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March 13, 2018

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

Dear Mr. Oliver:

Thank you for your agency's letter of Jan. 25, 2018 requesting that I nominate a slate of qualified candidates for consideration by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce for an at-large appointment to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council.

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 113-260 charges the N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission ("Commission") with the responsibility of compiling a list of nominees for consideration by the Governor for Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council appointments. The Commission provided the names of Ms. Sara Winslow, Mr. Joseph Smith and Dr. Roger Rulifson for my consideration as nominees for an at-large appointment to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council. I concur with the Commission's recommendations and am forwarding these names to you as North Carolina's nominees. I have selected Ms. Sara Winslow as a preferred nominee.

Due to the statutory makeup of the N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission (please see enclosed list), compilation of the list of nominees by that body meets the requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, 16 U. S. C. § 1852 (b)(2)(C) (2018), that each nomination be made in consultation with the commercial and recreational fishing interests of the state. The Commission makes every effort to encourage and seek out qualified women and minority candidates during this process. All the nominees are residents of North Carolina. All nominees, by reason of their occupational or other experience, scientific expertise or training, are knowledgeable regarding the conservation and management of the commercial or recreational harvest of the fisheries resources of North Carolina.

Following is a brief summary of the experience that qualifies each nominee to serve as a member of the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council:

Ms. Sara Winslow. Ms. Winslow received a B.S. degree in Marine Biology from UNC-Wilmington in 1978 and began her career with the N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries in January 1979. She worked in various positions until 1988, when she was promoted to the Northern District Biologist Supervisor position. In that capacity, she was responsible for overseeing biological staff and projects in N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries offices located in Elizabeth City, Manteo and Columbia. In December 2000, Ms. Winslow was promoted to the Northern District Manager position where she was responsible for all

regional N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries projects. She served as the division's project leader for a variety of anadromous species projects, and was instrumental in the development of many of the division's early fishery management plans. Ms. Winslow also participated in numerous N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission meetings and activities until her retirement in February 2011.

At the interstate level, Ms. Winslow served on Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Technical Committees for Shad and River Herring, Striped Bass and the Striped Bass Tagging Committee. For 21 of 23 years, Ms. Winslow participated in the Cooperative Winter Tagging Cruise, a collaborative effort among the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Marine Fisheries Service, the N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries and several other Atlantic coast states. Ms. Winslow currently serves on the N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission Finfish and Northern Regional Advisory Committees. Ms. Winslow was appointed to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council in August 2015 and serves on the following Council committees: Demersal and Coastal Migratory, Mackerel, Squid and Butterfish, Ecosystem, Protected Resources, Highly Migratory Species and Executive. Ms. Winslow is currently serving as the Chair of the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's River Herring and Shad Committee.

Mr. Joseph Smith. Mr. Smith graduated from St. Joseph's University in 1975 with a B.S. degree in Biology. He received a Master's Degree in Marine Science from the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, VA, in 1980. His first professional job was in Charleston, SC, in 1979 with the South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources Department (SCWMRD) at Fort Johnson, where he wrote species profiles for several inshore gamefish for the Recreational Finfish Section, managed port agents who collected catch/effort data on the state's marine commercial fisheries, and participated in nearshore cruises of the MARMAP program to assess fisheries resources of the South Atlantic Bight.

In 1983, Mr. Smith accepted a position with the Menhaden Program at the Beaufort Laboratory of the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) in Beaufort, NC. During his career he supervised port sampling efforts for the Atlantic and Gulf menhaden fisheries from Maine to Louisiana, was responsible for collection and maintenance of all fishery-dependent data, and acted as liaison between the NMFS and the menhaden industry. He oversaw computerization of historical and contemporary menhaden vessel logbooks and their incorporation into a geographic information system (GIS). Mr. Smith represented the Southeast Fisheries Science Center of the NMFS on the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Atlantic Menhaden Technical Committee and the Atlantic Menhaden Stock Assessment Committee, as well as the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission's Gulf Menhaden Advisory Committee. In 2011, Mr. Smith received ASMFC's Annual Excellence Award for Science. He has published numerous peer-reviewed journal articles on Atlantic and Gulf menhaden, as well as cownose rays, Atlantic thread herring, cobia, and Southern kingfish. Mr. Smith retired from the NMFS in 2015 after 32 years of service.

