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March 6, 2025

Dear Assistant Administrator Menashes:

Enclosed please find the completed nomination materials for the pending vacancy of interest to New Jersey on the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); specifically, the at-large seat currently held by Mr. Peter Hughes (NJ). The New Jersey Marine Fisheries Council and numerous commercial fishing ports and recreational fishing groups throughout the State were solicited for nominations to these seats. The solicitation included an explicit request to identify qualified women and minority candidates. The candidates below belong to, or are affiliated with, some of the organizations solicited for nominations, and each has been active in state and/or federal level fishery management issues. All are highly respected within the fishing community. In priority order, we nominate the following:

- Jake Wiscott – Mr. Wiscott has a long history of involvement in commercial fisheries and cooperative management. As a mate, captain, and owner/operator over 20 years in the commercial fishing industry, he has gained a breadth of experience and currently operates vessels in multiple fisheries. During this time, Mr. Wiscott has recognized the need for sound science and open communication to support decisions regarding fisheries management and competing ocean uses, leading to his involvement in multiple cooperative fisheries research initiatives and participation as a fisheries liaison for offshore wind development. His knowledge and experience have gained him support and recognition from other industry members, which is

evident in his appointment as a board member of the Fishery Survival Fund. Overall, Jake's experience makes him a strong advocate for fishery sustainability and science-based decisions for all ocean sectors.

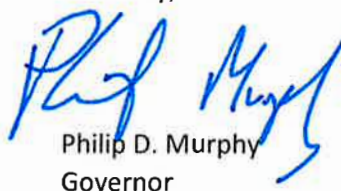
- Scot Mackey – Mr. Mackey has represented New Jersey's commercial fishing industry for over two decades. During this time, he has gained a comprehensive knowledge of fisheries policy and its implications for fishery operations, including access, harvest levels, safety, and economics. Through his work with the Garden State Seafood Association, he has represented harvesters and dealers at all of New Jersey's major docks on a wide range of important fisheries issues and is well equipped to represent their interests on the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council.
- James Dopkin – Mr. Dopkin has diverse experience in marine fisheries, initially operating in the for hire sector, and more recently as an owner/operator of multiple commercial vessels and shoreside support operations. His commitment to participatory management and informed decision making is evident in his membership on advisory panels for multiple species at both the state and federal level as well as his involvement with several cooperative research projects.

All candidates listed above are highly regarded by their peers and would be excellent representatives to MAFMC. However, at this time, New Jersey strongly recommends the appointment of Mr. Jake Wiscott to the at-large seat. With more than 20 years experience in the commercial fisheries sector, Mr. Wiscott has gained considerable knowledge of fisheries management issues. He recognizes that sustainable management practices must be based on sound science, which has led to his involvement with several cooperative research projects. He is well respected by his peers and has accepted positions of leadership which allow him to advocate for wise use of marine habitats and resources.

For these reasons, my office fully supports the nomination of Mr. Jake Wiscott to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council.

Thank you for your consideration of my nominees for these seats on the MAFMC. If you have any questions, please contact (609) 777-0251.

Sincerely,



Philip D. Murphy  
Governor



STATE OF MARYLAND

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
**Wes Moore**

March 15, 2025

Assistant Administrator for Fisheries  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
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Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

Subject: Maryland Nominees to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

Dear Assistant Administrator:

Thank you for the notice announcing the three at-large seats on the Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council that will become available on August 10, 2025. The State of Maryland received applications for nominations to one seat. The State of Maryland recommends the following qualified nominees listed in order of preference for an at-large seat:

1. Mr. Scott Lenox, Recreational Sector
2. Master Captain Chimere L. Murill, Recreational Sector
3. Mr. Austin Lewis, Recreational Sector

Mr. Scott Lenox is the current incumbent in the position. Mr. Lenox has regularly attended and participated at Council meetings for the past six years, is the Council's liaison on NOAA's Highly Migratory Species Advisory Panel, and served as the Council's hearing officer for some public hearings held in Maryland. Mr. Lenox worked with recreational and commercial fishermen to keep them apprised of Council activities. As chair of the State's Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission, he is actively engaged with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

Master Captain Chimere L. Murill is Founder and CEO of Réveur Sauvage Yacht Charters based out of Baltimore, Maryland. She has worked closely with local fisherman, marine biologists, and conservations to ensure responsible fishing practices and sustainable management of marine resources. Additionally, Master Captain Murill is a member of the Maryland Boat Act Committee where she contributes in policy and advocacy discussions to find innovative solutions to challenges facing our marine environments.

