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March 13, 2019

Mr. Chris Oliver
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Attention: Brian Fredieu

Dear Mr. Oliver:

Delaware has selected seven highly qualified individuals for consideration for our Obligatory seat and for one of the At-Large seats on the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council). All candidates are well known in Delaware's recreational and commercial fishing sectors, one is currently serving in our Obligatory seat and one has served for nine years in our Obligatory seat on the Council. The staff of the Fisheries Section of the Division of Fish and Wildlife in the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control have reviewed the credentials of these nominees and find that each meet the requirements of Section 302(b)(2)(a) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act.

Delaware's recreational and commercial fisheries are important industries in our state. We understand the importance of nominating qualified individuals to the Council to preserve and protect our natural resources and restore those that are currently depleted or in decline. Therefore I offer the following individuals, in priority order, for nomination to the Delaware Obligatory seat, followed the individuals in priority order, for nomination to one of the At-Large seats. The nominees are:

Obligatory

1. Paul Weston Townsend (Commercial)

I am honored to nominate Paul Weston (Wes) Townsend as the state's top candidate for our Obligatory seat. Wes is completing his first term on the Council, so we are asking for his reappointment. Wes is a successful commercial fisherman with 48 years of experience fishing both state and federal waters. Wes's family has lived along Delaware's Inland Bays since the 1730s and this history has given Wes a deep appreciation of the interactions between people and fisheries. Wes's involvement in fisheries management goes well beyond his fishing. Wes has served as the Sussex County Commercial Fishing Councilor on Delaware's Advisory Council on Tidal Finfisheries since 2009 and has also served on both the Council and Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Summer Flounder, Scup and Black Sea Bass Advisory Panels since 2014. I think Wes's commercial fishing experience combined with his fine representation of Delaware during his first Council term make Wes the ideal candidate to once again represent Delaware on the Council.

2. Lee Grant Anderson (Other)

Our second choice for Delaware's Obligatory seat is Dr. Lee G. Anderson. Dr. Anderson needs no introduction to the Council as he ably served the Council in Delaware's Obligatory seat from 1986 to 1995 and from 2007 to 2016. Dr. Anderson has served as both Chair and Vice Chair of the Council during his previous terms. Dr. Anderson is world renowned for his expertise in fisheries management and fisheries economics. Dr. Anderson's combination of fisheries management expertise and Council experience make him an exceptional candidate for the Council.

3. Roy Wyman Miller (Other)

Our third choice for Delaware's Obligatory seat is Roy W. Miller. Mr. Miller holds degrees from Lafayette College (B.S.) and Cornell University (M.S.). He worked for the Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife for 34 years as a Program Manager and Fisheries Administrator. He was involved in all aspects of fisheries management in Delaware and served as Delaware's Administrative Commissioner's proxy to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) from 1978 until his retirement in 2009. Although retired, Mr. Miller still plays a very active role in Delaware's fisheries interests. He currently serves as the Governor's Appointee to the ASMFC since his appointment in 2009. He was elected in 2015 by the Governor's Appointees from all ASMFC states to represent them on the ASMFC Executive Committee and he won ASMFC bestowed on Roy the Captain David Hart Award in 2018, which is their premier award. Mr. Miller's knowledge of all the commercial and recreational fisheries in Delaware and the mid-Atlantic region, and of the controversies over fisheries allocations

and user-group conflicts that surround them make him an excellent candidate for the Council.

4. Edward Allen Hale (Other)

Our fourth choice for Delaware's Obligatory seat is Dr. Edward (Ed) Hale. Dr. Hale is a Marine Advisory Specialist for the University of Delaware Sea Grant program. Dr. Hale has a strong background in fisheries science, particularly with stock assessment and modeling. Although he has only been in his current position with Sea Grant a short time, Dr. Hale has impressed many in Delaware's commercial and recreational fisheries with his strong grasp of fisheries management and his ability to explain stock assessments and other complicated management concepts to the public make him a strong nominee for the Council.

5. Dewayne Allen Fox (Other)

Our fifth choice for Delaware's Obligatory seat is Dr. Dewayne Fox. Dewayne holds degrees from California Polytechnic University (B.S.), University of Washington (M.S.), and North Carolina State University (Ph. D.). Dewayne is currently an Associate Professor of Fisheries Science at Delaware State University. Dewayne has conducted much research on fish species managed by the MAFMC and ASMFC, and he is well known for his Atlantic Sturgeon research. Dewayne worked in both recreational and commercial fisheries before becoming a fisheries research scientist and he remains that special academic who has a strong rapport with both recreational and commercial fishermen. Dewayne's knowledge of the fisheries and rapport with all the fishing public make him an ideal candidate for MAFMC.