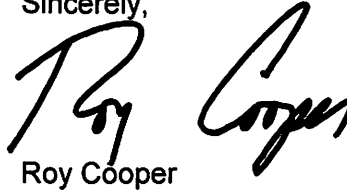
Dr. Roger Rulifson. Dr. Rulifson is the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Professor, and Senior Scientist within the Institute for Coastal Science and Policy at East Carolina University. He received his B.S. in Biology and French from the University of Dubuque (Iowa), and M.S. in Marine Science and Ph.D. in Marine Science & Engineering at N.C. State University. Dr. Rulifson has over 30 years of fisheries research and teaching experience, with topics ranging from anadromous species life history and population estimates to cooperative gear research and bycatch reduction. He has

authored or co-authored over 200 publications, technical reports, and book chapters during his career.

Dr. Rulifson has participated in multiple advisory committees and technical panels at both the state and federal level. He has been a member of both the N.C. River Herring and N.C. Estuarine Striped Bass Fishery Management Plan Advisory Committees, as well as a member of the Spiny Dogfish Stock Assessment Review Committee (SARC 37) for the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission. He served on the Transboundary Resources Assessment Committee and the Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Maritimes Region Science Advisory Process for Spiny Dogfish. He is also currently a member of the Atlantic Acoustic Tracking Network and the NMFS River Herring Technical Expert Workgroup. Dr. Rulifson has received several awards, including the Governor's Conservation Achievement Award (Water Conservationist of the Year, 1991). He is an active member of the American Fisheries Society, having served as both President and Past President of the Marine Fisheries Section, as well as on the Board of Governors.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the nomination process for a North Carolina at-large seat to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council.

Sincerely,



Roy Cooper

Enclosures

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ATTN: Hannah Hafey

Dear Mr. Oliver:

I am writing to submit New York State's recommended candidates to be considered for appointment to fill the "At-large" seat on the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC) which is currently held by Mr. Anthony DiLernia.

I am pleased to recommend Mr. DiLernia for re-appointment to the "At-large" seat. With over 30 years' experience with MAFMC and marine fisheries matters, Mr. DiLernia is well respected and extremely knowledgeable on a broad array of fisheries issues. He has ably represented the interests of recreational fishermen and demonstrated a keen understanding of the complexities associated with managing commercial species over his three terms as a New York member to the MAFMC. During his impressive service on MAFMC, Mr. DiLernia has chaired and served on all working MAFMC species committees, and has served as MAFMC Vice-Chair.

In addition to Mr. DiLernia, I am submitting the names of two other candidates who are worthy of your consideration. These candidates are Charles Witek and Timothy Huss, both of whom have the requisite expertise on fishery management issues.

As in previous years, the process we used to identify candidates included discussions with leaders of commercial and recreational fishing organizations in New York and with individuals who have attended and provided input at management meetings, including the Marine Resources Advisory Council and public meetings on individual Fishery Management Plans (FMPs). This collective process resulted in the consideration of several candidates. Nomination kits for the qualified candidates identified below are included with this correspondence.

The following, in order of preference, are New York State's 2018 nominees for the "At-large" seat on the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council.

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Anthony DiLernia – Captain DiLernia, the owner/operator of Rocket Charters, a recreational marine fishing company, also holds a PD in Academic Administration from St. John’s University. While currently serving as a Special Assistant to the President of Kingsborough Community College for Marine issues, Captain DiLernia is the former Director of the Office of Marine Technology at Kingsborough. He also served from 2005-2009 as the Chair of NOAA’s Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee.

Charles Witek – An angler, attorney and outdoor writer with several years of experience in marine fisheries issues, Mr. Witek also served as an MAFMC member from 2002-2005.

