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Eileen Sobeck  
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National Marine Fisheries Service  
1315 East-West Highway  
Room 14636  
Silver Spring, MD 20910  
ATTN: William Chappell

**RE: New England Fishery Management Council Nominations**

Dear Ms. Sobeck:

I am submitting three individuals as nominees for the vacant at-large seat on the New England Fishery Management Council. Included are the completed application kits for the nominees.

My selections were made from a list of candidates who responded to the efforts of the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries (*Marine Fisheries*) to solicit interest in the Council position. Efforts included an announcement over the Division's email listserve, posting on the *Marine Fisheries* website, and outreach made by *Marine Fisheries* staff to potentially qualified candidates. Efforts were made to consider qualified women and minority candidates. Those whom I am nominating are eligible by reason of occupational or other experience, scientific expertise, or training, thereby making them knowledgeable and experienced in ways related to the fishery resources of New England.

For the at-large seat formerly held by Thomas Dempsey, I nominate in order of preference:

- **John Pappalardo.** Mr. Pappalardo has spent 20 years engaged in fishery management policy work, scientific research, community education and local economic development through his role as CEO of the Cape Cod Commercial Fishermen's Alliance, and as Policy Director before that. Additionally, Mr. Pappalardo spent several years as a commercial vessel owner and operator, primarily focusing on groundfish, bluefin tuna and striped bass. He is actively involved in the Joint Ocean Commission Initiative, and Massachusetts Ocean Advisory Commission. Mr. Pappalardo has served on the Massachusetts Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission and from 2002 to 2011, he was a member of the New England Fishery Management Council, serving on nearly every committee. The final five years of his appointment he served as Chairman of the Council. His work with the Cape Cod fishermen has shown him that an engaged industry and community is capable of making decisions that forgo short-term gain in exchange for long-term stability. He seeks to rebuild fish populations and restore profitable small fishing businesses through expanded accountability, improved annual stock assessments and cost-effective programs for gathering real time catch information. Given the opportunity to join the council again, Mr. Pappalardo will work within the process to create trust between the regulated and the regulator.
- **Francis J. Mirarchi.** Mr. Mirarchi has first-hand knowledge of the New England fishery resources from over 47 years of experience as a commercial vessel owner and captain, primarily in the groundfish trawl fishery. He has been actively involved in fishery management and policy since 1976, when he co-founded the Massachusetts Inshore Draggermen's Association. Mr. Mirarchi continues to be a highly regarded industry representative through his leadership roles in numerous industry organizations. Current leadership positions include; Director of the South Shore Fishing Community Preservation Fund, Director of the Massachusetts Fishermen's Partnership, Director and Clerk for the Northeast Fishery Sector

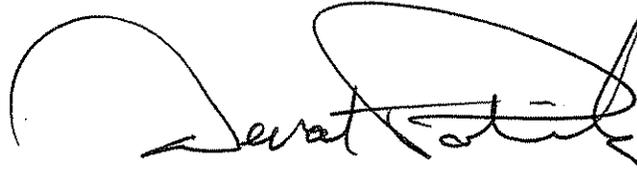
- X and Director of the Northeast Sector Services Network. Mr. Mirarchi has also worked closely in state and federal management processes from his time serving on the Commonwealth's Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission in the 1980s-90s and the New England Fisheries Management Council in the 1990s, thereafter continuing his involvement in an advisory capacity. Over the years, the Commonwealth frequently calls upon him to participate in industry based advisory panels. Additionally, he has been a strong collaborator with the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries and the School for Marine Science and Technology at UMass- Dartmouth on various cooperative research studies. It is through an increase in such collaborations that Mr. Mirarchi believes the data demands for science-based decision making can be met in order to return New England's fishing industry communities to prosperity.
- **Charles M. Quinn.** Mr. Quinn has over 40 years of experience in the commercial scallop fishery. He has been the owner/operator of five commercial scallop vessels and business operating out of New Bedford since 1986. He has actively engaged in the New England Fishery Management Council Scallop Advisory Committee and currently is involved with the Fisheries Survival Fund, New Bedford Chamber of Commerce and New Bedford Port Society. Since 1998, Mr. Quinn has worked side-by-side with the Virginia Institute of Marine Science and UMass-Dartmouth School for Marine Science and Technology on scallop fishery research studies and the Coonamessett Farm Foundation on the Research Set-Aside Program. Mr. Quinn will bring his experience working as a fisherman, in management and with scientist to the Council to help form a successful and sustainable management model across all New England fisheries. He seeks to bridge the gap between regulators, scientists, managers and fishermen by improving fishery knowledge from scientific research.

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Through *Marine Fisheries*, I have consulted with representatives of the commercial and recreational fishing interests of the Commonwealth.

Each of my nominees meets the requirements listed in Section 302(b)(2)(A) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. All have convinced me of their commitment to improving fisheries management in New England and to assist the Council in rebuilding, maintaining, and managing the marine resources so important to the economic vitality of the Massachusetts fishing industry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eileen Sobeck". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "E" and "S".

cc: Secretary Maeve Vallely-Bartlett, EEA  
Commissioner Mary Griffin, DFG  
Director Paul Diodati, DMF