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Eileen Sobeck
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National Marine Fisheries Service
1315 East-West Highway, Room 14636
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Attn: Brian Fredieu

RE: 2015 Request for Nominations to the Pacific Fishery Management Council

Dear Ms. Sobeck:

In response to your letter of December 2, 2014, I am submitting the names of three individuals for potential appointment by the Secretary of Commerce to Oregon's obligatory seat on the Pacific Fisheries Management Council (PFMC). The seat is currently held by Ms. Dorothy Lowman and I strongly recommend her for reappointment. Please note that I am not submitting names for nomination to the regional at-large seats on PFMC. These individuals are:

Ms. Dorothy Lowman
Mr. Walter Chuck
Mr. Robert Duncan

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

Dorothy Lowman

Ms. Lowman is completing her second term as a PFMC member. Ms. Lowman has over 30 years of experience in the field of fisheries management. As a fisheries consultant, she works with both industry and environmental organizations on fishery management issues both regionally in the Pacific and North Pacific and nationally. Since 2014, she has served as a commissioner on the Western Central Pacific Fisheries Commission. She has also worked for the Pacific, North Pacific, and Western Pacific Fishery Management Councils. Prior to her PFMC appointment, she served on the Council's Trawl Individual Quota Committee as well as the Secretary of Commerce's Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee. She has an undergraduate degree in oceanography and a master's degree in marine resource management from the University of Washington.



Walter Chuck

Mr. Chuck is an avid marine recreational angler and currently advises the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife as a member of the Oregon Sportfish Advisory Committee. He holds leadership positions as co-chair of the Oregon Recreational Fishing Alliance and Oregon anglers. He is also an active member of his community, having served as a Commissioner for the Port of Newport and member of the Oregon Coastal Zone Management Association, Cape Perpetua Marine Reserve Community Team, and Fishermen Involved in Natural Energy for Lincoln County, Oregon.

Robert Duncan

Mr. Duncan is an avid marine recreational angler and serves as an honorary member on the Fish and Wildlife Committee for the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde. For many years, he has been a member of the North American Fishing club. Mr. Duncan is currently retired. His prior work experience included service in the US Navy, retail store owner and manager, and briefly as crewman on a commercial fishing vessel out of Newport, Oregon.

Of the three nominees offered for appointment, I am recommending the appointment of Ms. Dorothy Lowman. She has successfully demonstrated during her terms on the PFMC that she uses her skills, education, and experience to serve Oregon and the Council very well. She enthusiastically and effectively engages with diverse stakeholders; enclosed with her application are letters of endorsement from organizations representing the major environmental interests, sport fishing, and commercial fishing sectors in Oregon. In her service on the PFMC Ms. Lowman consistently contributes substantial time and thoughtful consideration to prepare well for the council's deliberations and decisions.

In determining whom 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/or minority candidates as requested. To recruit applicants, ODFW issued a news release and utilized social media to announce the opportunity to be considered. The agency also directly contacted a diverse group of about sixty individuals and organizations actively involved in west coast marine resource issues from fishing and conservation perspectives.

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

Sincerely,



Governor Kate Brown

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Attachment: Individuals contacted and press release

Enclosures: Dorothy Lowman application, resume and letters of support
Walter Chuck application
Robert Duncan application