



Jay Inslee
Governor
State of Washington

March 10, 2014

Mr. Samuel Rauch, Assistant Administrator for Fisheries
National Marine Fisheries Service
1315 East-West Hwy, Room 14636
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910
(Attn: William Chappell)

Dear Mr. Rauch:

Please accept the following names, in priority order, as my nominees for the Washington State obligatory seat to the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC). Mr. Richard Lincoln currently occupies this seat; his first 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. Lincoln. Based on my evaluations of each candidate's qualifications, I am recommending the following individuals in priority order:

- 1) Mr. Richard Lincoln:
Mr. Lincoln is the Director of the State of the Salmon, a division of the Wild Salmon Center. He is a resident of Olympia, Washington, retired from the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) in 2004, after 30 years of service. While employed by the Department, he served as an alternate member of the PFMC, and has dedicated his life to the conservation and sustainable use of fishery resources. He has a strong science and resource management background and has successfully worked with the tribes; federal, state, and local governments; commercial and recreational fishing interests; and members of the conservation community towards the preservation and sound management of fisheries.
- 2) Mr. Mark Cedergreen:
Mr. Cedergreen is a resident of Westport, Washington, is the Executive Director of the Westport Charterboat Association. He is a former member and Chair of the PFMC, having served three consecutive terms from 2002-2011, and is currently a member of the PFMC Groundfish Advisory Subpanel, and an advisor to the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission. He has been an active participant in



various fisheries management forums, including the Pacific Salmon Commission and the International Pacific Halibut Commission.

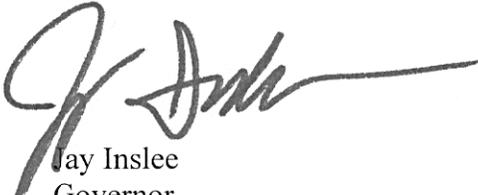
3) Mr. Steve Watrous:

Mr. Watrous is a resident of Vancouver, Washington, and an avid angler for salmon, steelhead, bottomfish, trout, and other inland fish. He is an active participant in PFMC and North of Falcon, serving on the Salmon Advisory Subpanel for the last several years.

Mr. Lincoln has served with distinction for his one term on the Council, and has broad support among multiple interests for reappointment to a second term. He is a strong supporter of sustainable fisheries, has a strong conservation ethic, and certainly has my confidence in representing Washington. His re-nomination will serve Washington well.

While Mr. Lincoln is my preferred candidate, I believe that each of these three candidates are well qualified to serve on the Pacific Fishery Management Council and will support management values that promote resource conservation, habitat protection and sustainable fisheries.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures: List of Groups Consulted
Nomination kits for Mr. Lincoln, Mr. Cedergreen, and Mr. Watrous

cc: Phil Anderson, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Michele Culver, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

List of Groups Consulted Regarding Nominations for Washington Obligatory Seat on the Pacific Fishery Management Council – 2014 Nomination

Arctic Storm
Bornstein Seafoods
Coastal Conservation Association
Columbia River Crab Fisherman's Association
Environmental Defense Fund
Fishing Vessel Owners' Association
Ilwaco Charter Association
Jessie's Ilwaco Fish Company
The Nature Conservancy
Northwest Marine Trade Associaton
Ocean Gold Seafoods
Pacific Seafood Processors Association
Puget Sound Anglers
Purse Seine Vessels Association
United Catcher Boats
Washington Dungeness Crab Fishermen's Association
Washington Trollers' Association
Westport Charterboat Association
Wild Salmon Center