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Eileen Sobeck
Assistant Administrator for Fisheries
Attention: Brian Fredieu
National Marine Fisheries Service
1315 East-West Highway, Room 14636
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Dear Ms. Sobeck:

On August 10, 2016 three vacant at-large seats on the Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council will become available. The State of Maryland would like to offer the following qualified nominees for the vacancies listed in order of preference:

At-Large Seat

1. Mr. David Sikorski
2. Mr. Ward Slacum
3. Mr. Mark Eustis
4. Mr. Pete Jensen

The nominees provided share many years of experience regarding conservation and management, research, recreational and commercial harvest of fisheries resources in the Mid-Atlantic region. Each is passionate about the long term viability and sustainability of these resources and each understands the need for management to ensure these goals.

In an effort to solicit for these nominees, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) queried various commissions/committees (Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission, Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission), used the Departments Fisheries Service Constant Contact distribution list, and placed an announcement on the Departments Fisheries Service homepage. Advisory group members, Constant Contact recipients, and readers of the Fisheries Service website represent the broad spectrum of conservation, commercial and recreational interest groups in Maryland which include women and minorities. When considering potential nominees, MDNR made every effort to include for consideration qualified women and minority candidates.

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If you have any questions during your review of the enclosed applications, please contact David Blazer, Director of MDNR Fisheries Service. Mr. Blazer can be reached by phone at (410) 260-8281 or via e-mail at David.Blazer@Maryland.Gov.

Sincerely,



Larry Hogan
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cc: David Blazer, Director of MDNR Fisheries Service

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