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March 9, 2022

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1315 East-West Highway, Room 14636
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ATTN: Kelly Denit

RE: Commonwealth of Massachusetts Nominations to the New England Fishery Management Council

Dear Ms. Coit:

I am submitting four (4) individuals as nominees to the New England Fishery Management Council (NEFMC) for the at-large seat currently held by Mr. John Pappalardo of Massachusetts and the at-large seat currently held by Ms. Elizabeth Etrie of Massachusetts. These seats will become vacant in August 2022. Included are the completed application kits for the nominees.

My selections were made from a list of candidates who responded to the efforts of the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) to solicit interest in the NEFMC positions. Outreach included announcements through the Division's email distribution service, notices posted on the DMF website, and direct contact with potentially qualified candidates. Outreach included efforts to consider qualified women and minority candidates. Those whom I am nominating are eligible by reason of occupational or other experience, scientific expertise, or training, thereby making them knowledgeable and experienced in ways related to the fishery resources of New England.

For the at-large seat currently held by Mr. John Pappalardo of Massachusetts; I nominate in order of preference:

- **John Pappalardo (commercial sector)**
- **Jackie Odell (commercial sector)**

- **Willy Goldsmith**
- **Eric Larsen**

Candidate descriptions are listed below:

- **John Pappalardo (incumbent, commercial sector).** Mr. Pappalardo of Chatham, MA has spent 20+ years engaged in fishery management policy work, scientific research, community education, and local economic development through his role as the CEO of the Cape Cod Commercial Fishermen's Alliance, and as Policy Director before that. He is actively involved in the Joint Ocean Commission Initiative and the Massachusetts Ocean Advisory Commission. Mr. Pappalardo previously served on the Massachusetts Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission and on the New England Fishery Management Council (term limited), including five years as Chair. His work with Cape Cod fishermen has shown him that an engaged industry and community can make decisions that forgo short-term gain in exchange for long-term stability. He seeks to rebuild fish populations, restore profitable small fishing businesses, and build trust between the regulators and the regulated through expanded accountability, improved annual stock assessments, and cost-effective programs for gathering real time catch information. Mr. Pappalardo currently serves on the Council's Ecosystem Based Fisheries Management (Chair), Executive, Groundfish, Atlantic Herring, Monkfish, Sea Scallop, Skates, and MSE Steering Committees.
- **Jackie Odell (commercial sector).** Ms. Odell of Hamilton, MA is the Executive Director of the Northeast Seafood Coalition. She holds a Master's degree in Marine Affairs from the University of Rhode Island, and a Bachelor's degree in Biology and Environmental Studies from Providence College. Ms. Odell currently maintains several memberships including: Gloucester Fishing Community Preservation Fund, Board of Directors; Northeast Sector Service Network, Board of Directors; Massachusetts Fishermen's Partnership, Board of Directors; New England Fishery Management Council, Vice Chair of the Groundfish Advisory Panel; NOAA Fisheries Harbor Porpoise Take Reduction Team; and the Responsible Offshore Development Alliance. Ms. Odell's support of the Council process is rooted in a belief that utilizing data, sound science and comprehensive analyses are essential to the management decision-making process. She believes encouraging advancements in the science and evolving scientific methodologies is vital to ensure successful management measures.
- **Willy Goldsmith (other sector).** Dr. Willy Goldsmith of Gloucester, MA holds a Ph.D. in Marine Science from the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) at William and Mary and a Bachelor's degree in History from Harvard University. He is currently the Founder and Principal of Pelagic Strategies which provides fisheries research and policy support services to government agencies, non-profit organizations, and the private sector. He previously worked as the Executive Director of the American Saltwater Guides Association, where he took pride in bringing members of commercial fishing, recreational fishing, and environmental communities together to support science-based management. Over the past decade, Dr. Goldsmith has participated in the fisheries management process in a variety of settings, NOAA Fisheries, regional fishery

management councils, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, individual states, and the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas. He currently serves on the Council's Atlantic Herring Advisory Panel.

- **Eric Larsen (recreational sector).** Dr. Eric Larsen of Marblehead, MA holds a Bachelor's degree in Theoretical Economics from Tufts University, an MBA focused on entrepreneurial leadership from Babson College, and a Ph.D. in Organizational Studies focused on strategic leadership from the University of Albany. He currently works for Brass and Bounty, Inc. and has been a life-long recreational angler. Additionally, he has contributed to the Long Island Sound Task Force.

