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Governor
State of Washington

March 2, 2018

Mr. Chris Oliver
Assistant Administrator for Fisheries
National Marine Fisheries Service
1315 East-West Highway, Room 14636
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910
Attention: Mr. Brian Fredieu

Dear Mr. Oliver:

Please accept the following names, in priority order, as my nominees for one of the two obligatory Washington State seats to the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC). Mr. Craig Cross currently occupies this seat; he is eligible for reappointment.

Washington State has consulted with a broad range of commercial, recreational, and public constituents in seeking nominations; the consultation list is attached. We made particular efforts to recruit qualified women and minority candidates. In conjunction with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, we have evaluated each candidate's suitability and qualifications relative to the Magnuson Stevens Act and the 2018 Guidance Document, and have also determined that none of them are federally registered lobbyists. Based on my evaluations of each candidate's qualifications, I am recommending the following individuals in priority order:

1) Mr. Craig Cross:

Mr. Cross has served as a Council member since 2012, as one of two Washington obligatory representatives. He is the Director of Government Affairs and Business Development for Aleutian Spray Fisheries, Inc., a Seattle based fishing company that operates vessels that fish for Alaska pollock, Pacific cod, Alaska crab and West Coast groundfish. Prior to assuming this position in 2000, he worked in a wide range of positions in several other North Pacific fishing companies, ranging from on-deck work and processing to directing vessel operations. Mr. Cross is a member of the Board of Directors for several large trade associations: Alaska Bering Sea Crabbers, At Sea Processors Association, Freezer Longliners Coalition and United Catcher Boats. Prior to his appointment to the NPFMC, he was very active in other aspects of the NPFMC process, including serving on the Council's Advisory Panel from 1996 to 2012. He resides in Seattle, Washington.

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- 2) Dr. Mark Fina:
Dr. Fina has been the Senior Analyst and Legal Counsel for U.S. Seafoods since 2013, a Seattle based fishing company that operates several catcher processors and trawl catcher vessels in Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska fisheries. Prior to this, he was a senior economist on the staff of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, with lead responsibility for many major Council actions. He is a recognized expert on development of catch share programs for fisheries, and on understanding the economic impacts of different fishery management structures. Dr. Fina resides in Seattle, Washington.
- 3) Ms. Anne Vanderhoeven:
Ms. Vanderhoeven is the Director of Government Affairs for Arctic Storm Management Company, a Seattle based fishing company that operates catcher processors and trawl catcher vessels that participate in the Bering Sea Pollock and Pacific whiting fisheries. Prior to assuming this position, she was Quota Manager for one of the Bering Sea CDQ corporations. She presently serves as a Washington member on the Advisory Panel for the Council, and has formerly been an Alaska representative on the same panel. She is a board member of several trade associations, including United Catcher Boats, At Sea Processors Association, and High Seas Catcher Coop; as well as the Marine Conservation Association. Ms. Vanderhoeven resides on Bainbridge Island, Washington.

While Mr. Cross is my preferred candidate, I believe that each of these three candidates are well qualified to serve on the NPFMC and will support management values that promote resource conservation, habitat protection, and sustainable fisheries.

Very truly yours,


Jay Inslee
Governor

cc: Joe Stohr, Director, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Bill Tweit, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Attachment: List of Groups Consulted

Enclosure: Nomination kits for Mr. Cross, Dr. Fina, Ms. Vanderhoeven

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List of Groups Consulted Regarding Nominations for Washington Obligatory Seat currently held by Mr. Craig Cross on the North Pacific Fishery Management Council – 2018 Nomination

Alaska Bering Sea Crabbers
Alaska Whitefish Trawlers Association
Aleutian Spray
American Seafoods
Arctic Storm Management Group
At Sea Processors Association
Deep Sea Fishermens Union
Fishing Vessel Owners Association
Freezer Longliner Coalition
Glacier Fish
Groundfish Forum
Icicle Seafoods
Iquique US
Marine Conservation Alliance
North Pacific Crab Association
Pacific Seafoods
Pacific Seafood Processors Association
Premier Pacific
SeaState, Inc.
Sullivan Richards
Trident Seafoods
United Catcher Boats
University of Washington – School of Marine Affairs
US Seafoods
Washington SeaGrant
Westward Fishing

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Attention: Hannah Hafey

Dear Mr. Oliver,

In accordance with the provisions of Section 302 of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, I am pleased to submit my nominations for the two obligatory seats from the State of Alaska on the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC) expiring August 10, 2018. As discussed below, I have nominated individuals who are knowledgeable and experienced in the harvest, conservation, and management of fishery resources.

