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Eileen Sobeck  
Assistant Administrator for Fisheries  
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Attention: Brian Fredieu

Dear Ms. Sobeck:

I hereby nominate three highly qualified individuals for consideration of appointment to our Delaware obligatory seat on the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC). All three nominees are well known in Delaware's recreational and commercial fishing sectors. The staff of the Fisheries Section of the Division of Fish and Wildlife in the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control have reviewed the credentials of these nominees and find that each meet the requirements of Section 302(b)(2)(a) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act.

Delaware's recreational and commercial fisheries are important industries in our state. I understand and appreciate the importance of nominating qualified individuals to preserve and protect our natural resources and restore those that are currently depleted or in decline. I also agree that it is important to nominate individuals who are not only qualified, but also may reflect the diversity of our great state. Our Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife conducted an extensive search for qualified applicants. Their web site posted the information about the MAFMC seats along with the application and instructions for how to apply. They also spread the word with notices emailed to all individuals on their extensive email list. Furthermore, applying for the MAFMC seats was discussed at meetings of Delaware's fisheries councils. Despite these efforts, we did not receive female or minority applications.

Upon all things being considered, I am honored to nominate in priority order the following individuals, for consideration of appointment to the Delaware Obligatory seat:

### 1. Paul Weston Townsend

Paul Weston (Wes) Townsend is a successful commercial fisherman with 45 years of experience fishing both state and federal waters. Mr. Townsend's family has lived along Delaware's Inland Bays since the 1730s and this history has given him a deep appreciation of the interactions between people and fisheries. He has years of involvement in fisheries management that go well beyond his fishing. He has served as a Commercial Fishing Councilor on Delaware's Advisory Council on Tidal Finfisheries since 2009. In addition he has served on both the MAFMC and Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) Summer Flounder, Scup and Black Sea Bass Advisory Panels since 2014. Mr. Townsend's commercial fishing experience combined with his understanding of and participation in fisheries management make him the best candidate to represent Delaware on the MAFMC.

### 2. Andrew Manus

Mr. Manus holds degrees from the University of New Hampshire (B.S.) and Texas A&M University (M.S.). He had a 38 year career in natural resources management, which included serving as the Director of the Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife for eight years. During his time as Director of the Division he was very involved with fisheries management. He maintained his interest in fisheries management in his retirement. Mr. Manus background in managing natural resources at the state and regional level will make him a great fit for MAFMC.

### 3. Dr. Dewayne Fox

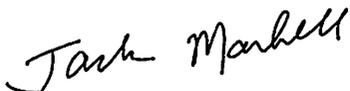
Dr. Dewayne Fox has degrees from California Polytechnic University (B.S.), University of Washington (M.S.), and North Carolina State University (Ph. D.). Dr. Fox is currently an Associate Professor of Fisheries Science at Delaware State University. He has conducted much research on fish species managed by the MAFMC and ASMFC, and is well known for his Atlantic Sturgeon research. Prior to becoming a fisheries research scientist Dr. Fox worked in both recreational and commercial fisheries. He is that special academic who maintains a strong rapport with both recreational and commercial fishermen. Dr. Fox's knowledge of the fisheries and rapport with all the fishing public make him an ideal candidate for MAFMC.

In addition to the nominees for the Delaware obligatory seat on the MAFMC, I will be sending 3 qualified nominees for the vacant at large seat on the MAFMC with hope that Delaware will be given the opportunity to fill an at-large seat.

Enclosed is the requested completed application kit for each nominee.

Thank you for your consideration of these qualified nominees and I look forward to hearing from you following the appointment.

Jack A. Markell



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