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March 7, 2023

Ms. Janet Coit
Assistant Administrator for Fisheries
National Marine Fisheries Service
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Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

Via email to: Council.Appointments@noaa.gov

Dear Ms. Coit:

Please accept the following names, Aldrich (Butch) Smith, Larry Phillips, Dave Johnson, as my nominees for the Washington obligatory seat on the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC). The seat is currently held by Mr. Aldrich (Butch) Smith of Ilwaco, his term expires August 10, 2023. Mr. Smith is eligible for reappointment.

Washington State celebrates and values diversity and understands the benefit of including those from different backgrounds and experiences and has consulted with a diverse group of conservation, commercial, recreational, and public constituents in seeking nominations for this seat (see list on page 2). Below is a summary of each candidate's qualifications:

- Mr. Aldrich (Butch) Smith:
Mr. Smith is a resident of Ilwaco, Washington, where he is the owner of Coho Enterprises, a successful charter fishing business, and is a Commissioner for the Port of Ilwaco. Mr. Smith has a long history of engagement with the diverse stakeholders in Washington through his involvement on numerous boards and committees. Mr. Smith has been an independent advocate for ocean salmon resources for decades and gained valuable experience on the PFMC's Salmon Advisory Subpanel from 2002-2022.
- Mr. Larry Phillips:
Mr. Phillips is a resident of Olympia, Washington, and is the Pacific Fisheries Policy Director for the American Sportfishing Association (ASA). Prior to working at the ASA, Mr. Phillips worked for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife for 21 years including as the Region Six Director from 2017-2022 and was WDFW's representative on the PFMC's Highly Migratory Species Management Team from 2015-2017. Mr. Phillips is an avid recreational angler with an extensive understanding of how management and science contribute to the conservation of ocean resources for the benefit of Washington State.
- Mr. Dave Johnson:
Mr. Johnson is a resident of Port Orchard, Washington, where he is part owner of Kitsap Marina. Mr. Johnson is the President of the Ocean Chapter of Puget Sound

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Anglers, a member of Salmon for Soldiers, the Washington Sport Fisheries representative on PFMC's Salmon Advisory Subpanel and is a trusted advisor to WDFW on recreational fishing issues.

All three hold qualities that are vital to effective representation of the state's interests. Each has shown the ability to work collaboratively, in the Council environment and elsewhere, and each enjoys broad support from the diverse sectors that comprise Washington's interests. For those reasons, we recommend that Mr. Smith, Mr. Phillips, and Mr. Johnson be advanced to the U.S. Secretary of Commerce for this important decision.

Because Mr. Smith possesses exceptional skills in working collaboratively, effectively, and strategically, they are my preferred candidate. All three applicants are strong supporters of sustainable fisheries and possess a strong conservation ethic. I believe that each are qualified to serve on the Pacific Fishery Management Council and will support management values that promote resource conservation, habitat protection and sustainable fisheries.

Very truly yours,



Jay Inslee
Governor

Enclosures: List of Groups Consulted
Nomination kits for Mr. Butch Smith, Mr. Larry Phillips, and Mr. Dave Johnson

cc: Kelly Susewind, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Morgan Corey, National Marine Fisheries Service

List of Groups Consulted Regarding Nominations for Washington Obligatory Seat on the Pacific Fishery Management Council – 2023 Nomination

American Sportfishing Association
Arctic Storm, Inc.
Coastal Commercial Fishing Coalition
Columbia River Crab Fishermen's Association
Washington Dungeness Crab Fishermen's Association
Environmental Defense Fund
Fishing Vessel Owners Association
Fury Group, Inc.
Ilwaco Charter Association
Lowman & Associates Fisheries Consulting
Midwater Trawlers Cooperative
Ocean Conservancy
Ocean Gold Seafoods
Ocean Outcomes (O2)
Oceana
Oceanbeat Consulting
Pacific Fishery Management Council
Pacific Seafood
Pacific Whiting Conservation Cooperative
Pew Charitable Trusts
Puget Sound Anglers
Purse Seine Vessels Owners' Association
Recreational Fishing
Surfrider Foundation
The Nature Conservancy
United Catcher Boats
University of Washington School and Marine and Environmental Affairs
Washington Sea Grant
Washington Trollers' Association
Westport Charter Association



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Dear Ms. Coit:

In response to the your letter dated January 13, 2023, I am submitting the names of four individuals for potential appointment by the Secretary of Commerce to an at-large seat on the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC), currently held by Brad Pettinger.

