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March 12, 2020

Chris Oliver
Assistant Administrator for Fisheries
National Marine Fisheries Service
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Room 14636
Silver Spring, MD 20910
ATTN: Hannah Hafey

RE: Commonwealth of Massachusetts Nominations to the New England Fishery Management Council

Dear Mr. Oliver:

I am submitting four (4) individuals as nominees for the two at-large seats currently held by Ms. Elizabeth Etrie, Esq. of Gloucester, MA and Mr. John Pappalardo of Chatham, MA on the New England Fishery Management Council (NEFMC). These seats will become vacant on August 10, 2020. Included are the completed application kits for the nominees.

My selections were made from a list of candidates who responded to the efforts of the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) to solicit interest in the NEFMC positions. Outreach included announcements over the Division's email distribution service, posting on the DMF website, and direct contact with potentially qualified candidates. Efforts were made to consider qualified women and minority candidates. Those whom I am nominating are eligible by reason of occupational or other experience, scientific expertise, or training, thereby making them knowledgeable and experienced in ways related to the fishery resources of New England.

For the at-large seat currently held by Ms. Elizabeth Etrie, Esq. of Gloucester, MA; I nominate in order of preference:

- **Elizabeth "Libby" Etrie, Esq. (incumbent, commercial sector)**
- **John Pappalardo (commercial sector)**
- **Michael Pierdinock (recreational sector)**
- **Pamela Lafreniere (other sector)**

For the at-large seat currently held by Mr. John Pappalardo of Chatham, MA; I nominate in order of preference:

- **John Pappalardo (incumbent, commercial sector)**
- **Elizabeth “Libby” Etrie, Esq. (commercial sector)**
- **Michael Pierdinock (recreational sector)**
- **Pamela Lafreniere (other sector)**

Candidate descriptions are listed below:

- **Elizabeth “Libby” Etrie, Esq. (incumbent, commercial sector).** Ms. Etrie is the Program Director for the Northeast Sector Service Network, a not-for-profit organization that assists groundfish fishery sectors in achieving economies of scale for various regulatory requirements, such as annual operations plans and quota monitoring. Through this work, she has developed a robust understanding of the intricacies of the sector management system, and built stronger relationships with fishermen, NOAA Fisheries’ Greater Atlantic Regional Office, sector leaders, industry representatives, non-governmental organizations, and other stakeholders. Possessing a master’s degree in marine affairs from the University of Rhode Island and a law degree from Roger Williams University, Ms. Etrie has sought to develop effective and creative management solutions that are based on sound science, compliant with legal requirements, and beneficial to the fishery. As a Council member, Ms. Etrie has constructively contributed to the management of marine resources under the Council’s purview in a manner that furthers the sustainability of ecosystems, resources, and the diverse fishing communities reliant upon them. She currently serves on the Council’s Executive Committee as well as the Monkfish (Chair), Northeast Skates (Vice Chair), Habitat (Vice-chair), Groundfish, and MSE-Steering Committees.
- **John Pappalardo (incumbent, commercial sector).** Mr. Pappalardo of Chatham, MA has spent 20+ years engaged in fishery management policy work, scientific research, community education, and local economic development through his role as the CEO of the Cape Cod Commercial Fishermen’s Alliance, and as Policy Director before that. He is actively involved in the Joint Ocean Commission Initiative and the Massachusetts Ocean Advisory Commission. Mr. Pappalardo previously served on the Massachusetts Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission and on the New England Fishery Management Council (term limited), including five years as Chair. His work with Cape Cod fishermen has shown him that an engaged industry and community is capable of making decisions that forgo short-term gain in exchange for long-term stability. He seeks to rebuild fish populations, restore profitable small fishing businesses, and build trust between the regulators and the regulated through expanded accountability, improved annual stock assessments, and cost-effective programs for gathering real time catch information. Mr. Pappalardo currently serves on the Council’s Ecosystem Based Fisheries Management (Chair), Groundfish, Atlantic Herring, Monkfish, Sea Scallop, Skates, and MSE Steering Committees.
- **Michael Pierdinock (recreational sector).** Mr. Pierdinock of Plymouth, MA is a lifelong angler and recreational fisheries advocate. He is the owner/operator of the charter boat *Perseverance* that has targeted various inshore, offshore, and groundfish species since 2003. In addition to his successful charter boat business, Mr. Pierdinock actively participates on various committees, councils, and advisory panels that impact recreational anglers and the for-hire industry. Currently, he serves on the Massachusetts Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission (Vice Chair), Stellwagen Bank Charter Boat Association (President), U.S. ICCAT Advisory Committee, NMFS Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Advisory Panel, and NEFMC Recreational Advisory Panel. Mr. Pierdinock was a U.S. delegate at the annual ICCAT meetings in Morocco and Croatia in 2017 and 2018, respectively. He is also a regular contributor to industry magazines and radio shows, discussing the latest fishery management issues that impact recreational fishermen. Mr.

