



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

March 15, 2018

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

Dear Mr. Oliver:

I submit for your consideration candidates to fill two seats on the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) that will become vacant upon the expiration of term for the California obligatory seat held by Mr. William L. Brizendine II and one of the At-Large seats held by Mr. David M. Crabbe. Mr. Brizendine and Mr. Crabbe have held their seats for three terms and are not eligible for reappointment.

The following nine candidates, in order of preference, are being submitted for these two seats:


1. Ms. Melissa M. Mahoney
2. Mr. Michael T. Conroy
3. Ms. Corey C. Ridings
4. Mr. Louis H. Zimm
5. Mr. Michael Thompson
6. Mr. Christopher J. Kubiak
7. Mr. Robert E. Dooley
8. Ms. Sarah A. Sikich
9. Ms. Jennifer E. Savage

In soliciting nominees, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife consulted with approximately 100 individuals and fishery organizations whose members are directly affected by Council actions. In addition, we sought nominations and recommendations from the environmental community as their representatives continue to play an increasing role in the Council's public process, and in California's fishery and community collaborations and partnerships.

All candidates meet the qualifications and are willing to accept appointment.

The required federal application forms for the aforementioned candidates are enclosed.

Sincerely,

  
Edmund G. Brown, Jr.



KATE BROWN  
Governor

March 16, 2018

Chris Oliver  
Assistant Administrator for Fisheries  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
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Attn: Hannah Hafey

Dear Mr. Oliver:

In response to your January 25, 2018 letter, I am submitting the names of three individuals for potential appointment by the Secretary of Commerce to Oregon's obligatory seat on the Pacific Fisheries Management Council (PFMC) currently held by Ms. Dorothy Lowman. I am not submitting nominations for vacant regional at-large seats. The nominees are listed in alphabetical order.

- Mariel Combs
- Robert Rees
- Christa Svensson

Included with the hard copy of this letter of nomination are the complete original applications of the above-named individuals. I have found that the candidates meet the requirements listed in section 302(b)(2)(A) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Reauthorization Act. A brief description of their abilities and applicable experience is provided below.

Mariel Combs

Ms. Combs worked for about 14 years as an attorney for the United States Department of Interior, Office of the Solicitor, for the Pacific Northwest Region. She provided advice on management of trust land, national wildlife refuges and wilderness study areas, among other topics. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in biology and a law degree. She has been employed since 2014 to represent Oceana, a non-profit international organization to restore and protect the world's oceans. Currently, she works as counsel, advising on legal authorities and limitations, coordinating strategies to achieve Oceana's goals, and representing Oceana in management fora, such as PFMC and the North Pacific Fishery Management Council.



Robert Rees

Mr. Rees has been employed since 2014 as Executive Director of the Association of Northwest Steelheaders, a non-profit organization of anglers working to enhance and protect fisheries and habitats. During this time, he worked in support of recreational salmon and steelhead interests in several Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife meetings and a Pacific Fishery Management Council meeting. He is a life-long, avid sport fisher and is the owner/operator of a fishing guide service he began in 1996. Previously he was employed in a variety of seasonal positions with federal and state fisheries agencies. Over the years, he has been actively involved with many sport fishing and habitat stewardship organizations in Oregon. He holds an Associate degree in fisheries technology.

Christa Svensson

Ms. Svensson has been employed since 2005 in the seafood processing industry, primarily sales and marketing. As a representative for seafood processors on the Oregon Albacore Commodity Commission for nine years, she worked with fishers, other processors and the public to promote the albacore fishing industry and educate consumers. During this time, she developed and participated in several seafood education and culinary efforts, especially for schools. She represented processor interests at a Pacific Fishery Management Council meeting in 2017. Ms. Svensson is also engaged in several fishery and agricultural resource leadership development programs. Previously, she commercially fished in Alaska for eight years. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in anthropology, a Master's in Museum Studies, and is a Certified Global Business Professional.

These nominees possess a broad range of fisheries knowledge and experience, and will contribute effectively toward the management goals of the Council. These candidates recognize their important roles as trustees and stewards of our Nation's marine fisheries resources.