Timothy Huss – Former NYS Environmental Conservation Officer who attained the designation of a Major during his 40-year career with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. In this capacity, Mr. Huss worked extensively on marine enforcement issues. He currently serves as the Chief Enforcement Officer for the Central Pine Barrens Commission on Long Island.

I highly recommend Anthony DiLernia and respectfully request your consideration of his reappointment to the “At-large” seat on the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council.

Sincerely,

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ANDREW M. CUOMO

Dated: March 14, 2018



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March 14, 2018

Via Overnight Mail

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RE: New Jersey's nominations to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

Dear Mr. Oliver:

I am pleased to provide you with the completed nomination materials for New Jersey's obligatory seat on the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection solicited nominations from the New Jersey Marine Fisheries Council, the Garden State Seafood Association, recreational fishing groups, and all the major commercial fishermen and dealer cooperatives and associations in the Garden State. 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 fishery management issues at the state level, federal level or both. They are all highly respected within the fishing community.

New Jersey Obligatory Seat:

- **Adam Nowalsky** – Mr. Nowalsky is the incumbent, currently serving his first term. He is a licensed charter fishing captain and has been very active in both local and regional fisheries management issues. In addition to his time on the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, Mr. Nowalsky serves as New Jersey's legislative proxy to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, is acting chairman of the New Jersey

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Chapter of the Recreational Fishing Alliance and serves on multiple citizen advisory committees to the New Jersey Marine Fisheries Council.

- **Edward Goldman** – Mr. Goldman has experience across a broad scope of the fishery management process, including research, retail, for-hire industry, public outreach, and management. He previously served as New Jersey’s representative to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission and was an active member of the New Jersey Marine Fisheries Council for more than 10 years.
- **Sergio Radossi** – Mr. Radossi has been an avid recreational fisherman during the past four decades. During this time, he has advocated for fishery conservation and anglers’ rights and responsibilities, which has earned him the recognition of his peers through multiple awards. He has served on the New Jersey Marine Fisheries Council since 2011.

Thank you for your consideration of my nominees to New Jersey’s obligatory seat on the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council.

If you have any questions or require more information, your staff may contact Scarlett Rajski, Director of Appointments, at (609) 777-0251 or Scarlett.Rajski@nj.gov.

Sincerely,



Philip D. Murphy
Governor



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Ralph S. Northam
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March 14, 2018

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Dear Mr. Oliver:

I am writing to submit three qualified candidates each for one Virginia obligatory seat and for two at-large seats on the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC), which will become vacant on August 10, 2018. Please find the nominees below in order of priority and preference.

MAFMC Obligatory Seat

1. Peter DeFur, reappointment (preferred)
2. Kate Wilke
3. Skip Feller

MAFMC At-large Seats

1. Skip Feller
2. Meade Amory
3. Kate Wilke

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, committed to providing even greater protection of our marine resources.

Peter DeFur, my preferred nominee for the obligatory seat, served on the Council on two previous occasions, from 2009-2012 and currently completing his term from 2015. He is a biologist, a fisherman, and an environmental professional. With 30 years of experience on multi-stakeholder committees and councils, and 40 years of experience as a practicing scientist, Peter is a knowledgeable and experienced nominee. Additionally, his previous service on the Council has provided him with the insight into working with the current members to achieve the statutory requirements of the Council.

Kate Wilke has the scientific and policy background needed to make a significant contribution to the conservation and management of fisheries. She has experience conducting biological research on commercial fisheries, and is knowledgeable of the strengths and limitations of using fisheries dependent and independent data to assess fish stocks. Having been a part of stock assessments and management discussions in the US and Canada, Kate is familiar with the process and with relevant legislation. Additionally, Kate graduated from Bowling Green State University and holds two masters degrees in Marine Biology and Marine Policy from the University of Maine.