Pierdinock seeks to bring his experience as a charter boat captain and in the management process at the state and federal level to the Council to assist in making sound management decisions that consider the economic and social impacts to all stakeholders.

- **Pamela Lafreniere, Esq. (other sector).** Ms. Lafreniere of Fairhaven, MA is an Attorney and Counselor at Law with a 30+ year history of practice, mainly in maritime law. For the past 14-years she has worked for the New Bedford Harbor Development Commission, the last three as its Fisheries Director/Deputy Director in addition to her role as General Counsel. Situated in the Port of New Bedford, the number one dollar (\$) value port in the Nation since 2001, Ms. Lafreniere has represented a number of fishermen over the years, working directly with them to best navigate the regulatory context of New England fisheries. Witnessing first-hand the scallop fishery's strong partnership between scientists, fishermen and managers; Ms. Lafreniere has sought to build stronger, more collaborative relationships between NOAA personnel and fishermen in other fisheries, specifically groundfish. Ms. Lafreniere is a member of the Maritime Law Association, Bristol County and New Bedford Bar Associations, as well as the New Bedford Chamber of Commerce. She is a recipient of the New Bedford Jaycee's Distinguished Service Award for Community Service and was featured in *The American Lawyer (Troubled Waters)*.

Nominations are not being made for the at-large seats currently held by E.F. "Terry" Stockwell, III of Maine or Peter T. Kendall of New Hampshire.

Through DMF, I have consulted with the following representatives of the commercial and recreational fishing interests of the Commonwealth regarding my nominees, including former members of the NEFMC and members of the Massachusetts Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission—a nine-member citizen advisory board, representing recreational and commercial fishing interest (including seafood dealers):

Recreational Sector
C.M. Rip Cunningham
Kalil S. Boghdan

Commercial Sector
Frank Mirarchi
Bill Doyle
Jackie O'Dell
Drew Minkiewicz
Ed Barrett
Raymond Kane

Each of my nominees meets the requirements listed in Section 302(b)(2)(A) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. All have convinced me of their commitment to improving fisheries management in New England and to assist the Council in rebuilding, maintaining, and managing the marine resources so important to the economic vitality of the Massachusetts fishing industry.

Sincerely,



Governor Charles D. Baker

cc: Secretary Kathleen A. Theoharides, Energy and Environmental Affairs
Commissioner Ronald S. Amidon, Department of Fish and Game
Acting Director Daniel J. McKiernan, Division of Marine Fisheries



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March 11, 2020

Chris Oliver
Assistant Administrator
National Marine Fisheries Service
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Attention: Diane Daly

Dear Mr. Oliver,

It is my pleasure to submit the following names for consideration for appointment to the at-large seat on the New England Fishery Management Council (NEFMC) for the State of Maine.

The Department of Marine Resources (MEDMR) has been in contact with a number of organizations and individuals across the coast with knowledge and interest in marine fisheries. These organizations include Associated Fisheries of Maine, the Maine Coast Fishermen's Association, the Maine Center for Coastal Fisheries, Maine Lobstermen's Association, Downeast Lobstermen's Association, American Bluefin Tuna Association, The Nature Conservancy, Maine Aquaculture Association, Maine Association of Charterboat Captains, and the Portland Fish Exchange. Of those consulted, many individuals were women. As you will see, one of our proposed candidates is a woman, and Maine has previously nominated and been represented on the Council by women.

The individuals listed below are qualified by residency and in accordance with the requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Conservation and Management Act.

It is worth noting that my nominations are prioritized in order based on my views of how best to represent Maine's interests on the Council, as well as the long-term stewardship of New England's fishery resources.

For the at-large seat currently held by Ernest (Terry) F. Stockwell III:

1. Margaret Raymond ("Commercial")
2. Alan Tracy ("Other")
3. John-Paul J. Bilodeau ("Commercial")



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1. Margaret Raymond

Maggie Raymond has been involved in fisheries management and cooperative research in the region for over twenty years. She has served on the New England Fishery Management Council's advisory panels for Northeast Multispecies, Habitat, and Monkfish. At the national level, she has served on the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee and as a North Atlantic Fisheries Organization commissioner. As a former owner of commercial fishing vessels and long-serving Executive Director of the Associated Fisheries of Maine, Ms. Raymond has direct experience in the fishing industry and broad experience working within the fisheries science and management arenas.