Mr. Austin Lewis is the owner of Bay Life Brokerage, a life insurance brokerage and agency for environmental change. He uses his social media platforms to educate the public on issues pertaining to residents of Maryland, specifically those who live near the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. Mr. Lewis has been a recreational fisherman and crabber for 25 years in North Carolina, Florida, Maryland Virginia, and Delaware. He also serves on the Board of Directors for the Back River Restoration Committee, based out of the Essex and Dundalk areas.

In collaboration with Maryland Department of Natural Resources, the Governor's Office has met all of the National Marine Fisheries Service criteria regarding solicitation for a broad spectrum of applications. Outreach included an announcement to the Sport Fisheries and Tidal Fish advisory commissions, the Fishing and Boating Services website, email distribution lists for check stations, coastal commercial fisheries, coastal recreational fisheries (13,788 recipients), and Facebook and X subscribers. Advisory commission members, website visitors, GovDelivery recipients, and Facebook and X subscribers represent the broad spectrum of conservation, commercial, and recreational interest groups in Maryland that may include women, tribal members, subsistence users, minorities, and underserved communities.

If you have any questions during your review of the enclosed applications, please contact the Governor Moore's Appointments Office by phone at 410-974-2611 or via email at [gov.appointments@maryland.gov](mailto:gov.appointments@maryland.gov).

Sincerely,

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Wes Moore  
Governor

cc: Tisha Edwards, Secretary of Appointments  
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# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## Office of the Governor

Glenn Youngkin  
Governor

March 24, 2025

Via email: [Council.Appointments@noaa.gov](mailto:Council.Appointments@noaa.gov)

Janet Coit  
Assistant Administrator for Fisheries  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
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Dear Assistant Administrator Coit:

I am writing to submit three qualified candidates for the available Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council At-Large Seats that will become vacant on August 10, 2025.

I have worked with Acting Secretary of Natural and Historical Resources, Stefanie Taillon, and staff at the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) to identify and evaluate qualified candidates. Candidates were surfaced by conducting specific outreach to Virginia's commercial and recreational fishing organizations, as well as advertising on social media to reach a broader and diverse applicant pool. Prioritization was given to nominees who possess expertise in the recreational and relevant "other" sectors and who are dedicated to the conservation and management of our fisheries and marine resources. Nomination kits for the top qualified candidates identified below, in order of preference, are enclosed with this correspondence:

1. Delegate Hillary Pugh Kent (R) – Other Sector (Business)
2. Todd Janeski – Other Sector (Higher Education)
3. James Minor – Recreational Sector

**Delegate Hillary Pugh Kent (R)** currently represents the 67th District in the Virginia General Assembly, which encompasses the Northern Neck and Rappahannock. She has years of recreational fishing experience, stemming from her upbringing on her family farm in Richmond County. She attended Randolph Macon College and then went on to earn a master's degree from Virginia Commonwealth University. From there, she began working for her family's beverage distributor, Al Pugh Distributing, and where she now serves as Vice President. She has volunteered in many service-based nonprofits and currently serves on community boards in her local area, focusing on economic development and recreation. She has received recognition from her membership in her local Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) chapter for her dedication to community

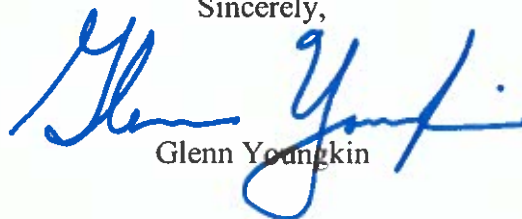
service. In her capacity as a delegate, she serves on the Agriculture, Chesapeake, and Natural Resources Committee and is a member of the Rappahannock River Basin Commission.