After reviewing the requirements of the Act and consulting with commercial and recreational fishing interests in Alaska, I nominate the individuals listed below for consideration by the Secretary of Commerce:

Seat 1
Andrew Mezirow
Paul Gronholdt
Greg Indreland

I select Andrew Mezirow, the incumbent, as my preferred nominee for consideration. As required by the Act, I am submitting two alternate nominees who can be considered for the seat in Mr. Paul Gronholdt and Mr. Greg Indreland.

Mr. Mezirow is a lifelong sport fisherman who has also participated in numerous commercial fisheries. He is the owner of Gray Light Sportfishing. In the 1990s he worked as the Chief Officer of the University of Alaska Research Vessel, Alpha Helix. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Marine Biology with a minor in Fisheries Management from the Putney School in Vermont. He was appointed to the Council in 2015.

Mr. Paul Gronholdt has been a commercial fisherman since 1963 and owns the fishing vessel St. Francis. He is a United States Army veteran and worked for two years as a State of Alaska Fish and Wildlife Officer. He is on the Board of Directors of the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference and is a graduate of the Alaska State Trooper Academy.

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Mr. Greg Indreland is the manager of Yakutat Seafoods and a commercial fisherman. He owns two longliner and troller fishing vessels, the Talon and the Integrity. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Alaska Commercial Fishing and Agriculture Bank and on the Processor Advisory Board of the International Pacific Halibut Commission.

Seat 2
John Jensen
Dan Falvey
Tom Panamaroff

I select Mr. John Jensen as my preferred nominee for consideration. As required by the Act, I am submitting two alternate nominees who can be considered for the seat in Mr. Dan Falvey and Mr. Tom Panamaroff.

Mr. Jensen has over 50 years of experience at sea in the navigable waters of Alaska as a commercial fisherman, a fishing vessel owner and the hired captain of larger fishing vessels. He has participated in over 20 commercial fisheries throughout Alaska. Currently he owns and operates a seasonal skiff rental business in Petersburg, Alaska, and fishes commercially for halibut.

Mr. Falvey is the Program Manager of the Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association. He has over 35 years of experience as a commercial fisherman in Alaska and has been deeply involved in the Council process since 1992. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Resource Management and Policy from Western Washington University.

Mr. Tom Panamaroff has worked for Koniag, Inc. since 2000. He is currently the Regional and Legislative Affairs Executive. As a young man, he fished commercially with his father. He is a member of the Alaska Federation of Natives Board of Directors and currently serves on its Legislative and Litigation Committee. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in finance from the University of Oregon.

Enclosed you will find a list of commercial and recreational fishing groups that have provided input in my nomination of these knowledgeable and qualified individuals. The nominees provide balanced and insightful experience for the NPFMC and will contribute greatly to fisheries management and conservation in the North Pacific. I appreciate your consideration of these nominees.

Best regards,



Bill Walker
Governor

Enclosures

cc: The Honorable Sam Cotton, Commissioner, Department of Fish and Game
Mr. John Crowther, Director of State and Federal Relations, Office of the Governor

List of commercial and recreational fishing groups providing input for my nominations:

Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation
Pacific Seafoods Processors Association
Alaska Sea Grant
Peter Pan Seafoods
Alaska Whitefish Trawlers Association
North Pacific Seafoods
Lynden, Inc.
Icicle Seafoods, Inc.
Groundfish Data Bank
Mar Del Norte Fisheries, Inc.
Mayor of Unalaska
Ocean Peace, Inc.
Evening Star Fisheries
Pacific Seafood
Phoenix Processor Limited Partnership
Ocean Beauty Seafoods
United Catcher Boats
Saltwater, Inc.
Petersburg Vessel Owner's Association
Alaska Charter Association
SEAGO
Kenai River Sportfishing Association
Groundfish Forum
Mayor of Seward
Center for Sportfishing Policy
Alaska Marine Conservation Council
Kodiak Archipelago Rural Regional Leadership Forum
Mayor of Saint Paul
Central Bering Sea Fishermen's Association
Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance
Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association
Seafood Producers Cooperative
Aleutian Pribilof Island Community Development Association
Adak Community Development Corporation
City of Port Lions
North Pacific Fisheries Association
Homer Charter Association
Westward Seafoods
Daniel's Personalized Guide Service
Deep Sea Fishermen's Union of the Pacific
Alaska Halibut Forever
Coastal Villages Region Fund
SouthEast Alaska Guides Organization (SEAGO)
Alaska Charter Association
Alaska Marine Conservation Council
Westward Fleet Cooperative

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Kruzof Fisheries, LLC
United Southeast Alaska Gillnetters
Pelagic Resources, Inc.
F/V Gold Rush Fisheries LLC
Homer Charter Association
Alaska Bering Sea Crabbers
Alyeska Seafoods, Inc.
United Fishermen of Alaska