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Attention: William Chappell

Dear Mr. Rauch:

This letter is in reference to Delaware's obligatory seat on the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC). We have selected three highly qualified individuals for consideration to this important position. All three candidates are well known to many 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. It is extremely important to appoint qualified individuals to the Council to preserve and protect our natural resources and restore those that are currently depleted or in decline. Therefore I offer the following individuals, in priority order, for nomination to the Delaware Obligatory seat. The nominees are:

1. Lee G. Anderson, Ph.D.

I am honored to nominate Lee G. Anderson as the state's number one candidate. Dr. Anderson currently holds Delaware's obligatory seat on the Council. Dr. Anderson holds degrees in economics from the University of Washington (Ph.D.) and Brigham Young University (B.S.). He is a Professor of Economics and Marine Studies at the University of Delaware and is a renowned author and expert in his field. He has written or edited seven books and over sixty scientific papers on fisheries economics and management. Dr. Anderson has held many distinguished positions and advisory roles in the field of fisheries development, management, and policy over his long career.

2. Roy W. Miller

Our second choice for the nomination of Delaware's obligatory seat is Mr. Roy Miller. Mr. Miller holds degrees from Lafayette College (B.S.) and Cornell University (M.S.). Mr. Miller retired as Delaware's Fisheries Administrator for the Division of Fish and Wildlife, a position he held for seven years. Although retired, Mr. Miller still plays a very active role in Delaware's fisheries interests. He is currently a Governor- appointed member of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Management Board, past Chairman of the Horseshoe Crab Management Board, and current Chairman of the Weakfish Management Board. Mr. Miller is extremely familiar with all of the commercial and recreational fisheries in Delaware and the mid- Atlantic region, and is well versed in the controversies over fisheries allocations and user-group conflicts that surround them.

3. Ronal Smith

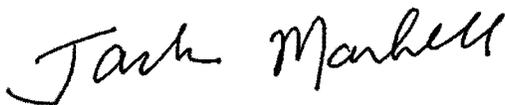
Our third choice for the nomination of Delaware's obligatory seat is Mr. Ronal Smith. Mr Smith holds degrees from Pennsylvania State University (B.S.) and University of Delaware (M.S.). He worked for thirteen years as a Fisheries Scientist and an Acquisition and Construction Manager for the Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife and his responsibilities included conducting Delaware Bay fish trawl surveys, analyzing fish trawl data, and writing associated reports. He also served as the Division of Fish and Wildlife Director's representative on the MAFMC for ten years during which he was committee chairman on several Council committees, served as liaison to the New England Fisheries Management Council, and chaired a National Marine Fisheries Service workshop on summer flounder age and growth. In 1998 Mr. Smith was appointed as the Delaware obligatory member to MAFMC and served three consecutive terms. During his membership, he served as a committee chairman, Council Vice-Chairman (three years), and Council Chairman (one year) and also served as liaison to both the New England Fisheries Management Council and South Atlantic Fisheries Management Council. In addition, Mr. Smith was a part-time commercial lobster fisherman for eight years.

Enclosed is the requested completed application kit for each nominee.

I also wish to notify you that I am declining making any nominations to the three at-large seats which are currently open for nominations at this time.

I thank you in advance for consideration of these nominees.

Sincerely,



Jack A. Markell
Governor

CC: Secretary Collin P. O'Mara
Department of Natural Resources
and Environmental Control