**Todd Janeski** has over 20 years of professional experience in the natural resources and management field, and has specialized in numerous fields, including: regional and local planning; policy development and analysis; watershed and stormwater management; freshwater, estuarine and ocean resource management; strategic planning and community development; program development and management; and science translation and communication. Mr. Janeski attended Virginia Tech and graduated with a degree in fisheries and wildlife, as well as completed the VA Natural Resources Leadership Institute at the University of Virginia. Mr. Janeski started his career working for the state of Maine, where he served as a senior planner and program manager, developing watershed planning, coastal resilience, and fisheries conservation efforts, along with a public health initiative for healthier beaches. He has been employed by Virginia Commonwealth University for 17 years, where he works on several projects, including the Virginia Healthy Waters Initiative and the Virginia Oyster Shell Recycling Program. More recently, he has coordinated stakeholder engagement and data acquisition to develop the Virginia Coastal and Marine Spatial Plan for the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.

**James Minor** has 35 years of experience in Virginia as a recreational angler, with additional experience serving several public service community boards within the Commonwealth. He has served as an Associate Commissioner Board Member of the Virginia Marine Resources Commission from 2015-2024 (three consecutive terms) and is currently serving as the Governor's Appointee for Virginia to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission. He also currently serves on the newly established Blue Ribbon Oyster Panel. He aids and supports the Commissioner's Waterman's Apprentice Program, an initiative that aims to introduce young people from all walks of life to career opportunities in Virginia's commercial and recreational fishing industries. He currently works for the City of Richmond and deals in stormwater and pollution management.

Thank you for your consideration of Virginia's candidates. Please do not hesitate to contact my staff if any additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

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Glenn Youngkin

Enclosures

cc:

Stefanie Taillon, Acting Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources

Jamie L. Green, Commissioner, VMRC

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March 28, 2025

Ms. Emily Menashes  
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Dear Ms. Menashes:

Delaware has selected six highly qualified individuals for consideration for our Obligatory seat and for one of the At-Large seats on the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council). Our recommended candidates are well known in Delaware's recreational and commercial fishing sectors. Staff in the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, Division of Fish and Wildlife's Fisheries Section have reviewed the credentials of these nominees and find that each meet the requirements of Section 302(b)(2)(a) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act.

Delaware undertook a coordinated outreach effort through press releases, direct emails, and social media to solicit Council applications. Delaware encouraged applications from commercial and recreational fishermen, from fisheries researchers, and from all others with an interest in Delaware's fisheries.

Delaware's recreational and commercial fisheries are important industries in our state. We understand the importance of nominating qualified individuals to the Council to do the important work of conserving our fisheries resources and restoring those that are currently depleted or in decline. Therefore, I offer four nominees, in order of our recommendations, for nomination to the Delaware Obligatory seat and four nominees, in order of our recommendations, for nomination to an Open At-Large seat. The nominees are:

**Obligatory**

**1. Elizabeth M. Wooleyhan (Commercial)**

Our recommendation for Delaware's Obligatory seat is Ms. Elizabeth M. Wooleyhan. Ms. Wooleyhan has been involved in all phases of commercial fishing in her career, from building lobster pots as a teenager for her father to now running her family's commercial fishing business, making her an exceptionally strong nominee. Ms. Wooleyhan also raised clams commercially in

an innovative facility on the Inland Bays. Her husband and sons are commercial fishermen with federal permits, so she is very knowledgeable about the fisheries management process and both the on-the-water and business aspects of commercial fishing.

## **2. Edward Allen Hale (Other)**

Our second choice for Delaware's Obligatory seat is Dr. Edward (Ed) Hale. Dr. Hale is the Fisheries & Aquaculture Marine Advisory Specialist for the University of Delaware Sea Grant program. Dr. Hale is the Fisheries & Aquaculture Marine Advisory Specialist for the University of Delaware Sea Grant program. Dr. Hale has a strong background in fisheries science, particularly with stock assessment and modeling. Dr. Hale has impressed many in Delaware's commercial and recreational fisheries with his strong grasp of fisheries management during his time with Sea Grant. His ability to explain stock assessments and other complicated fisheries management concepts to the public is impressive. In addition, Dr. Hale has become a leader in Delaware aquaculture as he has developed a small shellfish hatchery at University of Delaware, which is providing oyster seed to oyster leases in Delaware Bay and aquaculture facilities in the Inland Bays. This combination of attributes makes him an exceptionally strong nominee for the Council.

