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March 14, 2013

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

Dear Mr. Schwaab:

On August 10, 2013 one vacant at-large seat on the Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council will become available. The State of Maryland would like to offer the following qualified nominees for the vacancy listed in order of preference:

At-Large Seat

- Stephen Linhard
- John R. Martin
- Valentine Lynch

The nominees provided share many years of experience regarding conservation and management, recreational and commercial harvest of fisheries resources in the Mid-Atlantic region. Each is passionate about the long term viability and sustainability of these resources and each understands the need for management to ensure these goals.

In an effort to solicit for these nominees, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) queried various commissions/committees (Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission, Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission and Coastal Fisheries Advisory Committee) for interested candidates. Advisory group members represent the broad spectrum of conservation, commercial and recreational interest groups in Maryland which include women and minorities. When considering potential nominees, MDNR made every effort to include for consideration qualified women and minority candidates.

If you have any questions during your review of the enclosed applications, please contact Thomas J. O'Connell, Director of MDNR Fisheries Service. Mr. O'Connell can be reached by phone at (410) 260-8281 or via e-mail at toconnell@dnr.state.md.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Martin O'Malley".

Governor