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Mr. Samuel Rauch III
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1315 East-West Highway, Room 14636
Silver Spring, MD 20910
Attention: Brian Fredieu

Dear Mr. Rauch,

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 one obligatory seat from the State of Alaska on the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC) expiring August 10, 2017. As discussed below, I have nominated 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
Simon Kinneen
Ragnar Alstrom
Paul Gronholdt

I select Mr. Simon Kinneen, the incumbent, as my preferred nominee for consideration. As required by the Act, I am submitting two alternate nominees that can be considered for the seat in Mr. Ragnar Alstrom and Mr. Paul Gronholdt.

Mr. Kinneen focuses on federal fisheries activities as the Quota and Acquisitions Manager and the Corporate Vice President of Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation. He was appointed to the Council in 2014.

Mr. Ragnar Alstrom is a lifelong Yukon River subsistence salmon fisherman and a Yukon River Limited Entry Salmon Permit holder since the inception of the Alaska Limited Entry Program. He is the Director of the Yukon Delta Fisheries Development Association and currently sits on the U.S. Section of the Yukon River Panel. Mr. Alstrom is a former member of the Council.

Mr. Paul Gronholdt has been a commercial fisherman since 1980 and owns the fishing vessel St. Francis. He is on the Board of Directors of the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference.

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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,



Bill Walker
Governor

Enclosures

cc: The Honorable Sam Cotten, Commissioner, Department of Fish and Game

List of commercial and recreational fishing groups providing input for my nominations:

Afognak Native Corporation
Alaska Federation of Natives
Alaska Groundfish Data Bank
Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association
Alaska Marine Conservation Council
Alaska Trollers Association
Aleutian Pribilof Island Community Development Association
At-Sea Processors Association
Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation
Central Bering Sea Fishermen's Association
City of Larsen Bay
City of Old Harbor
City of Saint Paul
Halibut Coalition
International Seafoods of Alaska
Inupiat Community of the Arctic Slope
Kaguyak Village Council
Kawerak, Inc.
K-Bay Fisheries Association
Kodiak Archipelago Rural Regional Leadership Forum
Kodiak Island Borough
Koniag, Inc.
Native Village of Port Lions
North Pacific Fisheries Association
North Pacific Research Board
North Pacific Seafoods
Ocean Peace, Inc.
Old Harbor Native Corporation
Pacific Seafood Processors Association
Pelagic Resources, Inc.
Peter Pan Seafoods, Inc.
Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance
Tanana Chiefs Conference
United Fishermen of Alaska
Petersburg Vessel Owner's Association



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Attention: Mr. Brian Fredieu

Dear Mr. Rauch:

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. Kenny Down currently occupies this seat; he was appointed to it in 2015 to fill out the unexpired term of Mr. John Henderschedt. Consequently, he is eligible for reappointment.

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 2017 Guidance Document, 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:

1) Mr. Kenny Down:

Mr. Down is the President and CEO of Blue North Fisheries, and has served on the Council since 2015. Prior to joining Blue North in 2012, he served as the Executive Director of the Freezer Longline Coalition, where he was a leader in the development of national policy supporting low impact fishing efforts, minimizing harmful effects of commercial fishing and supporting efforts at rational management of the fisheries. Mr. Down is a sitting board member of the Freezer Longline Coalition and the Alaska Longline Cod Commission, and has served on advisory boards of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, including the Steller Sea Lion Mitigation Committee. Mr. Down resides in Seattle, Washington.

2) Mr. David Little:

Mr. Little is the President of Clipper Seafoods Ltd., a freezer longline company he founded in 1987 with six vessels operating in the Bering Sea. He currently serves as the President of the Freezer Longline Conservation Cooperative, a group of fourteen freezer



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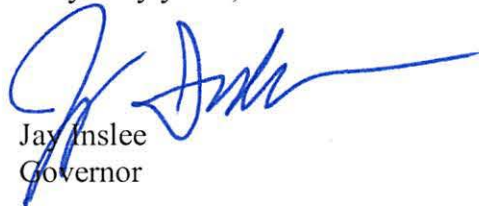
longline companies based in Washington and Alaska, and has served on several advisory boards, including the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council, the Stellar Sea Lion Mitigation Committee, and the Distant Waters Advisory Group. Mr. Little resides in Seattle, Washington.

3) Mr. John Crowley:

Mr. Crowley is the Owner of the F/V Kristiana, a 69-foot vessel operating out of the Fishermen's Terminal in Seattle. He has owned and operated longline and salmon boats continuously since 1969. Mr. Little serves as an industry advisor on the North Pacific Fishery Management Council and as a trustee on the Fishing Vessel Owners Association. In addition, he has served on many other panels and boards, including the Ground Fish Advisory Panel – Pacific Council, the West Council Marine Fund Board of Directors, and the United Marine Fund Board of Directors. Mr. Crowley resides in Seattle, Washington.

While Mr. Down 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.

Very truly yours,



Jay Inslee
Governor

cc: Jim Unsworth, Director, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Bill Tweit, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Attachment: List of Groups Consulted

Enclosure: Nomination kits for Mr. Down, Mr. Little, and Mr. Crowley

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List of Groups Consulted Regarding Nominations for Washington Obligatory Seat currently held by Mr. Kenny Down on the North Pacific Fishery Management Council – 2017 Nomination

Alaska Bering Sea Crabbers
Alaska Crab Coalition
Alaska Longline Cod Commission
Alaska Whitefish Trawlers Association
Alaska Scallop Association
Alaska Seafood Cooperative
Aleutian Spray
American Seafoods
Arctic Storm Management Group
At Sea Processors Association
B&N Fisheries Company
Deep Sea Fishermens Union
Fishermen's Finest
Fishing Vessel Owners Association
Freezer Longliner Coalition
Groundfish Forum
Icicle Seafoods
Marine Conservation Alliance
Midwater Trawlers Cooperative
North Pacific Crab Association
North Pacific Seafoods
North Pacific Vessel Owners Association
Pacific Seafood Processors Association
Peter Pan Seafoods
Premier Pacific
SeaState, Inc.
Trident Seafoods
United Catcher Boats
University of Washington – School of Marine Affairs
US Seafoods
Washington SeaGrant