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Governor Mike Dunleavy
STATE OF ALASKA

March 15, 2024

The Honorable Gina Raimondo
Secretary of Commerce
ATTN: Morgan Corey
1315 East-West Highway, Room 14636
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Dear Secretary Raimondo,

In accordance with the provisions of Section 302 of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA), I am pleased to submit my nominations for the two obligatory seats from the State of Alaska on the North Pacific Management Council (NPFMC) that expires August 10, 2024. I am nominating individuals who are knowledgeable and experienced in the harvest, conservation, and management of fishery resources.

The State of Alaska makes every effort to encourage and seek out qualified women, minorities, tribal members, subsistence users, and individuals representative of historically underserved communities during this process. All the nominees are residents of Alaska. After reviewing the requirements of the MSA and consulting with commercial, recreational, and other fishing interests in Alaska, I submit the following names for your consideration:

Obligatory Seat - Commercial Sector

- Mr. John Moller
- Mr. John Jensen
- Mr. Samuel Rabung

I respectfully request that you appoint Mr. John Moller or Mr. John Jensen.

Mr. John Moller, an Aleut from Unalaska with a lifelong connection to subsistence and commercial fishing, has served on the Qawalangin Tribe of Unalaska Council and the Ounalashka Corporation Board. With four decades in commercial fishing, he is the owner and operator of a vessel operating in Southeast Alaska, with experience from Amchitka to Nome. He has managed both a halibut charter vessel and fish processing plants in Adak and Atka and led a

Western Alaska Community Development Quota Organization. His six years on the NPFMC Advisory Panel and involvement in its Crab and CDQ Committees bring a vital, well-rounded perspective to the Council's decision-making.

Mr. John Jensen, a commercial fisherman with over fifty years of experience in Alaska's diverse fishing regions, has consistently been involved in the management and regulatory processes of the industry. A longtime Petersburg, Alaska resident, he has shown a deep understanding of the State's reliance on fishery resources through his commercial endeavors and a self-guided recreational skiff rental business. His contributions to the Alaska Board of Fisheries and the North Pacific Fishery Management Council demonstrate his dedication to sustainable fisheries management. With practical experience ranging from gillnetting to operating larger fish tenders, his broad expertise and commitment to conservation and community represent the principles vital for a member of the NPFMC.

Mr. Samuel Rabung is the Director of Commercial Fisheries for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. He upholds the Division's mission to manage subsistence, commercial, and personal use fisheries in the interest of the economy and general well-being of the citizens of the State, consistent with the sustained yield principle, and subject to allocations through public regulatory processes. He believes in managing the resource for the maximum benefit of the people following the sustained yield principle, minimizing waste, and promoting full utilization.

Obligatory Seat - Recreational Sector

- Mr. Brian Ritchie
- Mr. Samuel Rabung
- Mr. Thomas Taub

I respectfully request that you appoint Mr. Brian Ritchie. Mr. Ritchie currently sits on the NPFMC Advisory Panel where he serves as Chairman. He is a former participant in the Homer Charter Association Board, and currently is a part of the Alaska Charter Association Board, Young Fishermen's Network, the IPHC Research Advisory Board, IPHC Conference Board, and is a former AMCC Fishing Fellow. Mr. Ritchie was born and raised in Homer, Alaska, where fishing commercially and recreationally are vital to the local economy and the culture. His upbringing and fisheries involvement have brought him a deep understanding of the value of the varied sectors and fleets that fish and subsist in the North Pacific. He received a Master's Degree in Environmental Science from APU. His studies were focused on fisheries. The education and guidance he had through the development of his thesis helped him gain new perspectives on fisheries science, management, and their interactions. Mr. Ritchie seeks to bring these perspectives to the Council and to help ensure that management is based on sound science and on weighing the interests and wellbeing of all stakeholders.

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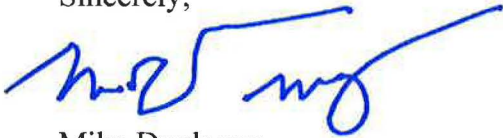
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Mr. Thomas Taub is the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish Deputy Director (currently in acting status as Director). In this capacity, his role has been to protect and improve the State's sport fishery resources. He upholds the Department's mission to protect, maintain, and improve the fisheries resources of the State, manage their use and development in the best interest of the economy, and promote the well-being of the people of the State, consistent with the sustained yield principle.

