



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

March 15, 2024

Janet Coit  
Assistant Administrator for Fisheries  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
1315 East-West Highway  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

Dear Assistant Administrator Coit:

I am writing in response to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service's (NOAA Fisheries) January 19, 2024 letter regarding Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) nominations. I am pleased to offer the following candidates to fill two seats on the Council that will become vacant on August 10, 2024, upon the expiration of the term of the at-large seat held by Mr. Robert Dooley and obligatory seat held by Ms. Corey Ridings from California. All candidates appear to meet the minimum qualifications relative to pertinent sections of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA) and would be willing to accept appointment. As encouraged in the NOAA Fisheries' letter, the candidates represent a diversity of interests that are affected by the recommendations of the Council.

I am nominating Ms. Rebecca Lent as my preferred candidate for appointment to the at-large seat presently held by Mr. Robert Dooley. Mr. Dooley has represented California in this seat since 2018 but has indicated he does not wish to seek reappointment. Ms. Lent was the Executive Director for the International Whaling Commission and had oversight of commission, scientific and intersessional meetings, which entailed interactions with 88 member countries and non-governmental organizations (NGOs). As requested in the NOAA Fisheries' letter and required by MSA, I am providing additional nominees, with details on their qualifications enclosed. My nominees for the at-large seat are as follows:

- 1) Ms. Rebecca Lent
- 2) Ms. Corey Ridings
- 3) Mr. Josh Madeira
- 4) Ms. Emily Parker



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I am nominating Ms. Corey Ridings as my preferred candidate for the California obligatory seat. Ms. Ridings provides representation of environmental NGOs and is presently serving in this seat. Ms. Ridings has demonstrated the ability and experience to fulfill the role of the obligatory seat. As requested in the NOAA Fisheries' letter and required by the MSA, I am providing additional nominees, with details on their qualifications enclosed. My nominees for the at-large seat are as follows:

- 1) Ms. Corey Ridings
- 2) Ms. Rebecca Lent
- 3) Mr. Josh Madeira
- 4) Ms. Emily Parker

In soliciting nominees, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife contacted California Native American tribes, more than 160 individuals and fishery organizations whose members are directly affected by Council actions. Additionally, information was posted on the California Department of Fish and Wildlife website and sent to interested parties to make the public aware of the request for nominees. More than 5,000 subscribers received a notice of this posting via email.

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

Sincerely,

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Gavin Newsom  
Governor

Enclosures

## **Nominees for the at-large seat**

### **Rebecca Lent – “Other”**

Ms. Lent most recently was the Executive Director for the International Whaling Commission and had oversight of commission, scientific and intersessional meetings, which entailed interactions with 88 member countries and non-governmental organizations (NGOs). Her responsibilities included science and conservation programs, communication with members and various stakeholders, and acting as a representative in other venues such as the Food and Agriculture Organization's Committee on Fisheries with a focus on bycatch mortality. From 2013-2017, Ms. Lent was the Executive Director for the U.S. Marine Mammal Commission in which she led the oversight of federal agencies whose authority could impact marine mammals through fishery bycatch and climate change. During that tenure, Ms. Lent interacted with various stakeholders including national and international agencies, private sector, NGOs, fisheries, offshore renewable and non-renewable energy, shipping, mining, and ecotourism. Spanning from 2005 to mid-2013, Ms. Lent was the Director of International Affairs for NOAA Fisheries. She coordinated marine resource stewardship for targeted and protected species, addressed illegal, unregulated, and unreported fishing, and had oversight for trade negotiations. Ms. Lent served as acting U.S. government Commissioner to the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas. Ms. Lent was NOAA Fisheries Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs from 2001-2005, spent time as the Regional Administrator for NOAA Fisheries Southwest Region, and worked as Division Chief and an economist for the Highly Migratory Species Division. Ms. Lent's work has also focused on developing community-based fishery management.

