



KATE BROWN
Governor

March 13, 2017

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

Attn: Brian Fredieu

Dear Mr. Rauch:

In response to your letter of January 23, 2017, I am submitting the names of four individuals for potential appointment by the Secretary of Commerce to an at-large seat on the Pacific Fisheries Management Council (PFMC) currently held by Mr. Jeffrey Feldner. The nominees are listed in alphabetical order.

Thomas Libby
Stephen Marx
Bradley Pettinger
Lori Steele

Included with this letter of nomination are the complete original applications of the above-named individuals. I have found 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.

Thomas Libby

Mr. Libby has worked for over 30 years for a west coast fish processing company, including the most recent 13 years as corporate manager for special projects and government relations. He has nearly 50 years of processor experience with many commercial fisheries and has been a long-time, active participant at PFMC. He currently serves on the groundfish advisory panel for the PFMC and is a member of the United States Advisory Panel to the US/Canada Whiting Treaty. He also sport fishes for salmon and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in general business with a minor in life sciences.



Stephen Marx

Mr. Marx has been employed since 2011 to represent a non-profit, environmental organization on fisheries issues in the Pacific and North Pacific oceans. He has focused on implementation of ecosystem-based management at PFMC and at the North Pacific Fishery Management Council.

He has broad fishing experience, having engaged in multiple commercial fisheries for 9 years, charter fishing for 4 years, and sport fishing for 28 years. For 6 years, he handled natural resource issues as a field representative for a United States Congressman. He holds a Master's degree in public administration and a Bachelor of Arts with a major in international affairs and minor in philosophy.

Bradley Pettinger

Mr. Pettinger has about 50 years of commercial fishing experience and 20 years of sport fishing in a variety of fisheries off the West Coast. For the past 25 years he has owned and operated fishing vessels using a variety of fishing gears. He currently is the Director for the Oregon Trawl Commission. He has been a long-time, active participant at PFMC and currently serves on 4 of its advisory committees. He also is an advisor to many fishing industry groups, fisheries organizations, and agencies. He holds a Bachelor of Science in business administration.

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 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 currently is 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, 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 about sixty individuals and organizations actively involved in west coast marine resource issues from fishing and conservation perspectives.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kate Brown" with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Attachment: Individuals contacted and press release
Enclosures: Applications of nominated individuals

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. Walter Chuck, Recreational fishing
4. Greg Harlow, Association of Northwest Steelheaders
5. Norm Ritchie, Association of Northwest Steelheaders
6. Paul Engelmeyer, Oregon Audubon Society
7. Jessica Keyes, Consultant
8. Jim Martin, Recreational fishing
9. Bob Rees, Recreational fishing guide
10. Dean Fleck, Marine supply business
11. Mark Lottis, Recreational fishing charter operator
12. Ron Mason, Recreational fishing
13. Wayne Butler, ODFW recreational fishing advisor
14. Tony Hobbs, ODFW recreational fishing advisor
15. Charles Loos, ODFW recreational fishing advisor
16. Lars Robison, ODFW recreational fishing advisor

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

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| 1. Dorothy Lowman | 21. Scott McMullen |
| 2. Jeff Feldner | 22. Frank Warrens |
| 3. John Holloway | 23. Bob Eder |
| 4. Kevin Dunn | 24. Brad Pettinger |
| 5. Tom Libby | 25. Chris Goldfinger |
| 6. Jeff Miles | 26. Steve Bodnar |
| 7. Susan Chambers | 27. Ralph Brown |
| 8. Shems Jud | 28. David Jincks |
| 9. Paul Heikkila | 29. Brad Pettinger |
| 10. Richard Heap | 30. Andrew Bornstein |
| 11. Gerry Reinholdt | 31. Michele Longo Eder |
| 12. Mike Sorenson | 32. Doug DeHart |
| 13. Jim Welter | 33. Rod Moore |
| 14. Heather Mann | 34. Paul Kujala |
| 15. David Sampson | 35. Steve Marx |
| 16. Gene Law | 36. Paul Shively |
| 17. Mike Okoniewski | 37. Tara Brock |
| 18. Liz Hamilton | 38. Tom Rudolph |
| 19. Linda Buell | 39. Gilly Lyons |
| 20. Ben Enticknap | 40. Gway Kirchner |

