the intricacies of the sector management system, and built stronger relationships with fishermen, NOAA Fisheries' Greater Atlantic Regional Office, sector leaders, industry representatives, non-governmental organizations, and other stakeholders. Possessing a master's degree in marine affairs from the University of Rhode Island and a law degree from Roger Williams University, Ms. Etrie has sought to develop effective and creative management solutions that are based on sound science, compliant with legal requirements, and beneficial to the fishery. As a Council member, Ms. Etrie has constructively contributed to the management of marine resources under

the Council's purview in a manner that furthers the sustainability of ecosystems, resources, and the diverse fishing communities reliant upon them. She currently serves on the Northeast Skate (Vice Chair), Habitat, Groundfish, and Monkfish Committees.

- **Michael Pierdinock.** Mr. Pierdinock is a lifelong angler and recreational fisheries advocate. He is the owner/operator of the charter boat *Perseverance* that has targeted various inshore, offshore, and groundfish species since 2003. In addition to his successful charter boat business, Mr. Pierdinock actively participates on various committees, councils, and advisory panels that impact recreational anglers and the for-hire industry. Currently, he serves on the Massachusetts Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission, Stellwagen Bank Charter Boat Association, U.S. ICCAT Advisory Committee, NMFS Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Advisory Panel, and NEFMC Recreational Advisory Panel. Mr. Pierdinock is also a regular contributor to industry magazines and radio shows, discussing the latest fishery management issues that impact recreational fishermen. Mr. Pierdinock seeks to bring his experience as a charter boat captain and in the management process at the state and federal level to the Council to assist in making sound management decisions that consider the economic and social impacts to all stakeholders.
- **John Pappalardo.** Mr. Pappalardo has spent 20 years engaged in fishery management policy work, scientific research, community education, and local economic development through his role as the CEO of the Cape Cod Commercial Fishermen's Alliance, and as Policy Director before that. He is actively involved in the Joint Ocean Commission Initiative and the Massachusetts Ocean Advisory Commission. Mr. Pappalardo previously served on the Massachusetts Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission and on the New England Fishery Management Council (term limited), including five years as Chair. His work with Cape Cod fishermen has shown him that an engaged industry and community is capable of making decisions that forgo short-term gain in exchange for long-term stability. He seeks to rebuild fish populations, restore profitable small fishing businesses, and build trust between the regulators and the regulated through expanded accountability, improved annual stock assessments, and cost-effective programs for gathering real time catch information. Mr. Pappalardo currently serves on the Council's Ecosystem Based Fisheries Management (Chair), Atlantic Herring, Northeast Skate, Groundfish, Monkfish, and Sea Scallop Committees.
- **Daniel Martino.** As an active member in the Massachusetts fishing industry and local governing bodies, Mr. Martino has a vested interest in helping to protect and properly manage marine resources for the future. Mr. Martino has worked on aquaculture farms in Martha's Vineyard harvesting oysters for nearly six years, and was granted the first ever aquaculture lease in the town of Oaks Bluff. More recently, he teamed up local researchers to become one of the first aquaculturists to cultivate kelp seaweed in the Commonwealth. Mr. Martino serves on the Oak Bluffs Shellfish Committee, the Oak Bluffs and Tisbury Joint Watershed Planning Committee, and the Massachusetts Aquaculture Association steering committee and is a member of the East Coast Shellfish Growers Association. In addition to his work on aquaculture farms, Mr. Martino has over 16 years of experience in environmental videos and TV production. He is an Emmy nominated, Telly award winning environmental documentary producer for such production companies as the Discovery Channel, NBC/Universal, National Geographic and NOVA. Mr. Martino is also a lifelong recreational fisherman.

For the at-large seat currently held by John Pappalardo of Massachusetts, I nominate in order of preference:

- **John Pappalardo (incumbent).** See above.

- **Michael Pierdinock.** See above.
- **Elizabeth Etrie.** See above.
- **Daniel Martino.** See above.

Nominations are not being made for the two at-large seats currently held by Mary Beth Nickell-Tooley of Maine and Peter Kendall of New Hampshire.

