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GOVERNOR

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Mr. William Chappell  
Assistant Administrator for Fisheries  
NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service  
1315 East-West Highway, Room 14636  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

Dear Mr. Chappell:

This letter is in response to your request for nomination to the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council. My office consulted with members of recreational and commercial fishing interests and these discussions highlighted the importance of saltwater fishing that support jobs and economic vitality in Florida, particularly in our coastal communities. We received recommendations and endorsements from numerous individuals and organizations who care deeply about the management of our saltwater fisheries:

Ben Hartig, Current South Atlantic Council Chairman  
Bob Jones, Southeastern Fisheries Association  
Brett Fitzgerald, The Snook & Gamefish Foundation  
Dennis O'Hern, Fishing Rights Alliance  
Janie Thomas, Shrimp Producers Association  
Jerry Sansom, Organized Fisherman of Florida  
John Jolley, Current Atlantic Council Member  
Pat Kelly, Florida Guides Association  
R. Fred Crabill, Coastal Conservation Association  
Russell Hudson, Directed Sustainable Fisheries, Inc.  
Steve Southerland, Congressman 2<sup>nd</sup> District  
Tom Swatzel, Council for Sustainable Fishing  
Tom Twyford, Jr., West Palm Beach Fishing Club

After careful consideration of each applicant, I am pleased to nominate the individuals listed below for the at-large seat, currently held by John Jolley. These nominees are well qualified for their sector and would make excellent candidates for appointment to the Council. Given the serious challenges facing saltwater fishery management in the State of Florida, I am providing three nominations for the Council. These nominations are in no particular order and I ask that you give strong consideration to each of the nominees.

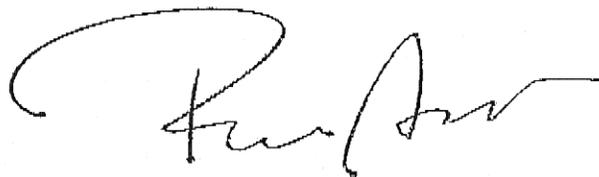
- **Captain Robert Johnson** - Captain Johnson is the owner and operator of Jodie Lynn Charters, LLC in St. Augustine. He has been an avid recreational angler and charter boat

operator for the past 33 years. Captain Johnson has extensive experience working with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, designing and implementing a tagging program involving Red Snapper and spawning aggregations. He is also the current chairman of the Snapper Grouper AP, as well as a member of the South Atlantic Dolphin Wahoo AP and SEDAR Pool. Captain Johnson has been a lifelong recreational saltwater fisherman and has a strong desire to protect the South Atlantic fisheries for future generations.

- **Mrs. Kathy Barco Jossim** - Mrs. Jossim is the president of Barco Duval Engineering, Inc. which deals with heavy highway construction. She is also the past chairman of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. She has served as a commissioner on the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission and has been involved in fisheries management for over 13 years. Mrs. Jossim has been a recreational fisherman most of her life and aims to use her knowledge and experience to help manage South Atlantic fisheries responsibly.
- **Mr. William Chester Brewer** - Mr. Brewer is an attorney in West Palm Beach, and has been involved in marine fisheries management for over two decades. He currently serves on the Advisory Committee for the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tuna - U.S. Section. He also currently serves as Chairman of the Government Relations Committee for the Coast Conservation Association. Mr. Brewer's goal is to help in the exploration of implementation of state management techniques for important recreational species in federal waters.

I appreciate your consideration of my nominations for Council appointment and look forward to seeing citizens of Florida continue their service on the Council in ways that will help ensure wise and sustainable use of our valuable saltwater fishery resources. Please contact my office if you have questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,



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