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Governor Sean Parnell  
STATE OF ALASKA

March 11, 2014

Ms. Eileen Sobeck  
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Dear Ms. Sobeck,

In accordance with the provisions of Section 302 of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, I am pleased to submit my nominations for an obligatory seat from the State of Alaska on the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC), expiring August 10, 2014. As discussed below, I have nominated individuals who are knowledgeable and experienced in the harvest, conservation, and management of fishery resources and who also provide representation for minority groups.

After reviewing the requirements of the Act and consulting with commercial and recreational fishing interests in Alaska, I nominate the individuals listed below for consideration by the Secretary of Commerce:

Mr. Simon Kinneen  
Mr. Ragnar Alstrom  
Mr. John Moller

I select Mr. Simon Kinneen as my preferred nominee for consideration. As required by the Act, I am submitting two alternate nominees that can be considered in Mr. Ragnar Alstrom and Mr. John Moller.

Mr. Simon Kinneen, of Nome, has worked for Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation (NSEDC) for the past 14 years in various roles including: Norton Sound Fisheries Research and Development Director, CDQ Manager, Chief Operating Officer, and most recently, Vice President and Quota Acquisition Manager. He has served on the NPFMC Advisory Panel and Non-Target Species Committee, Bering Sea Fisheries Advisory Board, Advisory Panel to the North Pacific Research Board, Marine Conservation Alliance, and various other boards related to State and federal fisheries. Mr. Kineen currently is NSEDC's representative to the Western Alaska Community Development Association, the federally-mandated body charged with various functions associated with the CDQ Program. He holds a bachelor's degree in fisheries science and management from the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

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Mr. Ragnar Alstrom, of Alakanuk, has commercially fished the Yukon River, Bering Sea, and Norton Sound for over 35 years. He is the Executive Director of the Yukon Delta Fisheries Development Association. Mr. Alstrom serves on the Alakunak City Council and was previously elected Mayor. He is a member of the Yukon River Panel, an international panel between Canada and the Bering Sea Fishermen's Association. In the past, Mr. Alstrom has represented the Yukon Delta Fisheries Development Association on the conference board to the International Halibut Commission and has sat on the advisory panel to the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council. He also served as a board member to the Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Association.

Mr. John Moller was born in Unalaska and resides in Juneau, where he serves as the Senior Rural Affairs Advisor in the Office of the Governor. He has worked for many years as a commercial fisherman and currently owns and operates a commercial fishing vessel in Southeast Alaska. He also owns and manages commercial properties. Mr. Moller has served on a number of Alaska Native and local government community boards and committees, including four years on the Advisory Panel to the NPFMC. Mr. Moller also served for 13 years as General Manager of the Aleutian Pribilof Island Community Development Association.

Enclosed you will find a list of commercial and recreational fishing groups who have provided input in my nomination of these knowledgeable and qualified individuals. The nominees provide balanced and insightful experience for the NPFMC and will contribute greatly to fisheries management and conservation in the North Pacific. I appreciate your consideration of these nominees.

Regards,



Sean Parnell  
Governor

Enclosures

cc: The Honorable Cora Campbell, Commissioner, Alaska Department of Fish and Game

**List of Commercial and Recreational Fishing Groups Providing Input for my Nominations:**

Alaska Backcountry Hunters and Anglers  
Alaska Charter Association  
Alaska Groundfish Data Bank  
Alaska Marine Conservation Council  
Alaska Trollers Association  
Alaska State Legislature  
Alaska Whitefish Trawlers Association  
Aleknagik Traditional Council  
Aleutian Pribilof Island Community Development Association  
Alyeska Seafoods  
Arctic Storm Management Group  
Bering Sea Fishermen's Association  
Bering Straits Native Corporation  
Blue North  
Bristol Bay Native Corporation  
Cape Barnabas, Inc.  
City of Dillingham  
City of Ouzinkie  
City of Saint Paul Island  
City of Unalakleet  
Copper River Seafoods  
Crackerjack Charter  
Denali Commission  
Glacier Fish Company  
Global Seas  
Gulf of Alaska Coastal Communities Coalition  
Kaldestad Management, LLC  
Kawerak, Inc.  
Kenai River Sportfishing Association  
Native Village of Unalakleet  
Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation  
Ocean Beauty Seafoods  
Ouzinkie Community Holding Company  
Ouzinkie Native Corporation  
Petersburg Vessel Owners Association  
Phoenix Processor Limited Partnership  
Portage Creek Village Council  
Premier Pacific Seafoods, Inc.  
Southern Norton Sound Fish and Game Advisory Committee  
Southeast Alaska Guides Organization  
United Cook Inlet Drift Association  
United Fishermen of Alaska  
United Southeast Alaska Gillnetters  
Unites States Seafoods, LLC  
Westward Seafoods, Inc.  
Yukon Delta Fisheries Development Association  
Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Association