



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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Ms. Eileen Sobeck
Assistant Administrator for Fisheries
National Marine Fisheries Service
1316 East-West Highway, Room 14636
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Dear Ms. Sobeck:

I am pleased to offer the following candidates to fill the positions created by the expiration of the Pacific Fishery Management Council's California obligatory seat currently held by Mr. David M. Crabbe, and two at-large seats, one of which is currently held by Mr. William L. Brizendine, II from California. Mr. Crabbe and Mr. Brizendine are both seeking reappointment for a third term. I am submitting a total of four names for your consideration in order of preference: Mr. David M. Crabbe, Mr. William L. Brizendine, II, Mr. Peter P. Leipzig, and Mr. Peter H. Flournoy.

In soliciting nominees, the Department of Fish and Wildlife consulted with individuals and fishery organizations whose members are directly affected by Council actions, as required under Fish and Game Code Section 7655 (copy of statute attached). All candidates meet the minimum qualifications relative to pertinent sections of the Magnuson Act, and would be willing to accept nominations to either the California obligatory seat or either of the at-large seats.

Nominations were submitted based on consultations with key organizations representing those California fishing industries most affected by Council management plans. The solicitation letter, including the full list of approximately 100 individuals and associations that received the letter, is enclosed. In addition, we solicited nominations from the environmental community as their representatives continue to play an increasing role in the Council's public process, and in fishery and community collaborations and partnerships.

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

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.

Enclosures

NOMINEES

Mr. David M. Crabbe, incumbent (finishing his second term in the California obligatory seat)

Mr. Crabbe is presently a member of the Council representing California. He is completing his second term in the California obligatory seat, and is available for re-appointment. Mr. Crabbe was appointed to the Council in 2009. Although he is primarily representing the commercial fishing sector, Mr. Crabbe has broad-based constituent support from an extensive list of California fishery and non-governmental interests, and he has diligently and successfully engaged in numerous Council issues on their behalf. During his past two terms, Mr. Crabbe was a leader in the development of a regulatory framework to allow for the use of electronic monitoring (i.e. video cameras) in the groundfish catch share program. He has also worked with industry and non-governmental interests on issues such as the development of harvest control rules for the sardine fishery, exemption of fishing permits for highly migratory species, and proposals to modify groundfish habitat. Mr. Crabbe was appointed to the Council's Legislative Committee in 2011 and has served as an officer for Council sponsored public hearings. During his past two terms, Mr. Crabbe has fully participated in Council discussions and state delegation meetings with our varied constituencies, and been very dedicated to the process and our stakeholders. He continues to play a key leadership role on the state's team to develop positions and policies in the best interest of California.

Mr. Crabbe has been a commercial fisherman, boat owner or deckhand since 1977, and presently holds commercial permits in California. He has fished numerous West Coast locations with several gear types for a variety of species, including salmon, black cod, petrale sole, rockfish, squid, sardines, anchovies, mackerel, herring, and halibut. He presently serves on the Board of Directors of the California Wetfish Producers Association, representing Monterey area wetfish fishery interests, and served on the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Squid Fishery Advisory Committee. He has been involved in California's implementation of the Marine Life Protection Act, and was a member of the Central Coast Regional Stakeholder Group in 2006 and 2007. Mr. Crabbe also served two years on the Fishery Advisory Board of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. He worked as a consultant with environmental organizations and fishermen to enact legislation which established a Dungeness crab task force to focus on longstanding fishery management issues. Mr. Crabbe is also employed as a realtor and a private consultant.

Mr. William L. Brizendine II, incumbent (finishing his second term in an at-large seat)

Mr. Brizendine is presently a member of the Council representing California. He is completing his second term in an at-large seat, and is available for re-appointment. Mr. Brizendine began his service with the Council's Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel (HMSAS) as a recreational representative in 2008, and was appointed to the Council in 2009. He was appointed as the Council's representative to the United States-Canada Albacore Treaty Forum in 2011. During his past two terms, Mr. Brizendine has fully participated in Council discussions and state delegation meetings with our varied constituencies. He has been attentive to details and

procedures, respectful of differences in opinion, and has played a leadership role on the state's team to develop positions and policies in the best interest of California. He has attended all core and ancillary meetings, and his dedication to the process and the state's diverse stakeholder groups is readily apparent.

Mr. Brizendine has been an operator and owner of commercial passenger fishing vessels (CPFVs) since the mid-1970's, running fishing trips ranging from Central California to Central Mexico aboard vessels carrying up to 105 passengers and operating up to 400 miles from shore. He has also skippered trips to islands and lagoons of Baja California to observe migration, breeding, and calving of California grey whales. Since 1979, he has owned and operated the M/V Prowler, a 65-foot CPFV in waters off Southern California and Northern Baja. His fishing expertise has led him to conduct numerous seminars and lectures on sportfishing and stewardship of our natural resources, and he has authored many published articles. Since 1990, Mr. Brizendine has served on the Board of Directors of the Sportfishing Association of California, and in this capacity has dealt with issues relating to fisheries management, Coast Guard, Homeland Security, and interjurisdictional policy and management issues with Mexico.

Mr. Peter P. Leipzig

Mr. Leipzig has been the Executive Director of the Fishermen's Marketing Association since 1978. As Executive Director he has represented commercial groundfish and shrimp trawl fishermen from San Pedro, California to Bellingham, Washington. He previously served two terms on the Council from 1989 to 1995, and was Vice Chair from 1993 to 1995. He has been a member and chair of the Council's Groundfish Advisory Subpanel, the Council's Limited Entry Buy-back Committee, several Council Stock Assessment Review Panels, the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee, and two national steering committees. Mr. Leipzig is an active participant at Council meetings and was instrumental in addressing overcapitalization in the West Coast groundfish fleet through a federal buyback program. He currently serves on the Council's Groundfish Trawl Individual Quota Committee, Groundfish Allocation Committee, and Groundfish Regulatory Workgroup. He also serves as a faculty associate for the Humboldt State University's Fisheries Department.

Mr. Peter H. Flournoy

Since 1989, Mr. Flournoy has represented individuals, business entities, and industry associations involved in international business, trade or investment in a wide range of legal matters. Mr. Flournoy has represented clients before NOAA, National Marine Fisheries Service, Food and Drug Administration, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, Environmental Protection Agency, and International Boundary and Water Commission. He regularly attends Council meetings, along with meetings of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC), Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC), the California Fish and Game Commission, and the Council's HMSAS. He has previously served as Chair of the Permanent Advisory Committee to

the U.S. Section of the WCPFC and Chair of the HMSAS, and currently serves as the Chair of the IATTC's General Advisory Committee. Recently, Mr. Flournoy has worked with commercial fishermen and aquaculturists to open the Tuna Harbor Dockside Market, where fishermen can sell their catch directly to the public.

From 1983-1989, Mr. Flournoy was employed with the U.S. State Department providing legal advice for the negotiation of international agreements and treaties in the areas of fisheries, marine mammals, scientific and technological cooperation, deep seabed mining, and the environment. In this capacity, he assisted with drafting the South Pacific Tuna Act of 1988, and was also a legal advisor to the International Convention Concerning North Pacific Seals, the International Whaling Commission, the International North Pacific Fisheries Convention, and others.