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Chris Oliver
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Attention: Hannah Hafey

Dear Mr. Oliver,

In accordance with the provisions of Section 302 of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, I am pleased to submit my nominations for the two obligatory seats from the State of Alaska on the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC) expiring August 10, 2018. As discussed below, I have nominated individuals who are knowledgeable and experienced in the harvest, conservation, and management of fishery resources.

After reviewing the requirements of the Act and consulting with commercial and recreational fishing interests in Alaska, I nominate the individuals listed below for consideration by the Secretary of Commerce:

Seat 1
Andrew Mezirow
Paul Gronholdt
Greg Indreland

I select Andrew Mezirow, the incumbent, as my preferred nominee for consideration. As required by the Act, I am submitting two alternate nominees who can be considered for the seat in Mr. Paul Gronholdt and Mr. Greg Indreland.

Mr. Mezirow is a lifelong sport fisherman who has also participated in numerous commercial fisheries. He is the owner of Gray Light Sportfishing. In the 1990s he worked as the Chief Officer of the University of Alaska Research Vessel, Alpha Helix. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Marine Biology with a minor in Fisheries Management from the Putney School in Vermont. He was appointed to the Council in 2015.

Mr. Paul Gronholdt has been a commercial fisherman since 1963 and owns the fishing vessel St. Francis. He is a United States Army veteran and worked for two years as a State of Alaska Fish and Wildlife Officer. He is on the Board of Directors of the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference and is a graduate of the Alaska State Trooper Academy.

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Mr. Greg Indreland is the manager of Yakutat Seafoods and a commercial fisherman. He owns two longliner and troller fishing vessels, the Talon and the Integrity. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Alaska Commercial Fishing and Agriculture Bank and on the Processor Advisory Board of the International Pacific Halibut Commission.

Seat 2
John Jensen
Dan Falvey
Tom Panamaroff

I select Mr. John Jensen as my preferred nominee for consideration. As required by the Act, I am submitting two alternate nominees who can be considered for the seat in Mr. Dan Falvey and Mr. Tom Panamaroff.

Mr. Jensen has over 50 years of experience at sea in the navigable waters of Alaska as a commercial fisherman, a fishing vessel owner and the hired captain of larger fishing vessels. He has participated in over 20 commercial fisheries throughout Alaska. Currently he owns and operates a seasonal skiff rental business in Petersburg, Alaska, and fishes commercially for halibut.

Mr. Falvey is the Program Manager of the Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association. He has over 35 years of experience as a commercial fisherman in Alaska and has been deeply involved in the Council process since 1992. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Resource Management and Policy from Western Washington University.

Mr. Tom Panamaroff has worked for Koniag, Inc. since 2000. He is currently the Regional and Legislative Affairs Executive. As a young man, he fished commercially with his father. He is a member of the Alaska Federation of Natives Board of Directors and currently serves on its Legislative and Litigation Committee. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in finance from the University of Oregon.

Enclosed you will find a list of commercial and recreational fishing groups that have provided input in my nomination of these knowledgeable and qualified individuals. The nominees provide balanced and insightful experience for the NPFMC and will contribute greatly to fisheries management and conservation in the North Pacific. I appreciate your consideration of these nominees.

Best regards,



Bill Walker
Governor

Enclosures

cc: The Honorable Sam Cotton, Commissioner, Department of Fish and Game
Mr. John Crowther, Director of State and Federal Relations, Office of the Governor