In determining who to nominate, we have consulted with a broad range of conservation and management interests familiar with the work of the PFMC. In addition, we have carefully considered qualified women and/or minority candidates as requested. To recruit applicants, ODFW issued a news release and utilized social media and the Hatfield Marine Science Center listserv to announce the opportunity to be considered. The agency also directly contacted a diverse group of about seventy individuals and organizations actively involved in west coast marine resource issues from fishing and conservation perspectives.

The work of the Council is extremely important. I appreciate this opportunity to provide Oregon's recommendation on the pending appointment.

Sincerely,



Governor Kate Brown

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Attachment: Individuals contacted and press release  
Enclosures: Applications of nominated individuals

The email and press release below were sent to various constituents:

1. Nancy Fitzpatrick, Oregon Salmon and Albacore Commissions administrator
2. Hugh Link, Oregon Crab Commission administrator
3. Walter Chuck, Recreational fishing
4. Greg Harlow, Association of Northwest Steelheaders
5. Norm Ritchie, Association of Northwest Steelheaders
6. Paul Engelmeyer, Oregon Audubon Society
7. Jessica Keyes, Consultant
8. Jim Martin, Recreational fishing
9. Bob Rees, Recreational fishing guide
10. Dean Fleck, Marine supply business
11. Mark Lottis, Recreational fishing charter operator
12. Ron Mason, Recreational fishing
13. Wayne Butler, ODFW recreational fishing advisor
14. Tony Hobbs, ODFW recreational fishing advisor
15. Charles Loos, ODFW recreational fishing advisor
16. Lars Robison, ODFW recreational fishing advisor

The press release was emailed to all of Oregon's advisors to PFMC, including:

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| 1. Dorothy Lowman      | 29. Doug DeHart      |
| 2. John Holloway       | 30. Paul Kujala      |
| 3. Kevin Dunn          | 31. Steve Marx       |
| 4. Tom Libby           | 32. Paul Shively     |
| 5. Jeff Miles          | 33. Tara Brock       |
| 6. Susan Chambers      | 34. Tom Rudolph      |
| 7. Shems Jud           | 35. Gilly Lyons      |
| 8. Paul Heikkila       | 36. Gway Kirchner    |
| 9. Richard Heap        | 37. Theresa Labriola |
| 10. Gerry Reinholdt    | 38. Ana Kujundzic    |
| 11. Mike Sorenson      | 39. Jeff Lackey      |
| 12. Heather Mann       | 40. Doug DeHart      |
| 13. David Sampson      | 41. Ryan Kapp        |
| 14. Mike Okoniewski    | 42. Lori Steele      |
| 15. Liz Hamilton       | 43. Tyler Turner     |
| 16. Linda Buell        |                      |
| 17. Ben Enticknap      |                      |
| 18. Scott McMullen     |                      |
| 19. Frank Warrens      |                      |
| 20. Bob Eder           |                      |
| 21. Brad Pettinger     |                      |
| 22. Chris Goldfinger   |                      |
| 23. Steve Bodnar       |                      |
| 24. Ralph Brown        |                      |
| 25. David Jincks       |                      |
| 26. Brad Pettinger     |                      |
| 27. Andrew Bornstein   |                      |
| 28. Michele Longo Eder |                      |

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The email and press release below were sent to Oregon Ocean Policy Council members:

1. Scott McMullen, Chair, North Coast Commercial Fisheries
2. David Allen, Vice Chair, Coastal City Elected Official
3. John Holloway, North Coast Sport Fisheries
4. Walter Chuck, Port or Marine Transportation
5. Charlie Plybon, Coastal Non-fishing
6. Robin Hartmann, Coastal Conservation or Environmental Organization
7. Jena Carter, Statewide Conservation or Environmental Organization
8. Megan Flier, Coastal Indian Tribes
9. Terry Thompson, North Coastal County Commissioner
10. Bob Main, South Coastal County Commissioner
11. Brad Pettinger, South Coast Commercial Fisheries
12. Richard Heap, South Coast Sport Fisheries
13. Jaime Fereday, Coastal Public-at-Large
14. Fred Postlewait, Jr., Statewide Public-at-Large

Email sent to multiple individuals and stakeholder groups:

Hello Everyone,

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) coordinates the nomination process for the Governor's office when seats on the Pacific Fishery Management Council are up for appointment. The seat now up for appointment is Oregon's obligatory seat, held by Dorothy Lowman. Dorothy is completing her third term and is not eligible for re-appointment. Generally the Governor puts forward three individuals for final selection by the Secretary of Commerce. ODFW issued a press release (attached) to newspapers and radio stations. I am forwarding the information to you as well because you may be interested or be willing to help spread the word. My apologies if you have already received the information; I've also emailed those stakeholders already actively engaged on council advisory bodies.