Through *Marine Fisheries*, I have consulted with the following representatives of the commercial and recreational fishing interests of the Commonwealth, including members of the Massachusetts Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission—a nine-member citizen advisory board, representing recreational and commercial fishing interest (including seafood dealers), from various parts of the Massachusetts coast—and former members of the NEFMC, regarding my nominees:

- Kalil Boghdan (recreational background)
- Edward Barrett (commercial background)
- Rip Cunningham (recreational background)
- Vito Giacalone (commercial background)
- Raymond Kane (commercial background)
- Gus Sanfilippo (commercial background)
- Andrew Walsh (commercial background)

Each of my nominees meets the requirements listed in Section 302(b)(2)(A) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. All have convinced me of their commitment to improving fisheries management in New England and to assist the Council in rebuilding, maintaining, and managing the marine resources so important to the economic vitality of the Massachusetts fishing industry.

Sincerely,



Governor Charles D. Baker

cc: Secretary Matthew Beaton, EEA
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Dear Mr. Fredieu:

I am pleased to submit New Hampshire's nominees for the upcoming vacancies on the New England Fishery Management Council. For the at-large seat currently held by Peter Kendall, I request the following applicants be considered in the following order of preference:

Mr. Peter Kendall
Ms. Ellen Goethel
Mr. David Goethel

Mr. Kendall has been involved in the commercial fishing industry since 1985, both as a commercial fisherman and as manager of the Portsmouth Fishermen's Cooperative and Yankee Fisherman's Coop in Seabrook. His vessels fished for groundfish, scallops, herring and northern shrimp. He is currently working as the manager of the Maine Coast Shellfish. Mr. Kendall is completing his second term in an at-large seat on the New England Fishery Management Council where he has served on a variety of committees and has served as chairman of the Herring and Skate Oversight Committees. He has also been elected to serve on the Executive Committee of the Council for the past four years. In addition, he currently serves as a member of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Northern Shrimp Advisory Panel.

Ms. Goethel is a marine educator and is a co-owner of a 44 foot stern trawler. She is a past member of the New England Fishery Management Council in NH's obligatory seat, where she served on a variety of committees including the Groundfish, Small Mesh Multispecies, Research Steering, and Enforcement Committees. In addition, she is very knowledgeable of marine fisheries issues and was previously appointed by the Secretary of Commerce to serve on the Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee and is also a member of the Advisory Committee for the Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program. Ms. Goethel currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Coastal Conservation Association of New Hampshire and has served on the Town of Hampton, NH Conservation Commission as well as on a number of community programs. Her efforts toward marine conservation have been recognized by the US Fish and Wildlife Service for her volunteer work on fisheries issues, the Coastal Conservational Association of NH as their 2009

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Conservationist of the Year, and by the Gulf of Maine Council which presented her with a Stewardship Award in 2014. Ms. Goethel has also actively supported programs with our Division of Marine Fisheries. Ms. Goethel's input has always been focused on putting the needs of marine resources first while trying to work towards practical, equitable, and reasonable solutions to fisheries management issues.

Mr. Goethel previously worked for and captained recreational charter party boats and commercial fishing vessels. He is currently a commercial fisherman who owns and operates the F/V Ellen Diane, a 44-foot dragger. Mr. Goethel previously served three terms on the Council in New Hampshire's obligatory seat during which he chaired a number of committees including the Research Steering, Habitat, and Whiting Committees. He currently serves on the Council's Small Mesh Species Advisory Panel, Groundfish Advisory Panel and the Northeast Trawl Survey Advisory Panel. In addition, he has served on several Advisory Panels of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission. He is also on the Board of Directors of the New Hampshire Commercial Fisherman's Association, Northeast Seafood Coalition, Yankee Fishermens Cooperative and the Center for Sustainable Fisheries. Locally, Mr. Goethel was a long time member of the Governor's Advisory Committee for Marine Fisheries where his degree in biology combined with extensive experience in both the recreational and commercial fishing industries have made him a valuable asset to the state.

The State of New Hampshire has actively sought qualified applicants from all societal sectors for the Council seats. Our nominee list includes members of the commercial and marine education sectors. Nominees were interviewed by the public, including representatives of recreational, commercial, and conservation coastal resource interests in the state, during a candidates' night hosted by our Marine Fisheries Division. The public input was very helpful in determining the order of preference for each of our highly qualified nominees.

The individuals selected for consideration recognize the extensive time obligation the Council seats require and have demonstrated their willingness to make the necessary time commitment.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding New Hampshire's nominees to the New England Fishery Management Council.

Sincerely,


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