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Mr. Brian Fredieu
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NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service
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Dear Mr. Fredieu,

I am writing to submit New York State's recommended candidates to be considered for appointment to fill the "At-large" seat on the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC) that is currently held by Captain Anthony D. DiLernia.

I am pleased to recommend Captain Anthony D. DiLernia for reappointment to the "At-large" seat. Captain DiLernia is well respected and extremely knowledgeable on a broad array of fisheries issues. He has ably represented the interests of recreational fishermen and demonstrated a keen understanding of the complexities associated with managing the fisheries. He currently occupies an "At-large" seat on the MAFMC and participates on the South Atlantic Fisheries Management Council since several southern species are shifting north to the mid-Atlantic.

In addition to Captain DiLernia, I am submitting the names of two other candidates who are worthy of your consideration. They are Pat Augustine and Lisa Poyer, both of whom have the requisite expertise on fishery management issues.

As in previous years, the process we used to identify candidates included discussions with leaders of commercial and recreational fishing organizations in New York and with individuals who have attended and provided input at management meetings, including the Marine Resources Advisory Council and public meetings on individual Fishery Management Plans (FMPs). With respect to women and minority candidates, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) identified two individuals who had the necessary expertise; however, one declined consideration due to employment demands. The second, Lisa Poyer, has been included as a nominee. This collective process resulted in several candidates being considered. Nomination kits for the qualified candidates identified below are included with this correspondence.

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The following, in order of preference, are New York State's 2015 nominees for the "At-large" seat on the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council:

Captain Anthony D. DiLernia – Owner/Operator of Rocket Charters in New York City and the Director of Maritime Technology at Kingsborough Community College; MAFMC Member for New York, 1991-2002, and 2012-2015.

Pat Augustine – Recreational Angler, Former MAFMC Councilor 2002-2011.

Lisa Poyer – Recreation Angler, Member RFA, NY Sports Fishing Federation.

I highly recommend Captain DiLernia and respectfully request your consideration of his reappointment to the "At-large" seat on the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew M. Cuomo". The signature is stylized with a large initial "A" and a long horizontal stroke.

ANDREW M. CUOMO

Dated: March 10, 2015