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GOVERNOR  
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Chris Oliver  
Assistant Administrator for Fisheries  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
1315 East-West Highway, Room 14636  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Attention: Hannah Hafey

Dear Mr. Oliver,

Please accept the following names as my nominees for the State of Idaho obligatory seat to the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC). Mr. Herb Pollard currently occupies this seat. His third consecutive term will expire on August 10, 2019, and he is not 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 to a second term, 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 and is currently 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 7 ½ years teaching in the fisheries and marine biology programs at Sheldon Jackson College in Sitka, Alaska.

2) Mr. Virgil Moore

Mr. Moore received a B.S. in Biology and Education from Northwest Missouri State University and an M.S. in Zoology from Idaho State University. He served as the IDFG Director from 2011 through 2018. Mr. Moore has served in various positions at IDFG over a 42-year career, including State Fisheries Manager, Fisheries Research Manager, and Chief of Fisheries. He was Director of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife from 2006 to 2007 before returning to Idaho in 2007. While IDFG Director, Mr. Moore served as President of the Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies (AFWA) and Chair of the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (WAFWA) Sage Grouse Executive Oversight Committee and the WAFWA Executive Committee. Mr. Moore also served as chair of the AFWA Fisheries Water Resources Policy Committee and WAFWA Inland and Marine Fisheries Committee.

3) Mr. William Horton

Mr. Horton received a B.S. in Fisheries Management from the University of Idaho. He served in the U.S. Army prior to conducting Master's research at the University of Idaho in fisheries management. He joined IDFG in 1977, where he served in a wide range of positions over a 35-year career. He retired as State Fishery Manager, but also served as Anadromous Fishery Coordinator, Resident Fishery Coordinator, Fisheries Staff Biologist, and Senior Fishery Research Biologist. Mr. Horton has a long history of working closely with anglers, stakeholders and the Idaho Fish and Game Commission on matters of policy, planning, and regulations. He continues to play an active role with the Idaho Chapter of the American Fisheries Society.

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.

Idaho consulted with conservation and management interests familiar with the work of the PFMC, including the American Sportfishing Association, Northwest Sportfishing Association, and the Idaho Outfitters and Guides Association. We also addressed the other factors noted in your letter of February 5, 2019, to the extent practical given the nomination timeframe.

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

Sincerely,



Brad Little  
Governor



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

March 8, 2019

Chris Oliver  
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Dear Mr. Oliver:

I am pleased to offer the following slate of candidates to fill the position created by the expiration of one at-large seat on the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council), currently held by Marc Gorelnik (recreational) from California.

I recommend Mr. Gorelnik for reappointment to the at-large seat. I am also submitting two additional nominees: Tommie Saint John (commercial) and Dan Wolford (recreational). Mr. Gorelnik is currently serving as the Council's vice chair, is eligible for reappointment for a second term, and has demonstrated the ability and experience to fulfill the role of the at-large seat.

In soliciting nominees, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) consulted with approximately 200 individuals and fishery organizations whose members are directly affected by Council actions. In addition, the Department sought nominations and recommendations from the environmental community as their representatives continue to play an increasing role in the Council's public process, and in California's fishery and community collaborations and partnerships.

All candidates appear to meet the minimum qualifications relative to pertinent sections of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and would be willing to accept appointment to the at-large seat.

The required federal application forms for the aforementioned candidates are enclosed.

Sincerely,



Gavin Newsom  
Governor of California

Enclosures

NOMINEES (listed in alphabetical order)

**Marc Gorelnik**

Mr. Gorelnik joined the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) in September 2016 as a member at-large and is completing his first term. In September 2018, Mr. Gorelnik became vice 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. Additionally, in September 2018, Mr. Gorelnik also became an active member of the Council's Legislative 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.

**Tommie Saint John**

Mr. Saint John has been a commercial salmon fisherman for more than 40 years. Mr. Saint John has experience fishing from various ports from Northern to Southern California. As a fisherman, Mr. Saint John has observed many cycles of different fisheries and has interest in data collection mechanisms. Mr. Saint John has contributed to the collection of biological data by participating in a genetic sampling program. He believes that improved data collection will help inform better conservation and management decisions. Mr. Saint John is also a member of the Port San Luis Commercial Fishing Association. He has background in agriculture.

**Dan Wolford**

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.