



**RICK SCOTT**  
GOVERNOR

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Mr. William Chappell  
Assistant Administrator for Fisheries  
NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service  
1315 East-West Highway, Room 14636  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

Dear Mr. Chappell:

This letter is in response to your request for nomination to the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council. My office consulted with members of recreational and commercial fishing interests and these discussions highlighted the importance of saltwater fishing that support jobs and economic vitality in Florida, particularly in our coast communities. We received recommendations and endorsements from numerous individuals and organizations who care deeply about the management of our saltwater fisheries:

Bob Gill, Former Gulf Council Member  
Bob Spaeth, Southern Offshore Fishermen's Association  
Bob Zales, Panama City Boatman's Association  
Brian Gorski, Coastal Conservation Association Florida  
Gary Jarvis, Recreational Charter Boat Operator  
Holly Binns, Pew Environmental Group  
Jerry Sansom, Organized Fisherman of Florida  
Pam Anderson, Panama City Boatman's Association and Chamber of Commerce  
Pam Dana, Current Gulf Council Member  
Pat Kelly, Florida Guides Association  
Steve Southerland, Congressman 2<sup>nd</sup> District  
TJ Marshall, Ocean Conservancy

After careful consideration of each applicant, I am pleased to nominate the individuals listed below for the at-large seat, currently held by Larry Abele. These nominees are well qualified for their sector and would make excellent candidates for appointment to the Council. Given the serious challenges facing saltwater fishery management in the State of Florida, I am providing my nominations in order of preference and ask that you give strong consideration to the preferred nominee.

I am recommending **Major Alan Lamarche** as the preferred choice for the At-large seat on the Council. Mr. Lamarche is a retired law enforcement officer. He is currently the owner of Plantation Security, Inc. providing patrol services to plantations and wilderness area, including the St. Johns River Water Management District. Major Lamarche has extensive experience working for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation, first as a member of the wildlife officer and later as deputy director of law

enforcement. He is also a past member of the Southeastern Association of Game and Fish Commissions. Major Lamarche has been a lifelong recreational saltwater fisherman and has a strong desire to protect the Gulf Fisheries for future generations.

My second recommendation is Mr. Thomas K. Frazer. He is the Interim Director at the School of Natural Resources and Environment at the University of Florida (UF). Mr. Frazer is also the former program leader of the Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences Program at UF. Mr. Frazer has served as the chair of the UF Oil Spill Task Force and past chair of the faculty advisor committee for the UF Water Institute. As a trained marine ecologist, he is especially interested in lending his expertise to any process that facilitates the effective management of living marine resources, fisheries resources in particular.

My third recommendation is Mr. Roy O. Williams. He was employed as a biologist by the state of Florida from April 1968 thru January 1987 working for the Marine Research Laboratory in St. Petersburg. Mr. Williams conducted life history and tagging studies of various sorts, served as supervisor of the Vertebrate Fish Section, and served on the Gulf Council Special Mackerel Subcommittee of the Scientific Statistical Committee. Lastly, he served as Florida's designee to both the Gulf and South Atlantic federal fishery management councils. On each council he served as chairman and another term as vice-chairman.

In summary, my recommendations for the at-large seat are as follows:

1. Major Alan Lamarche
2. Mr. Thomas K. Frazer
3. Mr. Roy O. Williams.

I appreciate your consideration of my nominations for Council appointment and look forward to seeing citizens of Florida continue their service on the Council in ways that will help ensure wise and sustainable use of our valuable saltwater fishery resources. Please contact my office if you have questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rick Scott', written in a cursive style.

Rick Scott  
Governor