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Samuel D. Rauch
Assistant Administrator for Fisheries
NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service
1315 East-West Highway, Room 14636
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Dear Mr. Rauch,

I am writing to submit New York State's recommended candidates to be considered for appointment to fill the "At-large" seat on the Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council (MAFMC) that is currently held by Steven F. Schafer.

I am pleased to recommend Captain Anthony D. DiLernia for appointment to the "At-large" seat. Captain DiLernia is well respected and extremely knowledgeable on a broad array of fisheries issues. He has ably represented the interests of recreational fishermen and demonstrated a keen understanding of the complexities associated with managing the fisheries. He has previously held a seat on the MAFMC and served as liaison to the New England Fishery Management Council.

In addition to Captain DiLernia, I am submitting the names of two other candidates who are worthy of your consideration. They are Patrick H. Augustine and Emerson Charles Hasbrouck, Jr., both of whom have the requisite expertise on fishery management issues.

As in previous years, the process we used to identify candidates included discussions with leaders of commercial and recreational fishing organizations in New York and with individuals who have attended and provided input at management meetings, including the Marine Resources Advisory Council and sub-committees, quota management meetings, ASMFC, MAFMC and public meetings on individual Fishery Management Plans (FMPs), to name a few. With respect to women and minority candidates, the New York State Department of



Environmental Conservation (DEC) identified two individuals who had the necessary expertise; however, both declined consideration due to employment demands. This collective process resulted in over a dozen candidates being considered. Nomination kits for the qualified candidates identified below are included with this correspondence.

The following, in order of preference, are New York State's 2012 nominees for the "At-large" seat on the Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council:

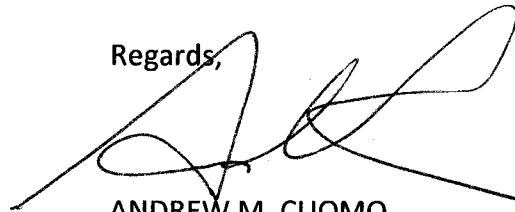
Captain Anthony D. DiLernia – Owner/Operator of Rocket Charters in New York City and the Director of Maritime Technology at Kingsborough Community College; former MAFMC Member for New York, 1991–2002.

Patrick H. Augustine – Recreational angler; ASFMC Commissioner, Governor Appointee; former MAFMC Member for New York, 2002-2011.

Emerson Charles Hasbrouck, Jr. – Director of the Cornell Marine Program at Cornell University Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County, New York.

I highly recommend Captain DiLernia and respectfully request your consideration of his appointment to the "At-large" seat on the Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Cuomo', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

ANDREW M. CUOMO