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Governor
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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:

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. Craig Cross currently occupies this seat; his present term expires August 10, 2015 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. Cross; 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 2015 Guidance Document, 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:

1) Mr. Craig Cross:

Mr. Cross has served on the NPFMC since 2012 in one of the two Washington state obligatory positions. He is the Director of Government Affairs and Business Development for Aleutian Spray Fisheries, Inc., a Seattle based fishing company that operates vessels that fish for Alaska pollock, Pacific cod, Alaska crab and West Coast groundfish. Prior to assuming this position in 2000, he worked in a wide range of positions in several other North Pacific fishing companies, ranging from on-deck work and processing to directing vessel operations. Mr. Cross is a member of the Board of Directors for several large trade associations: Alaska Bering Sea Crabbers, At Sea Processors Association, Freezer Longliners Coalition and United Catcher Boats. Prior to his appointment to the NPFMC, he was very active in other aspects of the NPFMC process, including serving on the Council's Advisory Panel from 1996 to 2012. He resides in Seattle, Washington.

- 2) Mr. Tim Henkel:
Mr. Henkel has been a commercial fisherman for 33 years and a member of the Deep Sea Fishermen's Union of the Pacific for 25 years. For nine years, he served as President of the Union. He has served on the Council's Bering Sea Crab Implementation Committee and is currently serving on the Individual Fishing Quota Implementation Committee. Mr. Henkel is vested in both the halibut and sablefish fisheries under NPFMC management and has purchased Individual Fishing Quota. Mr. Henkel resides in Indianola, Washington.
- 3) Mr. Milton J. Bundy:
Mr. Bundy is a past member of the NPFMC from 1999 to 2008. He was President of Glacier Fish Company and is now a senior advisor; his company owns and operates three AFA trawl catcher-processors and is a minority owner and manager of four Amendment 80 trawlers, all of which operate in NPFMC waters. Glacier Fish Company is a partner with the Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation, one of several Western Alaska Community Development Quota Program groups. Mr. Bundy resides in Seattle, Washington.

While Mr. Cross 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.

Very truly yours,



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cc: Jim Unsworth, Director, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Bill Tweit, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Attachment: List of Groups Consulted

Enclosure: Nomination kits for Mr. Cross, Mr. Henkel, Mr. Bundy

List of Groups Consulted Regarding Nominations for Washington Obligatory Seat on the North Pacific Fishery Management Council – 2015 Nomination

Alaska Bering Sea Crabbers
Alaska Crab Coalition
Alaska Scallop Association
Alaska Seafood Cooperative
American Seafoods
Arctic Storm Management Group
At Sea Processors Association
B&N Fisheries Company
Deep Sea Fishermens Union
Freezer Longliner Coalition
Groundfish Forum
Icicle Seafoods
Mundt MacGregor
North Pacific Crab Association
North Pacific Seafoods
North Pacific Vessel Owners Association
Pacific Seafood Processors Association
Peter Pan Seafoods
SeaState, Inc.
Trident Seafoods
United Catcher Boats
University of Washington – School of Marine Affairs
US Seafoods