### **Corey C. Ridings – “Other”**

Ms. Ridings joined the Council in June 2021 as California's obligatory member and is completing her first term. Previously, she was a member of the Council's Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel and a regular participant in Council meetings and ancillary activities. Ms. Ridings' work at the Council has focused on drafting and implementing the Fishery Ecosystem Plan and helping to develop NOAA Fisheries' West Coast Region Climate Adaptation Strategy. She has been an active participant in Council consideration of climate change, ecosystem-based fisheries management, and legislative matters. As the Fish Conservation Program Manager for Ocean Conservancy, Ms. Ridings works with state and federal agencies to promote stable and sustainable fisheries in the California Current Large Marine Ecosystem. Ms. Ridings has a Masters of Public Health from Yale University, and has worked on Capitol Hill as both a House Natural Resources Committee fellow specializing in oceans and fisheries issues, and a conservation advocate focused on federal fisheries policy and legislation. She has also worked in the public health field in the state of Michigan, as a Peace Corps volunteer, and a federal groundfish observer in Alaska.

### **Josh Madeira – “Other”**

Mr. Madeira is a member of the Council's Highly Migratory Species Advisory subpanel. He has worked as the Director of Policy and Stakeholder Engagement at the Monterey Bay Aquarium since 2014 and engages stakeholders from all levels of the government, private sector, academics, and other experts. His role with the Monterey Bay Aquarium includes building public-private partnerships and collaborative solutions in major seafood commodities (such as tuna, shrimp and crab) with key seafood producers and their supply chains around the world. He brings international experience as an advisor to the U.S. delegation for the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission and the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission.

### **Emily Parker – “Other”**

Ms. Parker is a coastal and marine scientist for Heal the Bay and connects science, policy, and conservation through advocacy and research locally and statewide. Her work has focused on sustainable fisheries management and seafood, plastic pollution, marine protected areas (MPA), and climate change. She has participated in and co-lead numerous coalitions and collaborative groups, including the Los Angeles (LA) MPA Collaborative, the Clean Seas Coalition, Reusable LA, the National Reuse Network, and the MPA Watch Statewide Network. Ms. Parker has worked as a first mate aboard an educational vessel, which involved teaching students about fishing and healthy river and ocean ecosystems. Before her work at Heal the Bay, Ms. Parker earned a Masters of Advanced Studies in Marine Biodiversity and Conservation from the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at University of California San Diego, where she conducted research on sea turtle conservation in El Salvador.

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TINA KOTEK  
GOVERNOR

March 7, 2024

Ms. Janet Coit, Assistant Administrator for Fisheries  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
1315 East-West Highway  
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Dear Ms. Coit:

In response to your letter dated January 19, 2024, I am submitting the names of four individuals for potential appointment by the Secretary of Commerce to an Oregon Obligatory seat on the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC). This seat is currently held by Ms. Christa Svensson, and she is my recommendation to fill this seat for another term.

The suite of nominees below appears in the order of my recommendation:

- Ms. Christa Svensson (Commercial Sector)
- Mr. Jeff Lackey (Commercial Sector)
- Mr. Robert Dolton (Recreational Sector)
- Ms. Theresa Labriola (Other Sector)

Included with this letter of nomination are the complete original applications and letters of support 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.

Christa Svensson (Commercial Sector)

Ms. Svensson has been a participant in the commercial fishing industry for over 25 years. After eight years of commercial fishing, she transitioned into the seafood processing sector in 2005. Currently, Ms. Svensson is the Sustainability Program Manager for an international trading company (Global, Tri Marine Management Company LLC.) and is responsible for implementing a range of company programs aimed at environmental and social responsibility. In the past three years the scope of her work has grown to encompass social responsibility including Equity and Environmental Justice. She has been an active participant at PFMC serving on several advisory bodies and is currently finishing her second term in the obligatory seat. She holds a master's degree in museum studies and a bachelor's degree in Anthropology.



Mr. Jeff Lackey (Commercial Sector)

Mr. Lackey has been part of the Oregon fisheries community for the past fifteen years. He has spent seven years as a Port Commissioner for the Port of Newport. He also is an active member of state, local, and agency advisory bodies on fisheries issues and has been an active member of the PFMC Groundfish Advisory Subpanel since 2016. In addition to advising on fisheries related issues, Mr. Lackey manages two family-owned trawl vessels in Newport and is a member of the Midwater Trawlers Cooperative. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Kentucky.

