



MARTIN O'MALLEY
GOVERNOR

STATE HOUSE
100 STATE CIRCLE
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401-1925
410-974-3901
TOLL FREE: 1-800-811-8336

TTY USERS CALL VIA MD RELAY

March 4, 2014

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

Dear Mr. Rauch:

On August 10, 2014 one vacant Maryland obligatory seat and 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 vacancies listed in order of preference:

At-Large Seat

- Howard King, III
- Stephan Abel
- John R. Martin

The nominees provided share many years of experience regarding conservation and management, recreational and commercial harvest of Atlantic fisheries resources in the Mid-Atlantic region and the Chesapeake Bay. Each is passionate about the long term viability and sustainability of fisheries resources and each understands the need for cooperative 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 Fish Advisory Commission, Tidal Fish Advisory Commission, 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 be "Robert W. M. ...", written over the word "Sincerely,".

Governor