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Ms. Eileen Sobeck
Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries
National Marine Fisheries Service
1315 East-West Highway, Room 14636
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910
Attention: Mr. William Chappell

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. John Henderschedt currently occupies this seat; his present term expires August 10, 2014 and he is eligible for reappointment.

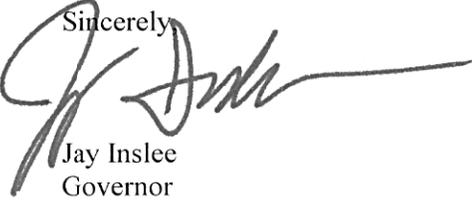
Washington State has consulted with a broad range of commercial, recreational, and public constituents in seeking nominations for the seat currently held by Mr. Henderschedt; the consultation list is attached. Particular efforts were made to recruit qualified women and minority candidates. In conjunction 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 2014 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. John Henderschedt:
Mr. Henderschedt is the Executive Director of the Fisheries Leadership and Sustainability Forum, a partnership of Duke University, Stanford University, the Center for Ocean Solutions and the Environmental Defense Fund. He is directly employed by Duke University's Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions. Previously, he was employed in the Bering Sea and the North Pacific fishing industry for 25 years and possesses a comprehensive operational background in the fisheries managed by the NPFMC. He was appointed to his first term on the NPFMC in one of Washington's two obligatory seats in 2008. Mr. Henderschedt resides in Seattle, Washington.
- 2) Mr. Kenny Down:
Mr. Down is the President and CEO of Blue North Fisheries. Prior to joining Blue North in 2012, Down served as the Executive Director of the Freezer Longline Coalition, where he was a leader in the development of national policy supporting low impact fishing efforts, minimizing harmful effects of commercial fishing and supporting efforts at rational management of the fisheries. Mr. Down is a sitting board member of the Freezer Longline Coalition and the Alaska Longline Cod Commission, and serves on advisory boards of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, including the Steller Sea Lion Mitigation Committee. Mr. Down resides in Seattle, Washington.

- 3) Ms. Lorene A. Swanson:
Ms. Swanson is employed by Groundfish Forum, a consortium of trawl catcher-processors that fish for several groundfish species in the Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska, a trade organization that she has worked for since 2002. She has worked in the North Pacific fishing industry since 1980 as an observer, crew, and supplier. Ms. Swanson has served on the Council's Advisory Panel since 2006 and is currently Vice-Chair, and is also a member of the council's Non-Target and VMS Committees. Ms. Swanson resides in Poulsbo, Washington.

While Mr. Henderschedt 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.

Sincerely,



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cc: Phil Anderson, Director, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Bill Tweit, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Enclosure: List of Groups Consulted

Enclosure: Nomination kits for Mr. Henderschedt, Mr. Down, Ms. Swanson

List of Groups Consulted Regarding Nominations for Washington Obligatory Seat on the North Pacific Fishery Management Council – 2014 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
Environmental Defense Fund
Freezer Longline Coalition
Groundfish Forum
Icicle Seafoods, Inc.
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