6. Andrew Theodore Manus (Other)

Our sixth choice for Delaware's Obligatory seat is Mr. Andrew (Andy) Manus. Andy holds degrees from University of New Hampshire (B.S.) and Texas A&M University (M.S.). Andy had a 38 year career in natural resources management during which included serving as the Director of the Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife for eight years. Andy was very involved with fisheries management during his time as Director and he maintains a keen interest in fisheries management. Andy's background in managing natural resources at the state and regional level will make him a great fit for the Council.

7. Gary Franklin Simpson (Other)

Our seventh choice for Delaware's Obligatory seat is Mr. Gary F. Simpson. Gary retired from his elected office as State Senator in 2018. Gary represented a district in Delaware that was home to many of Delaware's commercial fishermen and also had

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At-Large

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Enclosed is the requested completed application kit for each nominee.

Delaware undertook a coordinated outreach effort through press releases, direct emails and social media to solicit Council applications from women and minority candidates.

I thank you in advance for consideration of these nominees.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John C. Carney". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a distinct "C" and "A".

John C. Carney
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March 7, 2019

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Attention: Hannah Hafey

Dear Mr. Oliver:

In August 2019, the at-large seat on the Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council (MAFMC) will become available. The State of Maryland recommends the following qualified nominees listed in order of preference:

1. Mr. Scott Lenox, Recreational Sector
2. Mr. Harold Ward Slacum, Jr., Other Sector
3. Mr. James Wommack, Jr., Recreational Sector

The provided nominees share many years of experience with conservation and management, research, and recreational fisheries in the Mid-Atlantic region. They are also committed to promoting the long-term viability and sustainability of our natural resources and ensuring that our conservation goals are met.

The department has met all of the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) criteria regarding solicitation for a broad spectrum of applications. Outreach included an announcement to the Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission and Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission, an announcement to the department's email distribution lists for Check Stations, Coastal Commercial Fisheries, Coastal Recreational Fisheries, Commercial Fisheries, Non-tidal Recreational Fisheries and Tidal Recreational Fishing and Crabbing (10,798 recipients), and announcements on Facebook and Twitter. Our advisory group members, email recipients, and Facebook and Twitter followers represent the broad spectrum of conservation, commercial, and recreational interest groups in Maryland, which includes women and minorities.

If you have any questions during your review of the enclosed applications, please feel free to contact David Blazer, Director of Fishing and Boating Services at the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. Mr. Blazer can be reached by phone at (410) 260-8281 or via e-mail at david.blazer@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Oliver:

Enclosed please find the completed nomination materials for the 2019 at-large seats on the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council. The New Jersey Marine Fisheries Council, the Garden State Seafood Association, and numerous commercial fishing representatives, recreational fishing groups, academic institutions, and nongovernmental organizations throughout the state were solicited for nominations. The solicitation included an explicit request to identify qualified women and minority candidates. The candidates below belong to or are affiliated with some of the organizations solicited for nominations, and each has been active in state and/or federal-level fishery management issues. Nominations were also conscious of the call for an emphasis on nominees from the commercial sector. Each nominee is highly respected within the fishing community.

Following are the New Jersey nominees:


- Peter Hughes – Mr. Hughes is the Director of Sustainability for Atlantic Capes Fisheries Inc. After engaging in commercial fishing for squid and mackerel on the East Coast, Mr. Hughes began working for Atlantic Capes Fisheries Inc. in 1990. He is the recent past chairman of the Sea Scallop Advisory Panel and a member of the Observer Policy Committee of the New England Fishery Management Council, helping them facilitate policy and the responsible stewardship of our nation's oceans. Mr. Hughes is also a board member of the Science Center for Marine Fisheries, a National Science Foundation-recognized science center. "Maintaining the sustainability of our living marine resources through the use of the best available science is an essential goal and one I will continue to strive to achieve," he says.

