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Ms. Eileen Sobeck  
Assistant Administrator for Fisheries  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
1315 East-West Highway  
Room 14636  
Silver Spring, Maryland, 20910

Attention: Mr. Brian Fredieu

Dear Ms. Sobeck:

I am pleased to submit my recommendations for the at-large seat in the Caribbean Fisheries Management Council (CFMC), which will become vacant on August 10, 2015. In accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, my recommendation for the consideration of the Secretary of Commerce are the following:

1. Mr. Carlos Velázquez
2. Mr. Eugenio Piñeiro
3. Mr. Roberto Silva

The selection of these three candidates was made after consulting the Department of Natural and Environmental Resources and the local commercial and recreational fishing organizations. The process of recommendation took into consideration the interest and knowledge of the candidates in the management and conservation of the fishery resources and their ability and commitment to work with the CFMC. All of them are well respected fishermen and have a comprehensive knowledge in the management and conservation of the fishery resources in Puerto Rico.

From this pool of nominees, I endorse the nomination of Mr. Carlos Velázquez as a member of the CFMC. Mr. Velázquez is a commercial fisherman from the municipality of Naguabo, located on the east coast of the island, and he administers a fishing cooperative where local fishermen sell their captures. As a fisherman and businessman, he also has a unique knowledge of the artisanal commercial fisheries in the island. In addition, Mr. Velázquez has served as a member of the Fisheries Advisory Board of the Department of Natural and Environmental Resources, a group that provides advice and guidance in fisheries related issues. Taking into consideration the experience and knowledge of Mr. Velázquez, I am confident he will make valuable contributions in the implementation of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation Act and the conservation of fishery resources in the Caribbean.

I appreciate the opportunity to continue working with the management of our fisheries resources in collaborative partnership with your agency.

Cordially,

The Governor of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico,



Alejandro J. García Padilla