For the at-large seat currently held by Ms. Elizabeth Etrie of Massachusetts; I nominate in order of preference:

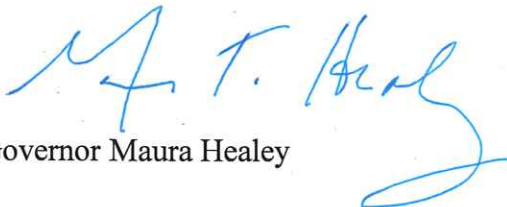
- **Jackie Odell (commercial sector)**
- **John Pappalardo (commercial sector)**
- **Willy Goldsmith (other sector)**
- **Eric Larsen (recreational sector)**

See above for candidate descriptions.

Through DMF, I have consulted with representatives of the commercial and recreational fishing interests of the Commonwealth regarding the nominees, including members of the Massachusetts Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission—a nine-member citizen advisory board, representing recreational and commercial fishing interests (including seafood dealers). Additionally, many unsolicited letters of support for some of the candidates were received and are included.

Each of my nominees meets the requirements listed in Section 302(b)(2)(A) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. All have convinced me of their commitment to improve fisheries management in New England and to assist the Council in rebuilding, maintaining, and managing the marine resources so important to the economic vitality of the Massachusetts fishing industry.

Sincerely,



Governor Maura Healey

cc: Secretary Rebecca Tepper, EEA
Commissioner Ronald S. Amidon, DFG
Director Daniel J. McKiernan, DMF



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
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CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU
Governor

March 6, 2023

Ms. Janet Coit
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National Marine Fisheries Service
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Dear Ms. Coit:

Reference: New England Fishery Management Council At-Large Seats Candidates

Enclosed are New Hampshire's three nominees for the upcoming at-large vacancies on the New England Fishery Management Council (NEFMC). For New Hampshire's at-large seat that is being vacated by Dan Salerno, I request the following applicants be considered in the following order of preference:

Mr. Daniel Salerno (commercial)
Mr. Jayson Driscoll (commercial)
Ms. Ellen Goethel (commercial)

Mr. Salerno, is the sector manager for Northeast Fishing Sector's XI (New Hampshire Sector) and V and has been involved with sector management since its inception in 2010. He has been involved with marine science and biology through his education, work, and research since 1992. Mr. Salerno worked directly with the commercial fishing industry in varying capacities as a mate on a fishing vessel, fisheries biologist, research technician, collaborative research associate, and currently, as a sector manager, and independent fisheries scientist. He has been the individual sitting as the at-large representative for New Hampshire's (NH) interest for the past three years. He has been very active on a variety of New England Fisheries Management Council's (NEFMC) committees (Groundfish, Skate, Small Mesh Multispecies, Spiny Dogfish, and Transboundary) and provides great insight on the issues the NEFMC is attending to at meetings. Mr. Salerno is a supporter of conservation and management of living marine resources based on sound science that balances the biological needs of the resources and the social and economic needs of the fishing industries that relies on the natural resource populations.

Mr. Jayson Driscoll has been involved directly with the commercial fishing industry for 30+ years as crew, captain, and currently owner/operator of two commercial vessels that fish in the Gulf of Maine. He was the NH sector president between 2012 and 2014, meeting the needs of NH's commercial fishing community. Jay was recommended by the fishing community to be a member of the Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Team (ALWTRT) as a knowledgeable person in the gill net fishery. He has been an active and contributing ALWTRT member since 2020. Jay has an interest in fisheries management and wants to continue providing his experience and expertise with management decisions.

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Ms. Goethel is a marine educator and co-owner of a 44 foot stern trawler. She is a past member of the NEFMC in NH's obligatory seat, where she served on a variety of committees including the Groundfish, Small Mesh Multispecies, Research Steering, and Enforcement Committees. In addition, she is very knowledgeable of marine fisheries issues and was previously appointed by the Secretary of Commerce to serve on the Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee and is also a member of the Advisory Committee for the Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program. Ms. Goethel currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Coastal Conservation Association of New Hampshire and has served on the Town of Hampton, NH Conservation Commission as well as on a number of community programs. Her efforts toward marine conservation have been recognized by the US Fish and Wildlife Service for her volunteer work on fisheries issues, the Coastal Conservation Association of NH as their 2009 Conservationist of the Year, and by the Gulf of Maine Council which presented her with a Stewardship Award in 2014. Ms. Goethel has also actively supported programs with our Division of Marine Fisheries. Ms. Goethel's input has always been focused on putting the needs of marine resources first while trying to work towards practical, equitable, and reasonable solutions to fisheries management issues.

