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Samuel D. Rauch, III
Assistant Administrator for Fisheries
National Marine Fisheries Service
1315 East-West Highway, Room 14636
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910
Attention: William Chappell

Dear Mr. Rauch:

I write in response to your request for nominations for one Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council seat, which will become vacant in August 2014.

As mandated by the Magnuson-Stevens Act, I submit for your consideration three recommendations for appointment to the at-large seat currently held by Laurie Nolan. The following candidates are listed by order of preference.

I. Eleanor Ann Bochenek:

Dr. Bochenek is the Director of the Cooperative Fisheries Center at Rutgers University's Institute of Marine and Coastal Sciences. She conducts an education, outreach, and applied research program for the commercial and recreational fishing industries in the Mid-Atlantic region.

II. Adam Nowalsky

Mr. Nowalsky is a fully licensed United States Coast Guard captain with over twenty years of saltwater fishing experience. He has experience serving on citizen advisory committees of the New Jersey Marine Fisheries Council, as chairman of the New Jersey Chapter of the Recreational Fishing Alliance, and on the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission.

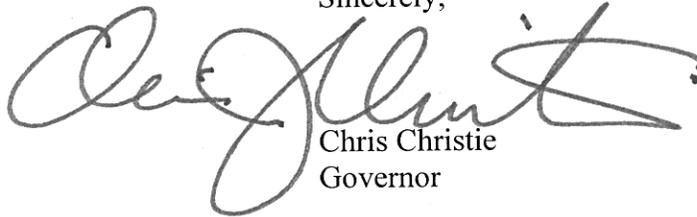
III. Peter Hughes

Mr. Hughes is a longtime commercial fisherman. As the Director of Sustainability for Atlantic Capes Fisheries in Cape May, he has over twenty years of experience in managing various aspects of commercial seafood sales and purchasing.

I have enclosed for your review a nomination application kit for each recommended candidate.

In identifying qualified candidates for recommendation, my administration worked closely with Commissioner Robert Martin of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, as well as the New Jersey Marine Fisheries Council, New Jersey Outdoor Alliance, Cape May County Charter Boat Association, United Boatmen of New Jersey, the New Jersey Chapter of the Recreational Fishing Alliance, and the Garden State Seafood Association. I am committed to ensuring that New Jersey's appointees are qualified, exhibit the highest integrity, and represent the diverse nature of our State. Please note that particular attention was paid to identifying qualified women and minority candidates for appointment to the Council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Christie". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and a long, sweeping tail that ends in a small flourish.

Chris Christie
Governor

Attachments