



## State of South Carolina Office of the Governor

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March 21, 2013

Mr. William Chappell  
National Marine Fishery Service  
1315 East West Highway, Room 14636  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

Dear Mr. Chappell,

Enclosed are South Carolina's nominees for the vacant obligatory seat on the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council. The nominees are listed alphabetically below, which does not reflect any order of preference.

**Christopher Collins Conklin**

Mr. Conklin's career as a fisherman and seafood dealer has directly exposed him to many of the intricacies of fisheries management. He understands the need for achieving sustainability and the need to bridge the gap between industry and fishery management.

**Jenkins Mikell, Jr.**

Mr. Mikell has been involved in recreational fishing for almost 70 years and will serve as an advocate for coastal resource conservation if appointed. Mr. Mikell has previously served on the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Habitat Committee for nine years.

**Thomas Leslie Swatzel III**

Mr. Swatzel has served on the council for two consecutive terms and seeks to be appointed to a third term. As a longtime recreational and private sector stakeholder, Mr. Swatzel has knowledge and experience that can continue to benefit the fishery council.

These candidates are recommended after discussion with the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources and in consultation with members of the recreational and commercial fishing communities. Please contact John Carroll at 803.734.5086 if you have any questions.

My very best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nikki R. Haley".

Nikki R. Haley

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Enclosures