Enclosed you will find a list of commercial, recreational, and other fishing groups that have provided input to my nominations of these knowledgeable and qualified individuals. My preferred nominees – Mr. John Moller, Mr. John Jensen, and Mr. Brian Ritchie – would provide balanced and insightful experience to the NPFMC and will contribute greatly to fisheries management and conservation in the North Pacific. I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,



Mike Dunleavy
Governor

Enclosures

cc: The Honorable Douglas Vincent-Lang, Commissioner, Department of Fish and Game
Jordan Shilling, Director of Boards and Commissions, Office of the Governor

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

- Homer Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center
- Halibut Association of North America
- Alaskan Leader Fisheries Wild Alaska Cod
- Homer Charter Association
- Freezer Longline Coalition
- Southeast Alaska Guides Organization
- Deep Sea Fishermen's Union
- Cordova District Fishermen United
- Pacific Seafood Processors Association
- Fishing Vessel Owners' Association Incorporated
- Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association
- Kodiak Vessel Owners' Association
- North Pacific Fisheries Association
- Petersburg Vessel Owners Association
- Central Bering Sea Fishermen's Association
- Aleut Corporation
- Alward Fisheries, LLC
- Silver Bay Seafoods
- Petersburg Borough Assembly
- Ron and Julie Kavanaugh
- Gretar Gudmundsson
- Aleutians East Borough
- Mayor Mark Jensen, Petersburg Alaska
- Alaska Federation of Natives
- Bering Sea Fishermen's Association
- Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim Tribal Consortium
- Chignik Lake Village Council
- Kodiak Island Tribal Coalition
- Chignik Intertribal Coalition
- Yukon River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission
- Mark McNeley, Nelson Lagoon
- Chignik Bay Tribal Council
- Kenai River Sportfishing Association



STATE OF WASHINGTON
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR JAY INSLEE

March 22, 2024

Janet Coit
Assistant Administrator for Fisheries
NOAA Fisheries
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Dear Ms. Coit,

Please accept the following nominees, ranked in priority order, for one of the two obligatory Washington State seats to the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC). The seat is currently held by Ms. Anne Vanderhoeven of Seattle, whose term expires on August 10, 2024.

Washington State has consulted with a broad range of interested parties in seeking nominations; the consultation list is attached. As requested by our federal partners, efforts were made to nominate individuals with knowledge and experience in the conservation and management of marine resources and other sectors including: women, people of color, tribal members, subsistence users, individuals representative of historically underserved communities. In addition, we have considered the need for experience and perspective related to conservation of fisheries, ecosystems and habitat and respect to environmental protections especially considering the rapidly changing climate.

Additionally, in conjunction with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, we have evaluated each candidate's leadership and experience relative to the Magnuson Stevens Act and Governor's Guidance Document. Lastly, my office conducted initial background reviews, and determined that none of these nominees are federally registered lobbyists. Ms. Goen and Ms. Vanderhoeven should be classified as "Commercial" sector, while Ms. Robbins-Gisclair and Ms. Harvey should be classified in the "Other" sector.

Based on my evaluation of each candidate's qualifications, I am recommending the following individuals in priority order.

1. Ms. Becca Robbins-Gisclair:

Ms. Robbins Gisclair is the Senior Director of Arctic Programs for Ocean Conservancy, where she works closely with Alaska Tribes and grassroots organizations to protect a region that is on the frontlines of global climate change. She developed an in-depth understanding of the Bering Sea ecosystem and fisheries through two decades of involvement in the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC) process, including six years on the Advisory Panel with four of those in leadership, and as a Board member of the North Pacific Research Board (NPRB). She serves as a domestic advisor for the North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission and the Bering Sea Fishery Advisory

Body and has worked for several Alaska organizations as a natural resources advisor. She resides on Coast Salish lands in Bellingham, Washington.

2. Ms. Jamie Goen:

Ms. Goen is the Executive Director of the Alaska Bering Sea Crabbers, a trade organization representing crab harvesters. She participates regularly in the North Pacific Fishery Management Council process and has worked with four of the eight regional fishery management councils around the country. Ms. Goen has broad experience in fisheries management after working for NOAA Fisheries for 15 years and as part of the leadership team at the International Pacific Halibut Commission. She has hands-on experience working on boats, working with all gear sectors from open access to rationalized fisheries, working for domestic and international fisheries, and conducting oceanographic research around the world that is the foundation of climate science. She resides in Seattle, Washington.