The State of New Hampshire has actively sought qualified applicants from all societal sectors for the Council seats. Our nominee list includes members of the commercial sector, as we currently have a NEMFC member that represents New Hampshire from the recreational sector. Potential candidates were sought via press releases to a variety of state newspapers as well as discussions with several marine fishing and conservation organizations. Nominees were interviewed by representatives of the State's Advisory Committee on Marine Fisheries, the New Hampshire Commercial Fisherman's Association, the Coastal Conservation Association of New Hampshire, as well as members of the general public, during a candidates' night hosted by the NH Fish and Game Department's Marine Fisheries Division. The public input was very helpful in determining the order of preference for each of our highly qualified nominees (see attached letters).

The individuals selected for consideration recognize the extensive time obligation the Council seats require and have demonstrated their willingness to make the necessary time commitment.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding New Hampshire's nominees to the New England Fishery Management Council.

Sincerely,



Christopher T. Sununu
Governor

Enclosures:

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Janet Coit
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March 13, 2023

Dear Ms. Coit,

It is my pleasure to submit the following names for consideration for appointment to the at-large seat on the New England Fishery Management Council (NEFMC) for the State of Maine.

Throughout its work, the Maine Department of Marine Resources (MEDMR) is in contact with several organizations and individuals across the coast with knowledge and interest in marine fisheries. These organizations include the Maine Coast Fishermen's Association, the Maine Center for Coastal Fisheries, Maine Lobstermen's Association, Downeast Lobstermen's Association, The Nature Conservancy, Maine Aquaculture Association, Maine Association of Charterboat Captains, and the Portland Fish Exchange. In addition, MEDMR supports several industry-based advisory councils which provide input and recommendations to the Department on the management of marine species. Through these interactions, MEDMR has identified three candidates for the Council.

The individuals listed below are qualified by residency and in accordance with the requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Conservation and Management Act.

For the at-large seat current held by Alan Tracy, who has completed his first term on the New England Fishery Management Council:

- Alan Tracy ("Other")
- Dana Hammond ("Commercial")
- Daniel Todd ("Commercial")

Alan Tracy

Alan Tracy is applying for his second term on the New England Fishery Management Council (NEFMC). As the manager and owner of Vessel Services, Inc., a commercial fishing supply business located on the Fish Pier in Portland, Alan supports a critical component of the fishing infrastructure in Maine. Through this role, Alan brings a unique perspective to the Council as he interacts daily with fishermen and sees firsthand the changes occurring in Maine's commercial fisheries. During his first term on the NEFMC, Alan applied his experience with the groundfish fishery and his interest in ecosystem-based fisheries management to many discussions. He



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represented the NEFMC at the Council Member Ongoing Development Workshop in 2022, where he expanded his knowledge on ecosystem-based approaches to fisheries management. In addition to his connections with the commercial fishing industry, Alan is a recreational fisherman with over five decades of experience. Alan resides in Freeport, Maine and is an active member of his community; he has served as a Trustee of the Freeport Historical Society and is a current volunteer and coach in the Freeport School System.

Dana Hammond

Dana Hammond has over three decades of experience as a commercial fisherman and is the owner/operator of the F/V Nichole Leigh. He participates in the scallop, whiting, squid, herring, and menhaden fisheries and is an active groundfisherman in the Sustainable Harvest Sector. As the only vessel currently landing in Maine under the electronic monitoring maximized retention model, Dana brings a unique perspective on electronic monitoring in the New England groundfish fishery. Dana is also actively involved in supporting and contributing to fisheries science. Most notably, he served five seasons as a deckhand on the Maine-New Hampshire Inshore Trawl Survey, ensuring Dana has in-depth knowledge on how surveys are conducted in the Gulf of Maine. Dana has participated in the Marine Resource Education Program (MREP) and currently sits on MEDMR's Advisory Council, which provides routine advice to the Department and votes on regulatory changes.

