



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## Office of the Governor

Robert F. McDonnell  
Governor

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Mr. Samuel D. Rauch, III  
Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs  
Assistant Administrator for Fisheries  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
1315 East-West Highway/RM 14636  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

RE: Virginia's Nominations for the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

Dear Mr. Rauch:

I write you to recommend three qualified candidates for Virginia's seat on the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC).

Our nominees embody a strong conservation ethic and have the knowledge required to make the difficult decisions confronting the Council. Each representing experiences that would be beneficial to the Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council and meet the requirement listed in Section 302(b) (2) (A) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

We have consulted with the commercial and recreational fishing communities within the Commonwealth, as well as Commissioner of the Virginia Marine Resources Commission Jack G. Travelstead regarding each nominee. All have provided great insight and recommendations concerning each one of the candidates.

The three nominees are:

**Richard B. Robins**, 5103 Mariners Cove, Suffolk, VA 23435

Mr. Robins currently serves on the VA Marine Resources Commission and is also the current Chairman of the Mid-Atlantic Council.

**Peter D. Nixon**, 664 Ingleside Road, Norfolk, VA 23502

Mr. Nixon is a commercial fisherman and a long-time member of the VMRC Finfish Management Advisory Committee he is also an officer on the VA Seafood Council.

**C. Meade Amory**, 15 Wilson Drive, Poquoson, VA 23669

Mr. Amory is the owner of L.D. Amory and Son, one of the largest seafood buyers and processors in the Commonwealth.

These nominees would each contribute to the Council. They have demonstrated the willingness and eagerness to fully participate in Council business and related activities for the duration of a 3-year term. Per the qualifications of the program, we have considered qualified women and/or minority candidates.

Sincerely,



Robert F. McDonnell