## **3. Jamar Campbell (Recreational)**

Our third choice for Delaware's Obligatory seat is Mr. Jamar Campbell. Mr. Campbell is a lifelong recreational fisherman who turned his love of fishing into a business. In addition to recreationally fishing on his own, Mr. Campbell worked as a deckhand/mate aboard head boats in Lewes while working to get his Captains License. After becoming a licensed charter boat captain, Mr. Campbell established Get The Gaff Charters in June 2021 and operates his own charter boat based in Lewes, the F/V JAY SEA II. Mr. Campbell's experience as a recreational angler and as an owner of a recreational fishing business make him a strong nominee for the Council.

## **4. Kenneth Logan (Commercial)**

Mr. Logan is a commercial fisherman with 55 years of working on the water as a deck hand and a captain. Mr. Logan's commercial fishing has been conducted in Delaware state waters and he still holds commercial permits for gill net and hook and line. In addition to his commercial fishing experience, Mr. Logan is a highly experienced recreational angler and has worked as a mate on charter boats. Mr. Logan served on Delaware's Advisory Council for Tidal Finfisheries for 4 years as the New Castle County Commercial Councilor and is very knowledgeable about fisheries management issues. Mr. Logan's background makes him a strong nominee for the Council.

## **At-Large**

### **1. Jamar Campbell (Recreational)**



Our top recommendation for an At-Large seat is Mr. Jamar Campbell. See description above.

**2. Kenneth Logan (Commercial)**

Our second choice for an At-Large seat is Mr. Kenneth Logan. See description above.

**3. Joseph Garvilla (Recreational)**

Mr. Garvilla is an experienced recreational angler who has fished Delaware's rivers, bays and ocean, inshore and offshore. In addition, Mr. Garvilla worked for Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife on the Division's trawl survey, which gave Mr. Garvilla a good understanding of fisheries surveys and fisheries management. Mr. Garvilla is a qualified nominee for the Council.

**4. Michael Sorrell (Recreational)**

Mr. Sorrell is a lifelong angler who has fished the ocean from Montauk to Oregon Inlet and currently fishes out of Indian River. Mr. Sorrell also worked as a deck hand on charter boats. In addition to his long experience fishing, Mr. Sorrell has served on the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council Advisory Panels for Surf Clam and Ocean Quahog, and River Herring and American Shad. He has also volunteered on to serve on the Boards of many volunteer organizations over the past decades. Mr. Sorrell is a qualified nominee for the Council.

Enclosed is the requested completed application kit for each nominee.

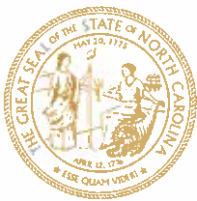
Thank you for your consideration of Delaware's nominees.

Sincerely,



Matthew S. Meyer  
Governor

Enclosures



**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**JOSH STEIN  
GOVERNOR**

March 13, 2025

Emily Menashes  
Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
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Dear Ms. Menashes:

Thank you for your agency's letter of Jan. 13, 2025, requesting that I nominate a slate of qualified candidates for consideration by the Secretary of Commerce in making at-large appointments to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council.

The N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission believes North Carolina is well represented on the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council by our current at-large appointee, Ms. Anna Beckwith. The N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission agreed to recommend that nominees not be submitted for Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council at-large appointments. I concur with their recommendation and am not submitting a slate of nominees for 2025 at-large appointments to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the nomination process for appointments to the Mid- Atlantic Fishery Management Council.

Sincerely,

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Josh Stein  
Governor

cc: D. Reid Wilson  
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Kathy Rawls  
Jacqueta Rascoe