The nominees are listed in order of our recommendation:

- Bradley Pettinger (Commercial)
- Walter Chuck (Recreational)
- Robert Dolton (Recreational)
- Stephen Smith (Other)

Included with this letter of nomination are the complete original applications and letters of support of the above-named individuals. I have found that the candidates meet the requirements listed in section 302(b)(2)(A) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Reauthorization Act. A brief description of their abilities and applicable experience is provided below.

Bradley Pettinger (Commercial)

Mr. Pettinger has 50 years of commercial fishing experience and 20 years of sport fishing in a variety of fisheries off the West Coast. For the past 25 years he has owned and operated fishing vessels using a variety of fishing gears. He has been a long-time, active participant at PFMC serving on numerous advisory committees. He currently is the Oregon at-large seat and is the active Vice Chair of the PFMC. Previously, Mr. Pettinger was the Director of the Oregon Trawl Commission and is a current advisor to many fishing industry groups, fisheries organizations, and agencies. He holds a Bachelor of Science in business administration.

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Walter Chuck (Recreational)

Mr. Chuck has been an active sport angler over the past 50 years with 18 years of experience advocating and advising on sportfishing issues. He also is an active member of state, local, and agency advisory bodies on fisheries issues, rulemaking, policy development, season structures, and marine spatial planning. His advisory body memberships include: the Ocean Policy Advisory Council, Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission Advisory body, ODFW Sportfish Advisory Committee, and BOEM Intergovernmental Taskforce on Offshore Wind. He has also spent 11 years as an elected Port Commissioner working with different fishing sectors on policy making, budget and economic development for the Port of Newport.

Robert Dolton (Recreational)

Mr. Dolton graduated from Willamette University College of Law with a Juris Doctorate and has been a lawyer in private practice for the entirety of his career. He has a passion for fish, fisheries, and marine sciences which has led him to be a lifelong recreational angler. Mr. Dolton has actively engaged in the salmon, groundfish, halibut, and tuna fisheries as a recreational angler participating on charter and guided vessels. He also belongs to the NW Steelheaders and Northwest Sportfishing Industry Association and participates in ODFW annual Halibut public meetings.

Stephen Smith (Other)

Mr. Smith has 45 years of experience as a fisheries biologist in the Pacific Northwest. Mr. Smith is an avid fisherman participating in the ocean and Columbia River fisheries as well as engaging in other ocean fisheries out of southern California. Mr. Smith's various fisheries positions focused on salmon hatchery and harvest issues to recover wild and hatchery salmon and steelhead throughout the Pacific Northwest. He has worked with sport, tribal, commercial, and environmental groups in the pursuit of enhanced fishery opportunities. Mr. Smith holds a Bachelor of Science in Wildlife Fisheries Biology from University California Davis.

These nominees possess a broad range of fisheries knowledge and experience and will contribute effectively toward the management goals of the Council. These candidates recognize their important roles as trustees and stewards of our Nation's marine fisheries resources.

In determining who to nominate, we have consulted with a broad range of conservation and management interests familiar with the work of the PFMC. In addition, we have carefully considered qualified women and/or minority candidates as requested. To recruit applicants, ODFW issued a news release and utilized social media to announce the opportunity to be considered. The agency also directly contacted a diverse group of seventy individuals from multiple organizations actively involved in west coast marine resource issues from fishing and conservation perspectives (Attachment 1 and 2). In addition, the press release was picked up and covered by two media outlets (Attachment 3).

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The work of the Council is extremely important. I appreciate this opportunity to provide Oregon's recommendation on the pending appointment. Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tina Kotek". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tina" and last name "Kotek" clearly distinguishable.