Robert Dolton (Recreational)

Mr. Dolton graduated from Willamette University College of Law with a Juris Doctorate and has been a lawyer in private practice for the entirety of his career. He has a passion for fish, fisheries, and marine sciences which has led him to be a lifelong recreational angler. Mr. Dolton has actively engaged in the salmon, groundfish, halibut, and tuna fisheries as a recreational angler participating on charter and guided vessels. He also belongs to the NW Steelheaders and Northwest Sportfishing Industry Association as well as participates in ODFW annual Pacific halibut public meetings.

Ms. Theresa Labriola (Other Sector)

For over 20 years, Ms. Labriola has been engaged in environmental regulations and administrative procedures. Over the past eleven years, she has actively engaged in fisheries management at the Pacific Council by providing NOAA fisheries and the PFMC comments both in person and in writing. Ms. Labriola is the owner of Kind of Blue, LLC and her work focuses on engagement with the Federal Fishery Management Councils, National Marine Fisheries Service, Congress, and international managers. Her clients include Wild Oceans and the Natural Resources Defense Council. She has broad fishing experience, having engaged in commercial fisheries for two years and sport fishing for over 45 years. She holds a Juris Doctor (J.D) degree from Vermont School of Law, and a Bachelor of Science in Ecology and Education from Cornell University.

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 minority candidates as requested. To recruit applicants, we issued a news release and utilized social media to announce the opportunity to be considered. The state also directly contacted a diverse group of over seventy individuals from multiple organizations actively involved in west coast marine resource issues from fishing and



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conservation perspectives (Attachment 1 and 2). In addition, the press release was picked up and covered by two media outlets (Attachment 3).

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

Sincerely,

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Governor Tina Kotek

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STATE OF WASHINGTON  
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR JAY INSLEE

March 15, 2024

Ms. Janet Coit  
Assistant Administrator for NOAA Fisheries  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
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Via email to: [Council.Appointments@noaa.gov](mailto:Council.Appointments@noaa.gov)

Dear Ms. Coit:

Please accept the following list of nominees, in priority order, for the expiring at-large seat on the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) currently held by Mr. Philip Anderson of Westport, Washington. Mr. Anderson is not eligible for reappointment. I strongly encourage you to maintain the regional balance on the Council and continue to appoint a Washington resident to this seat. For the same reason of maintaining regional balance, I choose to not submit nominees for the other at-large seat expiring on the Council and that has traditionally been held by a resident of California.

Washington State celebrates and values diversity and understands the benefit of including those from different backgrounds and experiences and has consulted with a diverse group of conservation, commercial, recreational, and public constituents in seeking nominations for this seat (see list on page 3). In fulfillment of my responsibilities under 50 C.F.R. 600.215(b), I have determined that the nominees listed not only meet but exceed the knowledge and experience qualification requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA). Below is a summary of each candidate's qualifications:

1. Mr. Brent Paine:

Mr. Brent Paine is a resident of Seattle, Washington and is currently the Executive Director of United Catcher Boats based in Seattle, Washington representing the commercial fishing industry and Washington fishery dependent communities. Mr. Paine plans to retire from this position in December 2024 to dedicate more time to Council work. Mr. Paine has a 30-year history of participation at the Pacific Fishery Management Council and the North Pacific Fishery Management Council. He is also a recently appointed U.S. member of the Joint Management Committee for the Pacific Hake/Whiting Treaty.

2. Mr. Brian Blake:

Mr. Blake is a resident of Aberdeen, and currently works at Ocean Gold Seafood in Westport, Washington. Mr. Blake was a Representative in the Washington State House of Representatives from 2002 to 2020 and has been a Washington Commissioner on the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission since 2006. Mr. Blake is currently on the Pacific Fishery Management Council Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel. Mr. Blake is a strong advocate for coastal communities and the health of West Coast ecosystems.

3. Mr. Larry Phillips:

Policy Director for the American Sportfishing Association (ASA). Prior to working at the ASA, Mr. Phillips worked for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife for 21 years including as the Region Six Director from 2017-2022 and was WDFW's representative on the PFMC's Highly Migratory Species Management Team from 2015-2017. Mr. Phillips is an avid recreational angler with an extensive understanding of how management and science contribute to the conservation of ocean resources for the benefit of Washington State.