2. Alan Tracy

Alan Tracy is the owner of Vessel Services, Inc., a Portland supplier of fuel, ice and gear to the fishing industry. Mr. Tracy is a licensed attorney, and actively engaged in city planning and political activities related to Portland's working waterfront. This includes the oversight of the city-owned pier which houses his company, the city's non-profit seafood display auction, and provides berthing for the majority of the state's offshore groundfish fleet.

3. John-Paul J. Bilodeau

JP Bilodeau is an employee of the New England Fish Company, a wholesale bait supplier of herring, menhaden and skates and owner/operator of the F/V Providian, a herring trawler based in Portland, Maine. Currently, Mr. Bilodeau serves on the NEFMC Atlantic Herring Advisory Panel, and the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's River Herring/Shad Advisory Panel.

I appreciate your consideration of these individuals for these critical appointments; I am confident of their experience and qualifications to represent our state on behalf of Maine's fisheries and coastal communities.

I have asked DMR Commissioner Patrick Keliher to follow up with you to reiterate my priorities, but please feel free to contact him directly with any questions or concerns that your agency may have.

Sincerely,



Janet T. Mills
Governor

Cc: Patrick Keliher, Commissioner, Maine Department of Marine Resources



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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU
Governor

February 28, 2020

Mr. Chris Oliver
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Dear Mr. Oliver:

Reference: New England Fishery Management Council At-Large Seats Candidates

Enclosed are New Hampshire's three nominees for the upcoming at-large vacancies on the New England Fishery Management Council (NEFMC). For New Hampshire's at-large seat, that is being vacated by Peter Kendall, I request the following applicants be considered in the following order of preference:

Mr. Daniel Salerno (commercial)
Ms. Ellen Goethel (commercial)
Mr. David Goethel (commercial)

Mr. Salerno is the sector manager for Northeast Fishing Sector's XI (New Hampshire Sector) and V and has been involved with sector management since its inception in 2010. He has been involved with marine science and biology through his education, work, and research since 1992. Mr. Salerno has worked directly with the commercial fishing industry in varying capacities as a mate on a fishing vessel, fisheries biologist, research technician, collaborative research associate, and currently, as a sector manager and independent fisheries scientist. He stays informed of the NEFMC process and decisions to assure he is aware of changes that will affect the sectors he is responsible to manage and represent. Mr. Salerno is a supporter of conservation and management of living marine resources based on sound science that balances the biological needs of the resources and the social and economic needs of the fishing industries that relies on the natural resource populations.

Ms. Goethel is a marine educator and is a co-owner of a 44 foot stern trawler. She is a past member of the New England Fishery Management Council in NH's obligatory seat, where she served on a variety of committees including the Groundfish, Small Mesh Multispecies, Research Steering, and Enforcement Committees. In addition, she is very knowledgeable of marine fisheries issues and was previously appointed by the Secretary

of Commerce to serve on the Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee and is also a member of the Advisory Committee for the Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program. Ms. Goethel currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Coastal Conservation Association of New Hampshire and has served on the Town of Hampton, NH Conservation Commission as well as on a number of community programs. Her efforts toward marine conservation have been recognized by the US Fish and Wildlife Service for her volunteer work on fisheries issues, the Coastal Conservation Association of NH as their 2009 Conservationist of the Year, and by the Gulf of Maine Council which presented her with a Stewardship Award in 2014. Ms. Goethel has also actively supported programs with our Division of Marine Fisheries. Ms. Goethel's input has always been focused on putting the needs of marine resources first while trying to work towards practical, equitable, and reasonable solutions to fisheries management issues.

Mr. Goethel is currently a commercial fisherman who owns and operates the F/V Ellen Diane, a 44-foot dragger. He previously worked for and captained recreational charter party boats and commercial fishing vessels. Mr. Goethel served three terms on the Council in New Hampshire's obligatory seat from 2004 -2013 during which he chaired a number of committees including the Research Steering, Habitat, and Whiting Committees. He currently serves on the Council's Groundfish Advisory Panel, Small Mesh Species Advisory Panel and the Northeast Trawl Survey Advisory Panel. In addition, he has served on several Advisory Panels of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission. He is also on the Board of Directors of the New Hampshire Commercial Fisherman's Association, Northeast Seafood Coalition, Yankee Fishermens Cooperative and the Center for Sustainable Fisheries. Locally, Mr. Goethel was a long time member of the Governor's Advisory Committee on Marine Fisheries where his degree in biology combined with extensive experience in both the recreational and commercial fishing industries have made him a valuable asset to the state.

