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Assistant Administrator for Fisheries
National Marine Fisheries Service
1315 East-West Highway Room 14636
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Attention: Brian Fredieu

Subject: New England Fishery Management Council Nominations

Dear Mr. Fredieu:

I am pleased to forward the names of three highly qualified individuals as nominees for Connecticut's obligatory seat on the New England Fishery Management Council. Connecticut's seat is currently held by Matthew McKenzie. Enclosed you will find a complete nomination package for each candidate. There is also a vacancy for one at-large seat for which I decline to submit nominations at this time.

The following nominees for Connecticut's obligatory seat meet what I believe to be pressing needs for Connecticut and the region's fisheries. The state is best served by members who are knowledgeable and experienced in marine fisheries conservation, fishing communities, commercial fisheries interests and recreational fisheries interests. I ask that you give your fullest consideration to Connecticut's nominees in the priority order presented below:

Dr. Matthew G. McKenzie
Mr. Gregory Myerson
Mr. Franklin Rathbun

Dr. McKenzie is an Assistant Professor of History at the University of Connecticut, who teaches and has published on subjects of Historical Marine Ecology and Marine Environmental History, and has lectured on historical New England fisheries management issues. He has extensive experience in environmental and fisheries policy. As stated in his

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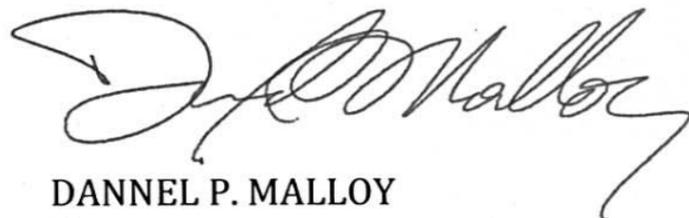
application, Dr. McKenzie's research focuses on "the changing relationship between New England communities and regional marine ecosystems..." and includes "how changes in scientific understandings, commercial uses, fishing practices, cultural representations, coastal fishing and fishing community structures, and regulatory approaches affected marine ecosystem function and composition over time." As such Dr. McKenzie's knowledge and experience reflects especially valuable and rare connections between social/economic and science/ecosystem functions for a Council member. Indeed during his first term serving as a Council member he has proven to be an effective advocate for conservation and has worked diligently with fellow Council members to implement both the spirit and letter of the Fisheries Conservation and Management Act.

Mr. Myerson is an avid life-long recreational fisherman who also has experience working on charter fishing vessels. He is an outdoor writer for various fishing magazines. He has made a study of fish and fishing in the pursuit of his sport including studying underwater acoustics and raising fish. His knowledge of and passion for fishing has lead him to open World Record Striper Company, a tackle manufacturing business. Mr. Myerson holds multiple world records for striped bass including the largest fish ever landed in sport fishing at 81 pounds 14 ounces.

Mr. Franklin Rathbun is a former charter boat captain with more than 30 years in that business, much of that time working with his father, former New England Fishery Management Council member Benjamin Rathbun. Mr. Rathbun is past President of the Connecticut Party and Charter Boat Association.

Thank you for considering my nominations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dannel P. Malloy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a long, sweeping tail.

DANNEL P. MALLOY
Governor

cc: Robert Klee, Commissioner
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David Simpson, Marine Fisheries Division Director