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March 13, 2012

Mr. Eric C. Schwaab
Assistant Administrator for Fisheries
National Marine Fisheries Service
1315 East-West Highway, Room 14636
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Dear Mr. Schwaab,

In accordance with the provisions of Section 302 of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Act), I am pleased to submit my nominations for Alaska's obligatory seats on the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC) expiring August 10, 2012.

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. As required by the Act, I am submitting two alternate nominees that can be considered for each seat.

Robert "Ed" Dersham
Howard "Dan" Hull
Timothy R. Evers
Julianne J. Curry

I select Mr. Robert "Ed" Dersham and Mr. Howard "Dan" Hull as my preferred nominees for your consideration, and Ms. Julianne Curry and Mr. Timothy Evers may serve as alternates for your consideration.

Robert "Ed" Dersham, of Anchorage, is completing his first full term on the NPFMC, having served a partial term immediately prior. An active charter boat operator and lodge owner in Lower Cook Inlet for over 25 years, Mr. Dersham retired from a career as a special agent with the United States Drug Enforcement Agency. He also served for nine years on the Alaska Board of Fisheries (Board), worked as a consultant for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, and served as a coordinating liaison between the Board and the NPFMC. Mr. Dersham earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Oregon.

Howard "Dan" Hull, of Anchorage, is completing his first term on the NPFMC. He is the owner of Hull Fisheries LLC, fishing for halibut and salmon out of Cordova. He is currently a member of the Alaska Sea Grant Advisory Committee and a former member of the Cordova District Fishermen

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United Board of Directors, Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council Public Advisory Group, Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation Board of Directors, Prince William Sound Fisheries Ecosystem Research Planning Group, and United Fishermen of Alaska Board of Directors. In addition to a career of over 30 years in commercial fishing, Mr. Hull also worked as a research associate for the Institute of Social and Economic Research. He earned a master's degree in marine affairs from the University of Washington and a bachelor's degree in anthropology from Dartmouth College.

Timothy Evers, of Ninilchik, is currently a member of the Advisory Panel to the NPFMC. A longtime charter operator, Mr. Evers owned Deep Creek Sport Shop, Big Valley Lodge and Cabin Rentals, and Fishward Bound Adventures. Mr. Evers is the founder and former president of the Deep Creek Charterboat Association, and served on the Central Peninsula Fish and Game Advisory Committee. In addition, he served five terms on the National Association of Charterboat Operators.

Julianne Curry, of Petersburg, is the executive director of the Petersburg Vessel Owners Association and a member of the Advisory Panel to the NPFMC. Ms. Curry participates in the commercial fishery of halibut, sablefish, salmon, herring, and crab. She is a member of the board of directors and executive committee of the United Fishermen of Alaska, and is the chair of the Petersburg Commercial Fishing Committee. A member of the Petersburg Marine Mammal Center board of directors, Ms. Curry earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Northern Arizona University.

Enclosed you will find a list of commercial and recreational fishermen and groups that have provided input in my selection of these knowledgeable and qualified individuals for nomination. I am nominating applicants who demonstrate extensive experience in the harvest and management of fishery resources, possess a strong conservation ethic, and also offer representation for minority groups. My list of nominees contains several individuals from the recreational fishing sector as well as a qualified female candidate. These candidates provide balanced representation on 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

Enclosure

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