The State of New Hampshire has actively sought qualified applicants from all societal sectors for the Council seats. Our nominee list includes members of the commercial sector, as we currently have a NEMFC member that represents New Hampshire from the recreational sector. Potential candidates were sought via press releases to a variety of state newspapers as well as discussions with several marine fishing and conservation organizations. Nominees were interviewed by representatives of the State's Advisory Committee on Marine Fisheries, the New Hampshire Commercial Fisherman's Association, the Coastal Conservation Association of New Hampshire, as well as members of the general public, during a candidates' night hosted by our Marine Fisheries Division. The public input was very helpful in determining the order of preference for each of our highly qualified nominees (see attached letters).

The individuals selected for consideration recognize the extensive time obligation the Council seats require and have demonstrated their willingness to make the necessary time commitment.

I would like to thank Diane Daly of your staff for the well organized and detailed nominee package. It was very helpful when trying to meet the required deadline.

Please contact Jonathan Melanson at (603)271-8790 if you have any questions regarding New Hampshire's nominees to the New England Fishery Management Council.

Sincerely,



Christopher T. Sununu
Governor

Enclosures:

Cc: Glenn Normandeau, NHFG
Cheri Patterson, NHFG
Diane Daly, NOAA Fisheries



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May 18, 2020

Assistant Administrator for Fisheries
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Attention: Diane Daly

Subject: New England Fishery Management Council Nominations

Dear Diane:

I am pleased to nominate three highly qualified individuals for at-large seats on the New England Fishery Management Council. Enclosed you will find a complete nomination package for each candidate.

The following nominees for at-large seats meet what I believe to be pressing needs for Connecticut and the region's fisheries. The state and region are best served by Council members who are knowledgeable and experienced in marine fisheries conservation, fishing communities, commercial fisheries interests and recreational fisheries interests. I ask that you give your fullest consideration to Connecticut's nominees in the priority order presented below:

William Lucey
Mark Alexander
Michael Theiler

William Lucey works for the regional non-profit "Save the Sound" as the Long Island Soundkeeper advocating for water quality and fisheries. A native of Connecticut, Bill holds a graduate certificate in Fisheries Management from the University of Oregon and a B.S. in Fisheries Biology from the University of Vermont. After college he joined the US Peace Corps as a fisheries extensionist in Central America. From there he took a job as a federal fisheries technician in Yakutat, Alaska where he remained for 20 years, also working during that time for the local municipality dependent on commercial fishing as its primary industry. From 1997 to 2013, William held troll, gillnet and long line permits for salmon and halibut and operated small fishing boats in the Gulf of Alaska. At the same time, he continued working as a field biologist conducting

multiple research projects centered on fish, marine mammals, and salmon restoration. As a coastal program planner, he secured funding to upgrade fishing related infrastructure and to establish a regional seafood branding program, and promoted beneficial fisheries policies at the state and federal level. His dual careers as a fisherman and biologist provide him a unique perspective on the fisheries management process. Given William's current employment with a conservation non-profit, I would classify him as belonging to the "other" sector, although his background certainly gives him substantial perspective on the "commercial" sector as well.

Mark Alexander is a resident of Connecticut and a retired former employee of the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Fisheries Division. Mark began his career with the DEEP Marine Fisheries Division in 1982, and retired as the Assistant Director of the Fisheries Division, in which capacity he oversaw the Marine Fisheries Program. Mark served as first a designee and then as the principal state official on the New England Fisheries Management Council from 2008-16. During his tenure with NEFMC, Mark served on a number of committees and in a variety of roles, including as Chairman of the Council's Research Steering Committee, Chairman of the Council's Monkfish Oversight Committee, and the Council's representative to the Northeast Regional Planning Body. During his career at DEEP, Mark was instrumental in many initiatives that became the foundation for the agency's recreational and commercial fisheries statistics and assessment monitoring project. Mark designed the database that houses DEEP commercial fisheries effort and landings data. Mark also played critical roles in the development of the Standard Atlantic Fisheries Information System (SAFIS), implementation of the Electronic Dealer Reporting module, and the redesign and implementation of Connecticut's online licensing system to accommodate marine waters and commercial fishing licenses. Mark can be classified in the "other" sector, although his long and distinguished career with DEEP gives him substantial insight into the "commercial" and "recreational" sectors.

Michael Theiler has been a self-employed commercial fisherman since 1989 focusing primarily on trap fishing for lobsters in state waters and day boat scalloping. His three vessels work out of the port of New London, Connecticut. He has served as Vice President of the Connecticut Commercial Lobsterman's Association and co-chaired the Connecticut Seafood Council. He is on the College of Natural Resources Board of Advisors at the University of Connecticut, has been a guest lecturer at the United States Coast Guard Academy for 20 years and attended the University of Rhode Island Fisheries Program. Michael would bring broad-based knowledge of the commercial sector to the table at NEFMC.

Thank you for considering my nominations.

Sincerely,



Ned Lamont
Governor