3. Ms. Elaine Harvey:

Ms. Harvey is the Watershed Department Managers for the Columbia River Intertribal Fish Commission, a tribal coordinating body comprised of the four Tribes of the Columbia Basin. Her unit oversees many aspects of the Columbia River, water quality, and Coastal Margin Observation Prediction Program. Her prior work experience was in the Yakama Nation Fisheries section of the tribe's Department of Natural Resources, including Environmental Coordinator, Hydro Systems Oversight Coordinator and Forest and Fish Biologist. Ms. Harvey is a member of the Yakama Nation and resides in Goldendale, Washington.

4. Ms. Anne Vanderhoeven:

Ms. Vanderhoeven is the Director of Government Affairs for Arctic Storm Management Group, a position she has held since 2017. Arctic Storm is a Seattle company that owns and operates several fishing vessels that participate in groundfish harvests in the Bering Sea, Gulf of Alaska as well as fisheries managed by the Pacific Council. Previously, she worked for several organizations in Alaska that participate in NPFMC fisheries, as a fishery manager and as an observer. Over the last decade, she has served on the Council's Advisory Panel, Fishery Monitoring Advisory Committee and Non-target Species Committee. She serves on numerous Boards, including the Bering Sea Fisheries Research Foundation, Marine Conservation Alliance, Pollock Conservation Cooperative, At-Sea Processors Association, United Catcher Boats and High Seas Catcher Cooperative. Ms. Vanderhoeven resides on Bainbridge Island, Washington.

I am confident our four nominees are well qualified to serve on the NPFMC and will continue the work to support management values that promote resource conservation, habitat protection, and sustainable fisheries. Additionally, I hope the Council will continue to maintain sustainable stocks and encourage consideration of new technologies to further limit unnecessary bycatch in our waters.

Lastly, I would like to thank Ms. Anne Vanderhoeven for her service and leadership over the last three years.

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Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Inslee". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

Jay Inslee
Governor

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

Attachment: List of Groups Consulted

Enclosure: Nomination kits for Ms. Robbins-Gisclair, Ms. Goen, Ms. Harvey, Ms. Vanderhoeven

List of Groups Consulted Regarding Nominations for Washington Obligatory Seat on the North Pacific Fishery Management Council – 2024 Nomination:

Alaska Bering Sea Crabbers
Alaska Scallop Association
Alaska Seafood Cooperative
Alaskan Leader Fisheries
Aleutian Longline, LLC
American Seafoods
Arctic Storm Management Group
At Sea Processors Association
Bering Sea Pot Cod Cooperative
Coastal Villages Regional Fund
Deep Sea Fishermens Union
Fishing Vessel Owners Association
Freezer Longliner Coalition
Groundfish Forum
Icicle Seafoods
Midwater Trawlers Cooperative
North Pacific Crab Association
North Pacific Seafoods
North Pacific Vessel Owners Association
Ocean Conservancy
Pacific Seafood Processors Association
SeaState, Inc.
Trident Seafoods
United Catcher Boats
University of Washington – School of Marine and Environmental Affairs
US Seafoods
Westward Fishing Company
Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission
Alaska Longline Fishermen’s Association
Halibut Association of North America
F/V Robert S & Eska Bay Marine
Seafood Producers Cooperative
Tempo Sea LLC,
Sea Fisher LLC,
At Sea Management LLC
F/V New Venture
F/V Time Bandit
Aleutian Spray LLC
Whidbey Island Seafood
Miss Jae

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Beauty of Bay Washington Provider

List of Groups Consulted Regarding Nominations for Washington Obligatory Seat on the North
Pacific Fishery Management Council – 2024 Nomination - Continued

Baranof & Courageous
Kevleen K
Pacific Mariner and Confidence
Earth Justice
Ocean Conservancy
Alaska Marine Conservation Council
Pew Charitable Trusts
OCEANA
SalmonState
Civic Ventures
Trout Unlimited
WA Conservation Action
The Boat Company