I make these nominations after consultation with commercial and recreational fishing interests and others interested in sustainable fisheries and marine ecosystems in my state. All the nominees hold qualities that are vital to effective representation of the state's interests. Each has shown the ability to work collaboratively, in the Council environment and elsewhere, and each enjoys broad support from the diverse sectors that comprise Washington's interests.

Because Brent Paine possesses exceptional skills in working collaboratively, effectively, and strategically, he is my preferred candidate. All the applicants are strong supporters of sustainable fisheries and possess a strong conservation ethic. I believe that each are 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. Brian Blake, Mr. Brent Paine, Mr. Larry Phillips

cc: Kelly Susewind, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Morgan Corey, National Marine Fisheries Service

**List of Groups Consulted Regarding Nominations for the expiring At-Large Seat on the Pacific Fishery Management Council currently held by Mr. Philip Anderson – 2024 Nomination**

American Sportfishing Association  
American Seafoods Company LLC  
Arctic Storm, Inc.  
Coastal Commercial Fishing Coalition  
Coastal Trollers Association  
Columbia River Crab Fishermen's Association  
Environmental Defense Fund  
Fishing Vessel Owners Association  
Fury Group, Inc.  
Ilwaco Charter Association  
Lowman & Associates Fisheries Consulting  
Midwater Trawlers Cooperative  
Ocean Conservancy  
Ocean Gold Seafoods  
Ocean Outcomes (O2)  
Oceana  
Oceanbeat Consulting  
Pacific Fishery Management Council  
Pacific Seafood  
Pacific Whiting Conservation Cooperative  
Pew Charitable Trusts  
Puget Sound Anglers  
Purse Seine Vessels Owners' Association  
Recreational Fishing  
Surfrider Foundation  
The Nature Conservancy  
Trident Seafoods  
United Catcher Boats  
University of Washington School and Marine and Environmental Affairs  
Washington Dungeness Crab Fishermen's Association  
Washington Sea Grant  
Washington Trollers' Association  
Western Fishboat Owners Association  
Westport Charter Association



# MAKAH TRIBE

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Janet Coit  
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Assistant Administrator for Fisheries  
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Silver Springs, MD 20910

March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Attn: Kelly Denit

**Re: Nomination of Mr. David Sones to the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC)  
Tribal Seat**

Dear Ms. Coit:

The Makah Tribe is pleased to nominate Mr. David Sones to the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC or Council) as the designated Tribal representative.

The Makah Tribe has the largest, most diverse tribal marine fishery on the West Coast, harvesting a wide variety of fish species managed by the PFMC, including salmon, halibut, whiting, sablefish, petrale sole and many other groundfish species. The Makah fishing fleet includes over 35 vessels which fish in the EEZ with a variety of gear including salmon troll, longline, pot, midwater and bottom trawl. The Tribe is very active in the PFMC process and works closely with our federal and state co-managers to sustainably manage our shared marine resources.

David Sones has been a life-long fisherman, actively participating in the Makah Tribal treaty fisheries with salmon troll, longline and trawl vessels, including the Tribe's Pacific whiting fishery. He began his fisheries management career in 1982 at an entry-level position and was eventually appointed as the Tribe's Natural Resources Director. In addition, he served one term on the Makah Tribal Council. David previously served admirably for three terms as the Tribal Representative on the Pacific Fishery Management Council and two terms as the Designated Alternate to the Tribal Representative. In that capacity he served not only the interests of the Makah Tribe but fairly and successfully reflected the interests of 26 sovereign tribes engaged in the Council process.

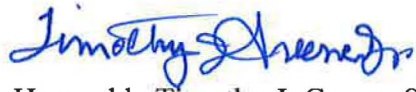
In addition to his many years of working within the PFMC process, David has actively participated with the Pacific Salmon Commission and International Pacific Halibut Commission as well as the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary. During his years on the Council, many stocks were overfished and being rebuilt and David successfully guided Tribal and other Council fisheries through the challenges of balancing harvest opportunity and the conservation requirements of the resource.