Governor Tina Kotek

GH:HP

Attachment 1-3: Individuals contacted, email, press release, and media outlet links
Enclosures: Applications of nominated individuals with associated letters of support

Attachment 1: List of Constituents Contacted

The email and press release below were sent to various constituents:

1. Ericka Carlson, Oregon Salmon and Albacore Commissions administrator
2. Tim Novotny, Oregon Crab Commission administrator
3. Yelena Nowak, Oregon Trawl Commission administrator
4. Charles Loos, ODFW recreational fishing advisor
5. Dave Kuehn, ODFW recreational fishing advisor
6. Dean Fleck, ODFW recreational fishing advisor
7. John Halloway, ODFW recreational fishing advisor
8. Jack Craven, ODFW recreational fishing advisor
9. Mark Lottis, ODFW recreational fishing advisor
10. Neil Bohne, ODFW recreational fishing advisor
11. Ron Mason, ODFW recreational fishing advisor
12. Tamara Mautner, ODFW recreational fishing advisor
13. Timothy James, ODFW recreational fishing advisor
14. Walter Chuck, ODFW recreational fishing advisor
15. Wayne Butler, ODFW recreational fishing advisor

The press release was emailed to all of Oregon's advisors to PFMC, including:

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| 1. Andrew Thurber | 21. Mike Okoniewski |
| 2. Ben Enticknap | 22. Mike Sorenson |
| 3. Bob Eder | 23. Paul Kujala |
| 4. Cheryl Barnes | 24. Paul Shively |
| 5. Christa Svensson | 25. Ralph Brown |
| 6. Dan Waldeck | 26. Richard Heap |
| 7. Darus Peake | 27. Ryan Kapp |
| 8. Dorothy Lowman | 28. Scott Hartzell |
| 9. Fran Recht | 29. Scott Heppell |
| 10. Gerry Reinholdt | 30. Scott McMullen |
| 11. Glen Spain | 31. Shems Jud |
| 12. Gway Kirchner | 32. Steve Godin |
| 13. Heather Mann | 33. Steve Marx |
| 14. Jeff Lackey | 34. Susan Chambers |
| 15. Jeffrey Wilmarth | 35. Tara Brock |
| 16. Kevin Dunn | 36. Theresa Labriola |
| 17. Kristin McQuaw | 37. Tom Libby |
| 18. Lori Steele | 38. Waldo Wakefield |
| 19. Lyf Gildersleeve | 39. Yelena Nowak |
| 20. Mark Newell | |

The email and press release below were sent to Oregon Ocean Policy Council and Advisory members:

1. Susan Chambers, Chair, South Coast Commercial Fisheries
2. John Halloway, North Coast Charter, Sport or Recreational Fisheries
3. Richard Heap, South Coast Charter, Sport or Recreational Fisheries
4. Walter Chuck, Chair, Ports, Marine Transportation or Navigation
5. Charlie Plybon, Coastal Non-Fishing Recreation
6. Joe Liebezeit, Statewide Conservation or Environmental Organization
7. Margaret Corvi, Oregon Coastal Indian Tribes
8. David Yamamoto, North Coastal County Commissioner
9. Bob Main, South Coastal County Commissioner
10. Fran Recht, Coastal City Elected Official
11. Tara Brock, Vice-Chair, Coastal Conservation or Environmental Organization
12. Jamie Fereday, Public-at-Large (coastal)
13. Peggy Joyce, Public-at-Large (Statewide)
14. Rian Hoof, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
15. Jonathan Allan, Department of Geology and Mineral Industries
16. Patty Snow, Department of Land Conservation & Development
17. Meliah Masaba, Department of State Lands
18. Lisa Sumption, Department of Parks and Recreation
19. David Hansen, Oregon State University, Sea Grant College
20. Kris Wall, Federal Agency Liaison
21. Ray Monroe, Coastwide Small Ports and Local Government
22. Alexis Taylor, Department of Agriculture