There is a short timeframe to complete the nomination process. Each applicant has to put in a significant amount of work to apply, so your help in getting the word out will be appreciated. I will be handling the paperwork for ODFW and request that interested candidates contact me as soon as possible, but no later than February 8.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your assistance,  
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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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Contact:

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Jan. 10, 2018

### **ODFW seeks nominees to represent Oregon on Pacific fisheries council**

NEWPORT, Ore. -- The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is accepting nominations for a seat on the Pacific Fishery Management Council. The deadline to request nomination materials is Feb. 8, 2018 and the three-year term begins Aug. 11, 2018.

The Council manages about 119 species of groundfish, pelagic species (sardines, anchovies and mackerel) and highly migratory species (tunas, sharks and swordfish) off the coasts of Oregon, Washington and California. It includes 14 voting members representing tribal and state fish and wildlife agencies, and private citizens knowledgeable about sport fishing, commercial fishing and/or marine conservation. Several advisory councils and PFMC staff members also participate in Council meetings.

The ideal candidate would be knowledgeable of fishery resource conservation and management in marine waters off the West Coast. Specific knowledge of and experience in management issues and fisheries is important, as is a strong conservation ethic. The successful candidate also must work collectively with other council members, often making difficult decisions and fulfilling the standards set forth by the Magnuson-Stevens Act. Council members make a substantial time commitment to fully participate in council business and related activities.

The Oregon seat is currently held by Dorothy Lowman, who is not eligible for re-appointment. ODFW will send all nominations to the Governor's office, which will then forward the names of at least three candidates to the National Marine Fisheries Service and U.S. Department of Commerce for consideration. Successful appointees must pass an extensive FBI background check.

Anyone interested in being considered, or wishing to nominate someone, must contact Cyreis Schmitt at 541-867-4741 or cyreis.c.schmitt@state.or.us **no later than Feb. 8, 2018.**

The Pacific Fishery Management Council is one of eight regional fishery management councils established by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to manage fisheries from three to 200 miles offshore of the United States coastline. The Pacific Council is responsible for fisheries off the coasts of California, Oregon and Washington.

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Jay Inslee  
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: Hannah Hafey

Dear Mr. Oliver:

Please accept the following names, in priority order, as my nominees for the At-Large Seat to the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC). Mr. Phil Anderson currently occupies this seat; his first term expires in August 2018, and he is eligible for reappointment.

Washington State has consulted with a broad range of commercial, recreational and public constituents in seeking nominations for the seat currently held by Mr. Anderson. Based on my evaluations of each candidate's qualifications, I am recommending the following individuals in priority order:

- 1) Mr. Philip Anderson:  
Mr. Anderson is a resident of Westport, Washington, where he is a charter skipper and current boat owner. He retired from the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, after 20 years of service, most recently as its Director from 2009-January 2015. Mr. Anderson is the current Chair of the Pacific Salmon Commission as well as the Chair of the Pacific Fishery Management Council. He also serves as PFMC's representative on the U.S./Canada Joint Management Committee for Pacific whiting and to the International Pacific Halibut Commission process.
  
- 2) Mr. Brent Paine:  
Mr. Paine is a resident of Seattle, Washington, and is the Executive Director of United Catcher Boats, an association of 72 mid-water trawl vessel owners and operators who fish off the West Coast primarily for Pacific whiting, as well as in the Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska. Mr. Paine is currently a member of the PFMC's Groundfish Advisory Subpanel, and the U.S./Canada whiting Advisory Panel, and has participated in Alaska salmon fisheries.

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- 3) Mr. Steve Watrous:  
Mr. Watrous is a resident of Vancouver, Washington, and an avid angler for salmon, steelhead, bottomfish, trout, and other inland fish. He is an active participant in PFMC and North of Falcon, serving on the Salmon Advisory Subpanel for the last several years.

Mr. Anderson has served with distinction for his one term on the Council, and has broad support among multiple interests for reappointment to a second term. He is a strong supporter of sustainable fisheries, has a strong conservation ethic, and certainly has my confidence in representing Washington. His re-nomination will serve Washington well.

