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Governor

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

Dear Ms. Sobeck:

Enclosed are New Hampshire's nominees for the upcoming vacancies on the New England Fishery Management Council. For New Hampshire's obligatory seat, I request the following applicants be considered in the following order of preference:

Ms. Ellen Goethel
Mr. David Goethel
Mr. Mark Godfroy

Ms. Goethel is a marine educator and is a co-owner of a 44 foot stern trawler. She is completing here first term on the New England Fishery Management Council in NH's obligatory seat, where she served on a variety of committees including the Groundfish, Small Mesh Multispecies, Research Steering, and Enforcement Committees. In addition, she is very knowledgeable of marine fisheries issues and was previously appointed by the Secretary of Commerce to serve on the Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee and is also a member of the Advisory Committee for the Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program. Ms. Goethel is on the Board of Directors of the Coastal Conservation Association of New Hampshire, the Policy Advisory Committee for NH Sea Grant and has served on the Town of Hampton, NH Conservation Commission as well as on a number of community programs. Her efforts toward marine conservation have been recognized by the US Fish and Wildlife Service for her volunteer work on fisheries issues, the Coastal Conservational Association of NH as their 2009 Conservationist of the Year, and by the Gulf of Maine Council which presented her with a Stewardship Award in 2014. Ms. Goethel has also actively supported programs with our Division of Marine Fisheries. Ms. Goethel's input has always been focused on putting the needs of marine resources first while trying to work towards practical, equitable, and reasonable solutions to fisheries management issues.

Mr. Goethel previously worked for and captained recreational charter party boats and commercial fishing vessels. He is currently a commercial fisherman who owns and operates the F/V Ellen Diane, a 44-foot dragger. Mr. Goethel previously served three terms on the Council in New Hampshire's obligatory seat during which he chaired a number of committees including the Research Steering, Habitat, and Whiting Committees. He currently serves on the Council's Small Mesh Species Advisory Panel and the Northeast Trawl Survey Advisory Panel. In

addition he has served on several Advisory Panels of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission. He is also on the Board of Directors of the New Hampshire Commercial Fisherman's Association, Northeast Seafood Coalition, Yankee Fishermens Cooperative and the Center for Sustainable Fisheries. Locally, Mr. Goethel was a long time member of the Governor's Advisory Committee for Marine Fisheries where his degree in biology combined with extensive experience in both the recreational and commercial fishing industries have made him a valuable asset to the state.

Mr. Godfroy is owner and captain of two party boats (Lady Traci Ann II and Lady Courtney Alexa) that operate out of Seabrook, NH as part of Eastman's Fishing Fleet where he has been a charter/party boat captain for nearly 20 years. Mr. Godfroy is also a charter member of the Gulf of Maine Charter and Recreational Fishing Association and was recently appointed to the New England Fishery Management Council's Recreational Advisory Panel. Mr. Godfroy is a supporter of proactive management that provides for sustainable resources and businesses that thrive.

The State of New Hampshire has actively sought qualified applicants from all societal sectors for the Council seats. Our nominee list includes members of the commercial, recreational, and marine education sectors. Nominees were interviewed by the public, including representatives of recreational, commercial, and conservation coastal resource interests in the state, during a candidates' night hosted by our Marine Fisheries Division. The public input was very helpful in determining the order of preference for each of our highly qualified nominees.

The individuals selected for consideration recognize the extensive time obligation the Council seats require and have demonstrated their willingness to make the necessary time commitment.

I would like to thank Brian Fredieu of your staff for the well organized and detailed nominee package. It was very helpful when trying to meet the required deadline.

On a final note, I will not be making any nominations this year for the available at-large seats. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding New Hampshire's obligatory seat nominees to the New England Fishery Management Council.

With every good wish,



Margaret Wood Hassan
Governor

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