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

Dear Mr. Oliver:

Enclosed are South Carolina's nominees for an at-large seat on the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (SAFMC). The nominees are listed alphabetically with no reflection of preference.

- **Dr. James "Jaime" Geiger** is a retired fisheries biologist with over 35 years of professional experience as a fisheries researcher and administrator at the state and federal levels. Dr. Geiger currently serves on the SAFMC's Habitat Protection and Ecosystem-Based Management Advisory Panel, and he was the US Fish & Wildlife Service's representative to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission for many years. Dr. Geiger understands that successful fisheries management requires vibrant partnerships, mutual trust, and effective communication.
- **Mr. Greg M. Peralta** is an employee of Cantey Tech Consulting, a business development consulting organization, and an avid recreational fisherman. Mr. Peralta has fished for over 50 years and is also a retired charter captain. Mr. Peralta believes that stakeholder participation and cooperation are the keys to creating a healthier fishery environment for future generations.
- **Mr. J. David Whitaker** is recently retired from the SC Department of Natural Resources and has over 40 years of professional experience in fisheries research, management, and stewardship. This experience includes extensive work with the SAFMC's Scientific and Statistical Committee. Mr. Whitaker believes that public trust resources should benefit all citizens, and that good fishery science is the foundation of good public trust resource stewardship.

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These candidates are recommended after discussion with the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources and in consultation with members of the recreational and commercial fishing communities and non-governmental organizations. Thank you for your consideration and please contact Tommy Windsor, Director of Boards and Commissions at 803-734-5086 if you have any questions.

Yours very truly,



Henry McMaster

Enclosures

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