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

Very truly yours,



Jay Inslee  
Governor

Enclosures: List of Groups Consulted  
Nomination kits for Mr. Anderson, Mr. Paine, and Mr. Watrous

cc: Michele Culver, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife



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List of Groups Consulted Regarding Nominations for Washington At-Large Seat on the Pacific Fishery Management Council – 2018 Nomination

Arctic Storm, Inc.

Bornstein Seafood

Columbia River Crab Fisherman's Association

Fishing Vessel Owners Association

Ilwaco Charter Association

Ilwaco Fish Company

The Nature Conservancy

Ocean Gold Seafood

Ocean Outcomes

Oceana

Pacific Seafood

Pacific Seafood Processors' Association

Pacific Whiting Conservation Cooperative

Pew Oceans Commission

Puget Sound Anglers

Purse Seine Vessels Owners' Association

United Catcher Boats

Washington Dungeness Crab Fisherman's Association

Washington Trollers' Association

Westport Charter Association



# MAKAH TRIBAL COUNCIL

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March 5, 2018

Assistant Administrator for Fisheries  
NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service  
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Silver Spring, MD 20910  
Attention: Brian Fredieu

Dear Mr. Fredieu;

Please accept the nomination of Mr. David Sones for the Tribal government seat on the Pacific Fisheries Management Council (PFMC). Mr. Sones is a resident of Neah Bay, Washington and a Makah Tribal member. Mr. Sones owns and operates a commercial fishing vessel and has been an active participant in our treaty ocean fishery for the past 40 years.

The Makah are indigenous to the greater Cape Flattery Region on the West Coast of Washington State. Since time immemorial, the Makah people and culture have been dependent on harvesting resources from the ocean. The Makah Indian Reservation is currently located at the northwestern tip of the Olympic Peninsula of Washington State and encompasses a land area of approximately 47 square miles. The Makah Tribe's current marine Usual and Accustomed (U&A) Area is constrained by the U.S./Canada border to the north, extends to 48° 02' 15" N (Norwegian Memorial) to the south, extends to 125° 44' 00" W (approximately 40 nautical miles offshore) to the west, and extends to 123° 42' 30" W (Tongue Point) to the east. This area represents approximately 1,550 square miles of marine waters. During the negotiation of the 1855 Treaty of Neah Bay, a tribal leader declared, "I want the sea. That is my country." This statement is a testament to the Makah's unique connection to the ocean.

The 1855 Treaty of Neah Bay reserved the "right of taking fish and of whaling or sealing at usual and accustomed grounds and stations" (Article IV, 1855 Treaty of Neah Bay) for the Makah Tribe off the northwest coast of Washington, and was as reaffirmed and interpreted in 1974 *U.S. v. Washington* (known as the "Boldt Decision")<sup>1</sup> and subsequent decisions.<sup>2</sup> The treaty tribes in Washington State have the reserved right to harvest up to half of the fish and shellfish within their usual and accustomed areas. The Makah Tribe is heavily dependent on marine fisheries for its economy, subsistence, ceremonies, culture and identity. Makah's ocean fisheries include, but

<sup>1</sup> *United States v. Washington*, 384 F. Supp. 312 (W.D. Wash. 1974), aff'd, 520 F.2d 676, 684-687 (9th Cir. 1975).

<sup>2</sup> E.g., *Washington v. Washington State Commercial Passenger Fishing Vessel Association*, 443 U.S. 658, 685-687 (1979) (salmon); *U.S. v. Washington*, 459 F. Supp. 1020, 1065 (W.D. Wash. 1978) (herring); *U.S. v. Washington*, No. C85-1606R, Subproceeding No. 92-1 (W.D. Wash. Dec. 29, 1993) (halibut); *U.S. v. Washington*, 873 F. Supp. 1422, 1445, n.30 (W.D. Wash. 1994), aff'd in part and rev'd in part, 157 F.3d 630, 651-652 (9th Cir. 1998) (shellfish); *U.S. v. Washington*, No. 9213, Subproceeding 96-2 (Nov. 4, 1996) (Pacific whiting).

are not limited to, salmon troll, longline (halibut and blackcod), bottom trawl, Dungeness crab, and mid-water trawl (Pacific hake, or whiting), among others. The Washington Coast is a highly productive ecosystem that has sustained the Makah people for thousands of years.