Skip Feller's expanded background in the fishing industry includes the for-hire, commercial, and recreational harvest of fisheries. Well-respected in the fishing community and among his peers, Skip has spent his life on the water, both recreationally and professionally. Currently, in addition to managing his boat tours company, he also oversees all operations of the Virginia Beach Fishing Center. Skip has completed numerous courses modules of the Marine Resource Education Program focused on fisheries science and management processes. He has been a part of several NOAA focus and working groups centered on working more effectively with recreational fishing communities and best management practices.

Lastly, Meade Amory has been engaged in commercial fishing for 27 years. He is the Vice President of L.D. Amory & Company, primarily operating in 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 in the Mid-Atlantic region. He has a lifetime commitment to the fisheries.

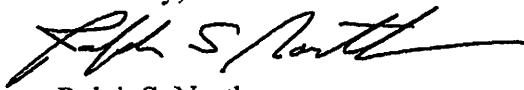
Provided below is a list of persons with whom my office has consulted in the commercial and recreational fishing communities regarding our nominees:

- Rick Robins – Owner, Bernie's Conch's
- John Bello – Chairman, Virginia Saltwater Sportfishing Association
- Beth Synowiec – Level 2 Master Angler
- Mike Hutt – Executive Director, Virginia Marine Products Board
- Meade Amory – Owner, L.D. Amory & Co. Seafood
- Heather Lusk – Vice President, H.M. Terry Co. Seafood
- Dr. Ken Neill – Owner, Healthy Grin Sportfishing
- A.J. Erskine – Bevans and Coward Seafood
- Kim Huskey – Ballard Fish and Oyster Company
- Captain Skip Feller – Rudee Tours
- Rob O'Reilly – Virginia Marine Resources Commission

In addition to the individuals from the recreational and commercial fishing communities listed above, we reached out to Dr. Cynthia Jones (fisheries scientists at Old Dominion University), Dr. Julie Ball (Virginia representative to the International Game Fish Association), and Kate Wilke (Nature Conservancy Mid-Atlantic Marine Program). We also contacted the nonprofit groups Green Latinos and Outdoor Afro to see if they knew of interested and qualified candidates in the communities they represent. Finally, we 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,

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Ralph S. Northam



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March 9, 2018

Assistant Administrator for Fisheries
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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to nominate the following candidates for an at-large seat on the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAMFC): Clare William (Bill) Hanson II, John Mahn, Jr., and Anita Pritchett.

Mr. Hanson is a retired U.S. Navy captain and a lifelong recreational fisherman; after retiring, he earned a Ph.D. in wildlife and fisheries science from Penn State University. Mr. Hanson's leadership experience and expertise in fisheries management theory and practice are well-suited to the council's mission.

Mr. Mahn is an ardent advocate for Pennsylvania's fishing and boating opportunities. In addition to a thirty-plus-year career in the steel industry, Mr. Mahn holds a United States Coast Guard Masters License and pilots crafts of all sizes on the waterways of western Pennsylvania. His optimism and eagerness to contribute underscores his longstanding dedication to public service.

Ms. Pritchett's ecology expertise is reflected in her environmentally-focused philosophy. Throughout her education and career, her considerable experience working independently and with a team on strategic planning, budgetary issues, and public service has benefited many organizations. Ms. Pritchett's work with NOAA's Coral Reef Conservation Program gives her an inside perspective on the business of the MAFMC, and her recent work has focused on protecting freshwater resources in the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

Each of these candidates offers a uniquely Pennsylvanian perspective and I highly recommend that one of them be selected as an at-large member of the council.

The Governor's Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (OIA) handles appointments to boards and commissions. In seeking candidates, OIA consulted with Cindy Adams Dunn, Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, and with Robb Miller, Governor's Advisor for Hunting, Fishing, and Conservation. OIA also consulted with Jalila Parker, Executive Director of the Governor's Advisory Commission on African American Affairs. Pennsylvania's lack of ocean coastline compels our priorities to recreational fishing and ecology and conservation efforts over commercial.

Thank you for your dedication to preserving our fisheries and their environments. Should you have questions, please contact the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs at 717-787-5825.

Sincerely,


TOM WOLF
Governor



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