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Governor
State of Washington

March 10, 2015

Ms. Eileen Sobeck
Assistant Administrator for Fisheries
National Marine Fisheries Service
1315 East-West Hwy, Room 14636
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910
Attn: Brian Fredieu

Dear Ms. Sobeck:

Please accept the following names, in priority order, as my nominees for the at-large Washington State seat to the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC). Mr. Dale Myer currently occupies this seat; his third and final term expires August 10, 2015, and he is not eligible for reappointment.

Washington State has consulted with a broad range of commercial, recreational and public constituents in seeking nominations for this at-large seat. Based on my evaluation of each candidate's qualifications, I am recommending the following individuals in priority order:

- 1) Mr. Philip Anderson:
Mr. Anderson is a resident of Westport, Washington, and has worked for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) since July 1994, most recently serving as its Director from 2009 through January 2015. He is currently a Special Assistant with WDFW, and will retire in March 2015. Mr. Anderson is a U.S. representative on the Pacific Salmon Commission and PFMC's representative on the U.S./Canada Joint Management Committee for Pacific whiting and, in the past, has served as PFMC's representative on the International Pacific Halibut Commission. A former charter fishing skipper and current boat owner, Mr. Anderson continues to take passengers for hire on pelagic seabird watching trips.

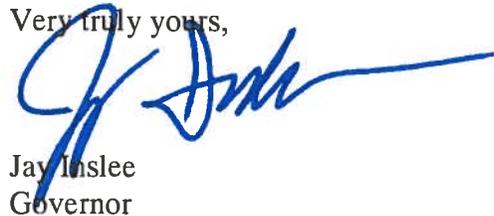
- 2) Mr. Brent Paine:
Mr. Paine is a resident of Seattle, Washington, and is the Executive Director of United Catcher Boats, an association of 72 mid-water trawl vessel owners and operators who fish off the West Coast primarily for Pacific whiting, as well as in the Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska. Mr. Paine is currently a member of the PFMC's Groundfish Advisory Subpanel, and the U.S./Canada whiting Advisory Panel, and has participated in Alaska salmon fisheries.

- 3) Mr. Douglas Fricke:
Mr. Fricke is a resident of Aberdeen, Washington, the owner of Boat Seafoods, Inc., and a member of the Washington Trollers' Association. He is currently the Chair of the PFMC's Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel. He has been an active member in the fishing arena since he started salmon fishing in the 1960s, and continues to engage in various management processes, primarily relative to salmon and albacore tuna fisheries.

Mr. Anderson has served with distinction on the Council since 1987, first as a private citizen and then as a representative of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, and has broad support among multiple interests for his appointment to Washington's At-Large Seat. He is a strong supporter of sustainable fisheries, has a strong conservation ethic, and certainly has my confidence in representing Washington. His nomination will serve Washington well.

While Mr. Anderson is my preferred candidate, I believe that each of these three candidates 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,



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Enclosures: List of Groups Consulted
Nomination kits for Mr. Anderson, Mr. Paine, and Mr. Fricke

cc: Jim Unsworth, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

List of Groups Consulted Regarding Nominations for Washington At-Large Seat on the Pacific Fishery Management Council – 2015 Nomination

Arctic Storm, Inc.
Bornstein Seafood
Columbia River Crab Fisherman's Association
Fishing Vessel Owners Association
Ilwaco Charter Association
Ilwaco Fish Company
The Nature Conservancy
Ocean Gold Seafood
Oceana
Pacific Seafood
Pacific Seafood Processors' Association
Pacific Whiting Conservation Cooperative
Pew Oceans Commission
Puget Sound Anglers
Purse Seine Vessels Owners' Association
United Catcher Boats
Washington Dungeness Crab Fisherman's Association
Washington Trollers' Association
Westport Charter Association
Wild Salmon Center