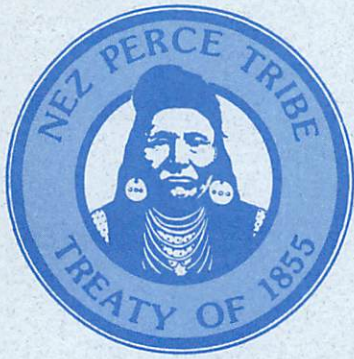
Mr. Sones has worked in the Makah Tribe's fisheries management program for twenty years from 1982-2002 and has served as the Natural Resource Director for the Tribe. He is very familiar with fisheries management and tribal perspectives to management of natural resources. Mr. Sones has served on PFMC in the tribal seat from 2006 to 2015 and as the alternate from 2016 to present as well as on the Pacific Salmon Commission from 1989 to 1992 as the Southern Panel member. Mr. Sones decades of experience on the Council and in other fishery management forums make him a unique and unmatched candidate for this position. There is alignment with PFMC priorities, such as ecosystem-based management, and tribal perspectives that Mr. Sones is adept at representing. Mr. Sones has served on the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission from 1994-2006 and is very familiar with tribal priorities within Washington State. As a tribal member, Mr. Sones would undoubtedly represent tribal interests, such as ensuring sustainable fish population for future generations and rely on sound science to inform management decisions, in the Council process.

Mr. Sones' decades of experience in fisheries, natural resource management, and the Council process as well as being a tribal member equip him well to serve PFMC as the Tribal seat. Thank you for the opportunity to make this nomination. Please contact Mr. Russell Svec, Makah Fisheries Director at 360-645-3156 or [Russell.Svec@makah.com](mailto:Russell.Svec@makah.com) for any additional information.

Sincerely,



Nate Tyler, Chairman  
Makah Tribal Council



*Nez Perce*

TRIBAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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February 14, 2018

Chris Oliver  
Assistant Administrator for Fisheries  
NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service  
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Re: Nomination of Joseph Y. Oatman to the Pacific Fishery Management Council

Dear Mr. Oliver:

The Nez Perce Tribe is excited to support the reappointment of Joseph Y. Oatman to a second term for the Pacific Fishery Management Council Tribal seat. Mr. Oatman is the Deputy Manager for the Tribe's Department of Fisheries Resources Management; a department with more than 170 employees, a \$22 million budget operating out of seven offices in three states and one of the largest fisheries departments of any Tribe in the United States. In his role with the Department, Mr. Oatman not only provides administrative management oversight, but he also is the Director for the Harvest Division. In that capacity he oversees the harvest monitoring program and develops the documentation required (harvest allocations and Endangered Species Act compliance) for our Tribe to prosecute our fisheries in the mainstem of the Columbia River as well as in all anadromous fisheries-bearing tributaries of the Snake River basin.

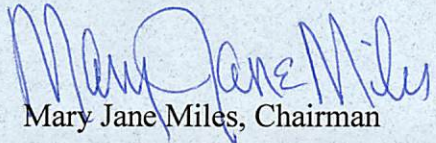
In addition to his activities with the Department, Mr. Oatman has a wealth of knowledge of fisheries and fisheries policy within and outside the Columbia Basin that can be brought to bear for the complicated issues of the Pacific Fishery Management Council. Mr. Oatman has served as an elected member of the Tribe's Fish and Wildlife Commission, serving as Chairman; he is a member of the U.S. v Oregon Technical Advisory Committee; and has served on NOAA Fisheries' Pinniped-Fishery Interaction Task Force. Mr. Oatman is a full member of the U.S. Southern Panel (Pacific Salmon Treaty); the U.S. Southern Boundary Restoration and Enhancement Fund Committee, Treaty Indian Tribal Representative (Pacific Salmon Treaty); and was selected by the Whitehouse to the Governance Coordinating Committee to the National Ocean Council.



Mr. Oatman is an excellent representative of tribal treaty fishing rights. He is extremely conscientious, well-spoken and well thought of by our own Tribe and other Tribes in the Pacific Northwest. We believe that Mr. Oatman has considerable expertise to offer the Pacific Fishery Management Council and urge NOAA to re-appoint him to the Tribal representative seat.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Mary Jane Miles, Chairman