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41. Theresa Labriola
42. Ana Kujundzic
43. Jeff Lackey
44. Doug DeHart
45. Ryan Kapp
46. Lori Steele
47. Tyler Turner

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

1. Scott McMullen, Chair, North Coast Commercial Fisheries
2. David Allen, Vice Chair, Coastal City Elected Official
3. John Holloway, North Coast Sport Fisheries
4. Jim Pex, South Coast Sport Fisheries
5. Walter Chuck, Port or Marine Transportation
6. Charlie Plybon, Coastal Non-fishing
7. Robin Hartmann, Coastal Conservation or Environmental Organization
8. Jena Carter, Statewide Conservation or Environmental Organization
9. Robert Kentta, Coastal Indian Tribes
10. Terry Thompson, North Coastal County Commissioner
11. Susan Morgan, South Coastal County Commissioner

From: Cyreis Schmitt

Sent: Wednesday, February 01, 2017 9:27 AM

To: Fitzpatrick, Nancy; Nancy Fitzpatrick; Hugh; Paul Engelmeyer; Jessica Keys; Greg Harlow; 'jtmartin@purefishing.com'; Fleck, Dean; ronlmason@comcast.net; Greg Harlow; Norm Ritchie; 'brees@pacifier.com'; Lottis, Mark; 'Chuck, Walter'; captainx@centurylink.net; Charles Loos; 'seafishingtonyus@aol.com'; Butler, Wayne

Subject: ODFW seeks PFMC nominations

Hello Everyone,

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) coordinates the nomination process for the Governor's office when seats on the Pacific Fishery Management Council are up for appointment. The seat now up for appointment is a regional at-large seat, held by Jeff Feldner. Jeff is not seeking re-appointment. Generally the Governor puts forward three individuals for final selection by the Secretary of Commerce. ODFW issued a press release (attached) to newspapers and radio stations, but interested folks may not have seen the notice. I am forwarding the information to you as well because you may be interested or be willing to help spread the word. My apologies if you have already received the information; I've also emailed those stakeholders already actively engaged on council advisory bodies.

There is a short timeframe to complete the nomination process. Each applicant has to put in a significant amount of work to apply, so your help in getting the word out will be appreciated. I will be coordinating the paperwork for the nominations and request that interested candidates contact me as soon as possible, but no later than February 13.

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If you have any questions or suggestions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your assistance,
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Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

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Jan. 25, 2017

ODFW seeks nominees to represent Oregon on Pacific fisheries council

NEWPORT, Ore. -- The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is accepting nominations for a seat on the Pacific Fishery Management Council. The deadline to request nomination materials is Feb. 13, 2017 and the three-year term begins August 2017.

The Council manages about 119 species of groundfish, pelagic species (sardines, anchovies and mackerel) and highly migratory species (tunas, sharks and swordfish) off the coasts for Oregon, Washington and California. It includes 14 voting members representing tribal and state fish and wildlife agencies, and private citizens knowledgeable about sport fishing, commercial fishing and/or marine conservation. Several advisory councils and PFMC staff members also participate in Council meetings.

The ideal candidate would be knowledgeable of fishery resource conservation and management in marine waters off the West Coast. Specific knowledge of and experience in management issues and fisheries is important, as is a strong conservation ethic. The successful candidate also must work collectively with other council members, often making difficult decisions and fulfilling the standards set forth by the Magnuson-Stevens Act. Council members make a substantial time commitment to fully participate in council business and related activities.

The Oregon seat is currently held by Jeff Feldner of Siletz, who is not seeking re-appointment. ODFW will send all nominations to the Governor's office, which will then forward the names of

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at least three candidates to the National Marine Fisheries Service and U.S. Department of Commerce for consideration. Successful appointees must pass an extensive FBI background check.