- Jeffery Kaelin – Mr. Kaelin currently serves as the government relations officer for Lund’s Fisheries in Cape May. His responsibilities include representation before the New England and Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Councils, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, the New Jersey Marine Fisheries Council, the New Jersey Legislature, and the United States Congress, which included testifying on Magnuson Stevens Act reform on July 19, 2017. Mr. Kaelin is a board member of the Science Center for Marine Fisheries and a past chairman. Mr. Kaelin is a former Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council member, has served in the Maine House of Representatives, and has extensive past and current membership associations with the fishing communities along the Atlantic coast.
- Eleanor Bochenek – Dr. Bochenek’s areas of expertise are fisheries and marine resource management with an emphasis on gear technology, bycatch, discards, hook-and-release mortality, socioeconomics, and habitat degradation, as well as fisheries management issues and policies. She conducts outreach and applied research programs for the commercial and recreational fishing industries primarily in New Jersey as well as in states from Massachusetts to North Carolina. She serves as the Science Liaison for the National Fisheries Institute-Scientific Monitoring Committee (commercial trawlers, docks and processors from Rhode Island to New Jersey) and is also a member of the New Jersey DEP’s Marine Fisheries Council.

All three candidates have earned the respect and admiration of their peers and would be excellent representatives to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council.

New Jersey would strongly recommend the reappointment of Peter Hughes for a second term on the Council. Mr. Hughes has a comprehensive understanding of marine fisheries management issues and responsible resource management. He meets the call for a seat from the commercial sector to retain balance for the Council. My office has also received six letters of recommendation for Mr. Hughes from various industry members and Rutgers University’s Department of Marine and Coastal Sciences. Those letters are included in our nomination package.

Thank you for your consideration of my nominees to the 2019 at-large seats on the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council. If you have any questions, please contact Jill Ippolito, Director of Appointments, at 609-777-2203.

Sincerely,

Philip D. Murphy

Enclosures



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Office of the Governor

Ralph S. Northam
Governor

March 11, 2019

The Honorable Chris Oliver
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NOAA Fisheries
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Dear Mr. Oliver,

I am writing to submit these three qualified candidates for the at-large seats on the Mid- Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC) that will become vacant on August 10, 2019. Please find the nominees below in order of priority and preference.

MAFMC At-large Seats:

1. Roger Mann, reappointment (preferred) - Other
2. Kate Wilke - Other
3. Meade Amory - Commercial

I have worked with Virginia's Secretary of Natural Resources, Matthew J. Strickler, to identify and consider a number of qualified individuals, ensuring our nominees are knowledgeable of commercial and recreational fisheries and are committed to providing even greater protection of our marine resources.

Roger Mann, my preferred nominee for an at-large seat, is currently completing his first term on the MAFMC. Dr. Mann has worked on fisheries issues for more than 40 years, including 34 years at Virginia Institute of Marine Science at the College of William and Mary. Roger has been involved with fisheries at numerous levels and understands both the complexities of fishery science and the economic needs of people who depend on a healthy fish stock. He has worked across the spectrum of fishery and science stakeholders from climate and stock assessment scientists to watermen and offshore industry. His previous service to the council and his extensive background on fisheries, has provided him with insight into working with the current members of the Council, which will help him address ongoing challenges, and meet the statutory demands of the Council.

Kate Wilke has the scientific and policy background to make a significant contribution to the conservation and management of fisheries. She has conducted biological research on commercial fisheries, and understands the intricacies and challenges of using fisheries independent and dependent data to assess fish stocks. She is well versed in the relevant federal policies and legislation that govern US fishery management. Kate understands the need to communicate and work with a variety of stakeholder groups and brings those critical skills, and an in depth knowledge of fisheries science, to the Council environment.

Meade Amory has been engaged in commercial fishing for 27 years. He is the Vice President of L.D. Amory and Company primarily operating in the fish and seafood merchant wholesalers industry, and President of Amory Transportation, specializing in fresh seafood shipping nationwide. Additionally, Meade owns two commercial fishing trawlers working the Mid-Atlantic region. He has a lifetime commitment to fisheries.

Provided below is a list of persons with whom my office has consulted in the commercial and recreational fishing communities regarding our nominees:

- Rick Robins – Owner, Bernie’s Conchs
- Kim Huskey – Ballard Fish and Oyster Company
- AJ Erskine – Bevans and Coward Seafood
- John Bello – Chairman, Virginia Saltwater Sportfishing Association
- Mike Hutt- Executive Director, Virginia Marine Products Board
- Rob O’Reilly – Virginia Marine Resources Commission
- Pat Geer – Virginia Marine Resources Commission

In addition to the individuals from the recreational and commercial fishing communities listed about, we reached out to Dr. Cynthia Jones (fisheries scientist at Old Dominion University. We reached out to Green Latinos and queried our database of applicants for state boards and commissions for interested and qualified women and minority candidates.

I appreciate this opportunity to nominate these qualified and deserving candidates.

Sincerely,



Ralph S. Northam