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**Assistant Administrator for Fisheries
NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service
1315 East-Way Highway, Room 14636
Silver Spring, MD 20910
Attention: Mr. Eugenio Pineiro Soler**

Dear Assistant Administrator for Fisheries:

Following the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and other related guidance, and your letter advising of vacancies, I submit the nominees listed below for your consideration to fill the seat of a voting member on the Caribbean Fisheries Management Council (CFMC). The following names are submitted in order of priority:

**Mr. James R. Kreglo
Mr. Louis A. Blanchard
Mr. Joshua L. Quetel**

Mr. James R. Kreglo has been a commercial fisher in the US Virgin Islands for over 40 years and has over 30 years of experience in the field of fisheries management. He also currently serves as the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary State Liaison Officer for the Virgin Islands. Prior to his re-nomination to the CFMC, he served as a member of the ST. Thomas Fishery Advisory Committee and has work experience at the Florida Fish & Game Commission and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. He can evaluate both the science and real-world implications of management in the USVI.

Mr. Louis A. Blanchard has over 40 years of experience as a commercial fisher and was a CFMC Board Member from 2013-2022. He is also the business owner of Louis Blanchard Fishing. Additionally, Mr. Blanchard has served in the following capacities: Chairman for the Trap Fish Reduction Program Committee, Chairman for Lobster Trap Committee, Member of the CFMC District Advisory Committee, Member of the St. Thomas Fisherman's Association.

Mr. Joshua L. Quetel has been a commercial fisher since 2015 and is an entrepreneur in the field. His business is Hook, Haul & Hustle, LLC. Additionally, he has served as the Vice President of the St. Thomas Fisherman's Association, and he has been a member of the St. Thomas Fishery Advisory Committee since 2021 and the St. Thomas/St. John District Advisory Panel (OAP).

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The listed nominees can fully represent the fishery management concerns of the Virgin Islands. The list represents the results of a concerted effort to allow my constituency to be considered as nominees for membership on the Caribbean Fishery Management Council.

The nomination documents are enclosed for each candidate.

If you have any questions, please submit them to Jean-Pierre L. Oriol, Commissioner of the Department of Planning and Natural Resources (340) 774-3320. All of the nominees are residents of the Virgin Islands and are eligible to fill the required seat.

I sincerely appreciate this opportunity to have my nominees considered by you and the Secretary of Commerce.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Albert Bryan Jr.', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Albert Bryan Jr.
Governor

Cc: Hon. Commr. Jean-Pierre Oriol