The experience, depth of knowledge, and relationships David has established during his career make him an excellent candidate to serve once again as the Tribal Representative on the Pacific Fishery Management Council.

Thank you for your consideration and please forward this information for consideration as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Timothy J. Greene Sr., Makah Tribal Council Chairman at 360 645-3237 or [timothy.greene@makah.com](mailto:timothy.greene@makah.com).

Sincerely,

MAKAH TRIBAL COUNCIL

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Honorable Timothy J. Greene Sr.  
Chairman

cc: Jennifer Quan  
Ryan Wulf





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March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Attn: Kelly Denit

**Re: Nomination of Mr. Russell Svec to the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) Tribal Seat**

Dear Ms. Coit,

The Makah Tribe would like to nominate Russell Svec to the Tribal Seat on the Pacific Fishery Management Council. On March 13<sup>th</sup> we sent a letter nominating David Sones to the seat; however, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Act, we also nominate Russell Svec. Since 1988, Mr. Svec has served as the Director of the Tribe's Fisheries Management Department overseeing sustainable management of the largest tribal fishing fleet in the United States. He is also responsible for acting as the public representative of Makah Fisheries Management as well as maintaining a strong working relationship with both governmental and non-governmental representatives on fisheries issues. **To reiterate our March 13<sup>th</sup> letter, we strongly prefer and recommend that David Sones be appointed to this seat.**

Nominee 1: We wish to nominate David Sones as our preferred nominee. Mr. Sones has served admirably for 3 terms as the Tribal Representative on the PFMC and two terms as the Designated Alternate to the Tribal Representative. In that capacity, he served not only the interests of the Makah Tribe but fairly reflected the interests of 26 sovereign tribes on the West Coast.

Nominee 2: We wish to nominate Russell Svec as our second nominee. Mr. Svec has extensive knowledge of a number of fishery management processes both national and international. He has a strong working relationship with federal and state government agencies as well as commercial and sport fishing representatives. He is willing to serve if the other qualified nominees cannot or are not appointed.

Thank you for your consideration and please forward this information for consideration as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Timothy J. Greene Sr., Makah Tribal Council Chairman at 360 645-3237 or [timothy.greene@makah.com](mailto:timothy.greene@makah.com).

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March 14, 2024

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1315 East-West Highway  
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Dear Ms. Coit:

The Jamestown Tribe nominates Chairman Ron Allen to the Tribal seat on the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) to fulfill the Magnuson-Stevens Act requirement that the Secretary of Commerce choose from a list of 3 qualified nominees. The Tribe fully supports the nomination of David Sones to the PFMC seat; however, we are nominating Mr. Allen to ensure the minimum number of names are available for timely consideration and filling of the Tribal PFMC seat. Since 1977 Mr. Allen has served as Chairman of the Tribe and as Chief Executive Officer since 1982. He is a member of the JKT Art Board, Hunting/Fishing Committee (Ad Hoc member), Tribal Gaming Commission, and U.S. Canada/Pacific Salmon Commission. He served four years as President of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) and a total of 26 years as an officer since 1989. He is well-qualified to serve on PFMC as a representative of the tribes with federally recognized fishing rights. **To be clear about our position, we strongly prefer and recommend that David Sones be appointed to this seat.**

Nominee 1: We wish to support David Sones as our preferred nominee. Mr. Sones has served admirably as the Tribal Representative on the PFMC in the past. In that capacity, he served not only the interests of the Makah Tribe but fairly reflected the interests of 26 sovereign tribes on the West Coast.

Nominee 2: We wish to nominate Chairman Allen as our second nominee. Mr. Allen has extensive knowledge of fishery management processes, both national and international. He has a strong working relationship with federal and state government agencies as well as tribal representatives throughout the region. He is willing to serve if the other qualified nominees cannot or are not appointed.

Thank you and please forward this information for consideration as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Hansi Hals, at (360) 681-4601.

Sincerely,

Loni Greninger, Vice Chairwoman

Cc: Jennifer Quan, NMFS WCRO  
Scott Rumsey, NMFS WCRO  
Lalena Amiotte, NMFS WCRO  
Kelly Denit, NMFS WCRO  
Ryan Wulf, NMFS WCRO