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Chris Oliver
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Dear Mr. Oliver:

I am honored to submit for your consideration nominations to fill the "at-large" seat and "obligatory seat" on the Caribbean Fisheries Management Council (CFMC). Input was solicited from the Fisherman Advisory Committees, individual commercial and recreational fishers.

Nominees for CFMC At-large seat (names are submitted in order of selection priority):

Mr. Edward Schuster has over 25 years of fishing experience. He serves as Chairman of the St. Croix Fisherman's Advisory Committee, has participated in various National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration funded research projects and is a member of the CFMC-St. Croix District Advisory Panel Committee.

Mr. Julian E. Magras has over 30 years of experience as a commercial fisherman. He serves as Secretary of the St. Thomas/St. John Fish Trap Reduction Steering Committee and Appeals Board. He is member of the St. Thomas/St. John Spiny Lobster Management Committee, member of the St. Thomas/St. John Fisherman's Advisory Committee and CFMC-St. Thomas District Advisory Panel Committee.

Mr. Claude Berry has 31 years of experience as a commercial fisherman. He serves as President of the St. Thomas/St. John Fish Trap Reduction Steering Committee and Appeals Board. He is also a member of the St. Thomas/St. John Spiny Lobster Management Committee and the St. Thomas/St. John Fisherman's Advisory Committee.

Mr. Dean Greaux, has over 23 years of commercial fishing experience. He is member of the St. Thomas/St. John Spiny Lobster Management Committee, member of the St. Thomas/St. John Fisherman's Advisory Committee, the St. Thomas/St. John Fisherman's Association and CFMC-St. Thomas District Advisory Panel Committee.

Nominees for CFMC Obligatory seat (names are submitted on order of selection priority):

Mr. Julian E. Magras has over 30 years of experience as a commercial fisherman. He serves as Secretary of the St. Thomas/St. John Fish Trap Reduction Steering Committee and Appeals Board. He is member of the St. Thomas/St. John Spiny Lobster Management Committee, member of the St. Thomas/St. John Fisherman's Advisory Committee, the St. Thomas/St. John Fisherman's Association and CFMC-St. Thomas District Advisory Panel Committee.

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I have submitted a list of nominees that are more than capable of addressing the fishery management concerns of the Virgin Islands. The nominees are all residents of the Virgin Islands and are eligible and willing to serve. Documents are enclosed for each candidate. Should you have any questions, please submit them to Dawn Henry, Esq., Commissioner of the Department of Planning and Natural Resources via [email: dawn.henry@dpr.vi.gov](mailto:dawn.henry@dpr.vi.gov) or by telephone at (340) 774-3320.

I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to have my nominees considered.

Sincerely,



Kenneth E. Mapp
Governor



GOVERNOR OF PUERTO RICO
Ricardo Rosselló Nevares

March 9, 2018

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Attention: Hannah Hafey

**NOMINATION FOR CANDIDATES TO AT-LARGE SEAT MEMBERSHIP TO THE
CARIBBEAN FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

Dear mister Oliver:

I am pleased to submit my recommendations for the Caribbean Fishery Management Council (CFMC) at-large seat that will become vacant on August 10, 2018. In accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, the recommendation of candidates to be submitted for the consideration of the Secretary of Commerce are the following:

1. Mr. Carlos J. Velázquez
2. Mr. Nelson Crespo
3. Mrs. Vanessa Ramírez Pérez

The selection of these candidates was made after consulting the Department of Natural and Environmental Resources of Puerto Rico and the local commercial and recreational fishing organizations. The process of recommendation took into consideration the interest and knowledge of the candidates in the management and conservation of the fishery resources and their ability and commitment to work with the CFMC. All of them are active in the community of fishers and have a

comprehensive knowledge in the management and conservation of the fishery resources in Puerto Rico.

From this pool of nominees, I endorse the nomination of Mrs. Vanessa Ramírez Pérez.

Enclosed you will find the applications of each of our identified candidates. All of them have completed the initial background evaluation and are willing to devote their time and effort in performing the Council's duties and activities.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ricardo Rosselló Nevares', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ricardo Rosselló Nevares
Governor