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March 13, 2020

Mr. Chris Oliver
Assistant Administrator for Fisheries
National Marine Fisheries Service
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Silver Spring, MD 20910
Attention: Diane Daly

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 obligatory seat from the State of Alaska on the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC) expiring August 10, 2020. As discussed below, I have nominated individuals who are knowledgeable and experienced in the harvest, conservation and management of fishery resources.

In considering my nominees I consulted with community development quota groups, shore side processors, offshore processors, harvesters in every sector and individual stakeholders. I have considered all qualified candidates, including women and minorities, and recently that resulted in more woman than men. My previous two NPFMC nominees were women and both alternates in this cycle are women. Currently fifty percent of the Alaska seats on the NPFMC are women.

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:

Simon Kinneen
Angela Drobnica
Hazel Nelson

I select, Mr. Simon Kinneen, 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, Ms. Angela Drobnica and Ms. Hazel Nelson.

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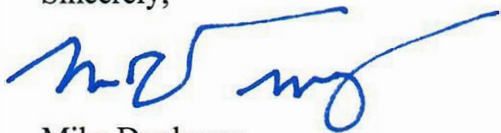
Mr. Simon Kinneen focuses on federal fisheries activities as the Quota and Acquisitions Manager and the Corporate Vice President of Norton Sound Economic Development Council. He was originally appointed to the NPFMC in 2014 and is eligible for a third term. Mr. Kinneen has participated in recreational and subsistence fishing.

Ms. Angela Drobnica has over a decade of commercial fishing. Ms. Drobnica currently serves as the Government Affairs and Fisheries Director for the Aleutian Pribilof Island Community Development Association, one of six Community Development Quota (CDQ) organizations, whose mission is to increase direct participation in the Bering Sea Aleutian Island (BSAI) fisheries, help alleviate communities out of poverty and help build fisheries based economies in the program's 65 member communities.

Ms. Hazel Nelson has over 30 years of experience as a commercial fisherman and a lifetime of subsistence fishing experience. Ms. Nelson has previously served nine years on the advisory panel and three years on the NPFMC. She has extensive fisheries policy and regulation experience having served as Director of the Subsistence Division for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game with decades of Department of Fish and Game experience.

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.

Sincerely,



Mike Dunleavy
Governor

Enclosures

cc: The Honorable Douglas Vincent-Lang, Commissioner, Department of Fish and Game
John Moller, Policy Advisory, Office of the Governor
Kip Knudson, Director of State and Federal Relations, Office of the Governor
Gina Ritacco, Director of Boards and Commission, Office of the Governor



Jay Inslee
Governor
State of Washington

March 11, 2020

Mr. Chris Oliver
Assistant Administrator for Fisheries
National Marine Fisheries Service
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Silver Spring, Maryland 20910
Attention: Diane Daly

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. Kenny Down currently occupies this seat; he was appointed to it in 2015 to fill out the unexpired term of Mr. John Henderschedt, and has served one full term since then. Consequently, 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. Particular efforts were made 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 2020 Guidance Document, have conducted initial background reviews, 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. All three candidates should be classified in the commercial sector.

1) Mr. Kenny Down:

Mr. Down is currently the President and Owner of Seaquest Ventures, working with a variety of fishing industry companies and leading in revolutionary innovations for the utilization and stewardship of marine resources. Prior to founding Seaquest Seafoods in 2018, Mr. Down was the President and CEO of Blue North Fisheries from 2012 until 2018; Blue North operated several freezer hook-and-line cod fishing vessels. Before joining Blue North, Mr. Down was the first Executive Director of the Freezer Longline Coalition (FLC), a non-profit corporation that represents the owners and operators of the vessels that participate in the freezer longline, or catcher processor hook-and-line sector of the Pacific cod fishery in Alaska. His background also includes nearly 20 years spent

working in the Alaska longline fishing industry. Mr. Down is a United States Coast Guard licensed Chief Engineer and port engineer, and before he became a Council member, served on several Council advisory boards including the Observer Advisory Committee and the Steller Sea Lion Mitigation Committee. He resides in Seattle, WA.

2) Ms. Jamie Goen:

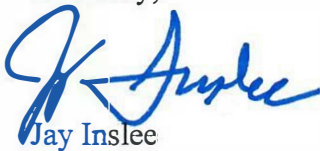
Ms. Goen serves as the Executive Director of the Alaska Bering Sea Crabbers, a trade organization representing most of the harvesters participating in the federally managed crab fisheries in the Bering Sea. Prior to this position, she was employed by the International Pacific Halibut Commission and was responsible for their data collection. Previous to that, she was a Fisheries Policy Analyst for the National Marine Fisheries Service, a position that required close coordination with Regional Fishery Management Councils, NMFS headquarters and regional offices, and with other management entities. She participates regularly in the North Pacific Fishery Management Council process, and resides in Seattle.

3) Mr. James Johnson:

Mr. Johnson has been the Executive Director of the Deep Sea Fishermens Union, a labor association for crew members working aboard longline halibut boats that fish off Alaska, since 2016. His previous positions were with King County in Washington State, as a Labor Relations Manager and as a Deputy Director. Mr. Johnson serves on the Advisory Panel for the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, and is an active participant in the Council process. He resides in Shoreline, Washington.

While Mr. Down 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.

Sincerely,



Jay Inslee
Governor

Attachment: List of Groups Consulted

Enclosure: Nomination kits for Mr. Down, Ms. Goen and Mr. Johnson

cc: Kelly Susewind, Director, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Bill Tweit, Special Assistant, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

List of Groups Consulted Regarding Nominations for Washington Obligatory Seat currently held by Mr. Kenny Down on the North Pacific Fishery Management Council – 2020 Nomination

Alaska Bering Sea Crabbers
Alaska Seafood Cooperative
Alaskan Leader Fisheries
Aleutian Spray
American Seafoods
Arctic Lady Enterprises
Arctic Storm Management Group
Arctic Sun Fisheries
At Sea Processors Association
Baranof Fisheries
Bering Sea Pot Cod Cooperative
B&N Fisheries Company
Clipper Seafoods
Deep Sea Fishermens Union
Fishermen's Finest
Fishing Vessel Owners Association
Freezer Longliner Coalition
Groundfish Forum
Icicle Seafoods
Kaldestad Management LLC
Mustad Autoline
North Pacific Crab Association
North Pacific Seafoods
North Pacific Vessel Owners Association
Pacific Seafood Processors Association
Peter Pan Seafoods
Premier Pacific
P2 Fisheries LLC
SeaState, Inc.
Shelford's Boat Ltd
Trident Seafoods
Under Sixty Cod Harvesters
United Catcher Boats
University of Washington – School of Marine Affairs
US Seafoods
Valiant Fisheries LLC
Washington SeaGrant