Anyone interested in being considered, or wishing to nominate someone, must contact Cyreis Schmitt at 541-867-4741 or cyreis.c.schmitt@state.or.us **no later than Feb. 13, 2017.**

The Pacific Fishery Management Council is one of eight regional fishery management councils established by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to manage fisheries from three to 200 miles offshore of the United States coastline. The Pacific Council is responsible for fisheries off the coasts of California, Oregon and Washington.

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February 8, 2017

Ms. Eileen Sobeck, Assistant Administrator for Fisheries
NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service
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Silver Spring, Maryland 20910
Attention: Brian Fredieu

Dear Ms. Sobeck:

Please accept the following names, in priority order, as my nominees for the Washington State obligatory seat to the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC). Mr. Richard Lincoln currently occupies this seat; his second term expires on August 11, 2017, and he is eligible for reappointment.

Washington State has consulted with a broad range of commercial, recreational and public constituents in seeking nominations for the seat currently held by Mr. Lincoln. Based on my evaluations of each candidate's qualifications, I am recommending the following individuals in priority order:

- 1) Mr. Richard Lincoln:
Mr. Lincoln is the Director of the State of the Salmon, a division of the Wild Salmon Center. He is a resident of Olympia, Washington, retired from the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife in 2004, after 30 years of service. While employed by the Department, he served as an alternate member of the PFMC, and has dedicated his life to the conservation and sustainable use of fishery resources. He has a strong science and resource management background and has successfully worked with the tribes; federal, state, and local governments; commercial and recreational fishing interests; and members of the conservation community towards the preservation and sound management of fisheries.

- 2) Mr. Brent Paine:
Mr. Paine is a resident of Seattle, Washington, and is the Executive Director of United Catcher Boats, an association of 72 mid-water trawl vessel owners and operators who fish off the West Coast primarily for Pacific whiting, as well as in the Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska. Mr. Paine is currently a member of the PFMC's Groundfish Advisory Subpanel, and the U.S./Canada whiting Advisory Panel, and has participated in Alaska salmon fisheries.



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3) Mr. Steve Watrous:

Mr. Watrous is a resident of Vancouver, Washington, and an avid angler for salmon, steelhead, bottomfish, trout, and other inland fish. He is an active participant in PFMC and North of Falcon, serving on the Salmon Advisory Subpanel for the last several years.

Mr. Lincoln has served with distinction for his one term on the Council, and has broad support among multiple interests for reappointment to a third term. He is a strong supporter of sustainable fisheries, has a strong conservation ethic, and certainly has my confidence in representing Washington. His re-nomination will serve Washington well.

While Mr. Lincoln is my preferred candidate, I believe that each of these three candidates are well qualified to serve on the Pacific Fishery Management Council and will support management values that promote resource conservation, habitat protection and sustainable fisheries. Please note that I will not be submitting additional nominations for any at-large vacancies.

Very truly yours,



Jay Inslee
Governor

Enclosures: List of Groups Consulted
Nomination kits for Mr. Lincoln, Mr. Paine, and Mr. Watrous

cc: Jim Unsworth, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Michele Culver, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

List of Groups Consulted Regarding Nominations for Washington Obligatory Seat on the Pacific Fishery Management Council – 2017 Nomination

Arctic Storm, Inc.
Bornstein Seafood
Columbia River Crab Fisherman's Association
Fishing Vessel Owners Association
Ilwaco Charter Association
Ilwaco Fish Company
The Nature Conservancy
Ocean Gold Seafood
Oceana
Pacific Seafood
Pacific Seafood Processors' Association
Pacific Whiting Conservation Cooperative
Pew Oceans Commission
Puget Sound Anglers
Purse Seine Vessels Owners' Association
United Catcher Boats
Washington Dungeness Crab Fisherman's Association
Washington Trollers' Association
Westport Charter Association
Wild Salmon Center