

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
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MARGARET WOOD HASSAN
Governor

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Mr. Samuel D. Rauch
Assistant Administrator for Fisheries
National Marine Fisheries Service
1315 East-West Highway Room 14743
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

Dear Mr. Rauch:

Enclosed are New Hampshire's nominees for the upcoming vacancies on the New England Fishery Management Council. For New Hampshire's obligatory seat I request the following applicants be considered in the following order of preference:

Ms. Ellen Goethel
Mr. Richard Ruais
Mr. Neal M. Pike

Ms. Goethel is a marine educator and is a co-owner of a 44 foot stern trawler. She is very knowledgeable of marine fisheries issues and was appointed by the Secretary of Commerce to serve on the Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee and is also a member of the Advisory Committee for the Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program. Ms. Goethel is on the Board of Directors of the Coastal Conservation Association of New Hampshire and has served on the Town of Hampton, NH Conservation Commission as well as on a number of community programs. She has been recognized by the US Fish and Wildlife Service for her volunteer work on fisheries issues. Ms. Goethel has also actively supported programs with our Division of Marine Fisheries.

Mr. Ruais currently is Executive Director of the American Bluefin Tuna Association and in the past served as the Executive Director for two other fisheries organizations; the East Coast Tuna Association and the Blue Water Fisherman's Association. He has also given his time and expertise as a member of US Delegation to the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas and as member for the National Marine Fisheries Service Highly Migratory Species Advisory Panel. In addition, Mr. Ruais has intimate knowledge of the Fishery Management Council process through his work at the New England Fishery Management Council as both a Fishery Analyst and the Deputy Executive Director.

Mr. Pike currently works on a 42 foot commercial vessel out of Seabrook, NH as a first mate and compliance officer. The vessel primarily participates in the groundfish, shrimp, dogfish and tuna fisheries using a variety of fishing gears. In the past he has also

worked at the Yankee Fishermen's Cooperative as its operations manager and is therefore intimately familiar with both the harvest and dealer aspects of the fishery. He is a member of the New Hampshire Bar Association and holds a Law Degree from the University of New Hampshire School of Law.

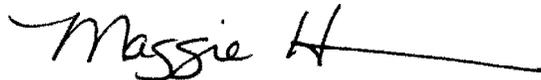
The State of New Hampshire has actively sought qualified applicants from all societal sectors for the Council seats. Our nominee list includes members of the commercial, recreational, and marine education sectors. Nominees were interviewed by the public, including representatives of recreational, commercial, and conservation coastal resource interests in the state, during a candidates' night hosted by our Marine Fisheries Division. The public input was very helpful in determining the order of preference for each of our highly qualified nominees.

The individuals selected for consideration recognize the extensive time obligation the Council seats require and have demonstrated their willingness to make the necessary time commitment.

I would like to thank William Chappell of your staff for the well organized and detailed nominee package. It was very helpful when trying to meet the required deadline.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding New Hampshire's nominees to the New England Fishery Management Council.

With every good wish,



Margaret Wood Hassan
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Enclosures