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Samuel D. Rauch, III  
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Dear Mr. Rauch,

I am writing to submit New York State's recommended candidates to be considered for appointment to fill the "Obligatory" seat on the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council that is currently held by John McMurray and the one New York "At-large" seat currently held by Laurie Nolan.

I am pleased to recommend John McMurray for reappointment to the "Obligatory" seat. Mr. McMurray is well respected and extremely knowledgeable on a broad array of fisheries issues. He has ably represented the interests of recreational fishermen and demonstrated a keen understanding of the complexities associated with managing the fisheries. He is completing his second three-year term on the MAFMC.

I am also pleased to recommend the reappointment of Laurie Nolan to the "At-large" seat. Ms. Nolan is also well respected and extremely knowledgeable on a broad array of fisheries issues. She has capably represented the interests of commercial fishermen and demonstrates a solid understanding of fishery management issues. She is currently completing her first term on the MAFMC in the "At-large" seat, having previously served three three-year terms.

In addition to Mr. McMurray and Ms. Nolan, I am submitting the names of Lisa Poyer, Emerson Hasbrouck and Byron Young, all of whom have the requisite expertise on fishery management issues and are worthy of your consideration.

As in previous years, the process we used to identify candidates included discussions with leaders of commercial and recreational fishing organizations in New York State and with individuals who have attended and provided input at management meetings, including the Marine Resources Advisory Council and sub-committees, quota management meetings, ASMFC, MAFMC and public meetings on individual Fishery Management Plans (FMPs), to name a few.

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The following, in order of preference, are New York State's 2014 nominees for the "Obligatory" and "At-large" seats on the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council:

- **John McMurray:** Owner and primary operator of "One More Cast" Charters, a fishing guide service out of Jamaica Bay, New York. He is currently serving his second term in the "Obligatory" seat on MAFMC.
- **Laurie Nolan:** Commercial fisherman, currently working as the onshore manager for a number of tilefish boats. Ms. Nolan has a long history with the Mid-Atlantic Council. She is currently serving in an "At-large" seat, having previously served three three-year terms.
- **Lisa Poyer:** Operations Manager for White Water Outfitters, a sport fishing outfitting store in Hampton Bays, New York that supplies bait and tackle to the recreational fishing industry. She is advanced as the Alternate for the "At-large" seat.
- **Emerson Hasbrouck:** Former Marine Program Director at Cornell University Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County, New York.
- **Byron Young:** Retired Marine Finfish and Crustaceans Section Head for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

Nomination kits for these qualified candidates are included with this correspondence.

I highly recommend John McMurray and Laurie Nolan and respectfully request your consideration for their reappointment to the "Obligatory" and "At-large" seats respectively.

Sincerely,



ANDREW M. CUOMO

Dated: March 13, 2014