Daniel "Alex" Todd

Alex Todd has been an active harvester for over three decades. Currently, his primary fishing activity is in the scallop and lobster fisheries, including the federal Northern Gulf of Maine scallop fishery. He also has extensive experience in the groundfish fishery and the menhaden fishery, and spent two years in the herring fishery with his father. Alex is Chairman of the Maine Coast Fishermen's Association and is acting Chair of the Maine Scallop Advisory Council, an industry body which operates through MEDMR to provide input on management of the resource. Alex is a year-round resident on Chebeague Island, which is located in Casco Bay and home to many fishing families. He currently serves on Chebeague's Coastal Waters Commission.

I appreciate your consideration of these individuals for these critical appointments; I am confident of their experience and qualifications to represent our state on behalf of Maine's fisheries and coastal communities.

I have asked DMR Commissioner Patrick Keliher to follow up with you to reiterate my priorities, but please feel free to contact him directly with any questions or concerns that your agency may have.

Sincerely,



Janet T. Mills
Governor of Maine

Cc: Patrick Keliher, Commissioner, Maine Department of Marine Resources



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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE

March 8, 2023

Janet Coit
Assistant Administrator for Fisheries
NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service
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Dear Mrs. Coit,

I write in response to your request for nominations for four at-large seats on the New England Fishery Management Council, which will become vacant in August 2023.

On February 1, 2023, DEM issued a solicitation notice seeking candidates from Rhode Island for the four seats. The notice was broadly distributed throughout Rhode Island's marine fishing community (commercial and recreational) via the Rhode Island Marine Fisheries listserve. In response, three individuals submitted applications: Greg Mataronas, Spencer Bode and Andrew Dangelo. I am herewith forwarding those three applications to you for your review and consideration. All three individuals are well-qualified, strong candidates and would serve Rhode Island's interests well. For a host of reasons.

Greg Mataronas has been a very active and effective member of the Council process as a member on numerous advisory panels and is also a member of the Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Team. He has a strong conservation ethic, which he views as being fundamentally important to the interests of fishermen and has participated in many fisheries relevant to the New England Council process. He has had a long and diverse RI-based career, including 34 years as a commercial fisherman and the owner and operator of multiple commercial fishing vessels and businesses. He is the current president of the Rhode Island Lobstermen's Association and a member of the CRMC Fisheries Advisory Board just to name some of his present fisheries involvement. He holds B.S. degree in Marine Biology from Southampton College of Long Island University. Over the past years, he has emerged as a strong and

influential voice on the panels which he serves, currently chairing the Monkfish Advisory Panel.

Spencer Bode is a commercial fisherman having participated in both inshore and offshore fisheries, recreational / for-hire sector charter industry and seafood processing. Mr. Bode has been a strong advocate for increased collaboration among all fisheries stakeholders, petitioning for the protection and sustainability of working waterfronts. Spencer has seafood processing and marketing experience and has served as the commercial fishing representative on the Departments Industry Advisory Committee (IAC) which tackles difficult licensing issues for both the Department and the Rhode Island Marine Fisheries Council. Mr. Bode holds a B.S. in Business Administration from the College of Mount Saint Vincent and has been involved with numerous grant writing and fisheries policy efforts which focused on Ecosystem-based Fisheries Science and Management also being part of the State's Commercial Fisheries Apprenticeship Program.

Andrew Dangelo is a dedicated and highly motivated candidate with expert knowledge of Rhode Island Fisheries and fishing operations, gained through extensive experience as a commercial fisherman and as the owner and operator of multiple charter boat operations. For the past 20 years Mr. Dangelo has been the treasurer of the Rhode Island Party and Charter boat Association. He holds a USCG 100-ton Capt. License and has participated in for hire collaborative electronic data reporting projects with the Northeast Regional Oceans Council to better characterize the recreational for-hire industry. Mr. Dangelo is an active participant in RI's Ocean SAMP process and a member of the Fishermen's Advisory Board. Mr. Dangelo holds a B.S. in Wildlife Biology from Colorado State University and an Associates degree from the University of Rhode Island in Commercial Fishing and Marine Technology.

Although the RI Department of Environmental Management reached out to Rhode Island's entire marine fisheries community, broadly soliciting candidates for the vacancy, we received no requests for consideration by any women or minority candidates.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel McKee". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Daniel" being more prominent than the last name "McKee".

Daniel McKee
Governor

