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Samuel D. Rauch
Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries
National Marine Fisheries Service
1315 East-West Highway
Room 14636
Silver Spring, MD 20910
ATTN: William Chappell

Dear Mr. Rauch:

I am submitting the following three individuals as nominees for the vacant Massachusetts obligatory seat on the New England Fishery Management Council (Council): John F. Quinn, James M. Kendall, and James J. Fair, Jr. Included are the completed application kits for the nominees. I am not submitting nominees for the vacant at-large seat on the Council because of insufficient interest by applicants in the seat.

My selections were made from a list of candidates who responded to the efforts of the Commonwealth's Division of Marine Fisheries (*Marine Fisheries*) to solicit interest in the Council positions. Those efforts included announcement over the Division's email listserv, posting on the *Marine Fisheries* website, and outreach by *Marine Fisheries* staff to potentially qualified candidates. Efforts were made to consider qualified women and minority candidates. Those whom I am nominating are eligible by reason of occupational or other experience, scientific expertise, or training, thereby making them knowledgeable and experienced in ways related to the fishery resources of New England.

For the Massachusetts obligatory seat currently occupied by Rodney M. Avila of New Bedford, I nominate in order of preference:

- **John F. Quinn.** Over the past 24 years, Mr. Quinn has been involved in many aspects of the New England fishing industry, particularly Massachusetts and the port of New Bedford. As an elected member of the Massachusetts legislature for 18 years and a practicing attorney representing various fishing interests, he has worked with the complexities of the rules and regulations in the industry. His personal connections to the fishing community have fostered an understanding of the human side of the industry as well. As a Council member, he seeks to apply skills, such as in conflict resolution, gained in the legislature, as a lawyer, and now in education to find a balance between resource utilization and conservation, and between insufficient and excessive regulation.
- **James M. Kendall.** Mr. Kendall desires to bring his experience as a former fisherman, industry consultant, and that of a past Council member to work towards the development of a sustainable industry, resources, and ecosystem. He completed a second term on the Council in 2003. He is Executive Director of the New Bedford Seafood Coalition and the owner of a seafood consulting company. He has nearly 50 years of direct involvement with New England fishery issues having served on the Massachusetts Fisheries Recovery Commission and the New England Commercial Fishing Law Enforcement Working Group, as well as being a founding member and the first president of the Massachusetts Fishermen's Partnership.
- **James J. Fair, Jr.** Mr. Fair is a former Council member (2008 – 2011), who served on the scallop, groundfish, habitat/ecosystem, skate/whiting, and scallop survey committees. Prior to that he was engaged as a fisheries consultant after retiring from a career at *Marine Fisheries* spanning more than three decades. Mr. Fair began his career as a professional biologist researching lobster and diadromous finfish. His work as a Deputy Director afforded Mr. Fair in-depth and first-hand knowledge of all sectors and gear types comprising New England's fisheries. He was a pragmatic and competent regulator with proven ability to work with constituent groups to improve fisheries management strategies. He is highly familiar with the region's living marine resources as a life-long fisherman and career biologist. Mr. Fair has also worked closely with

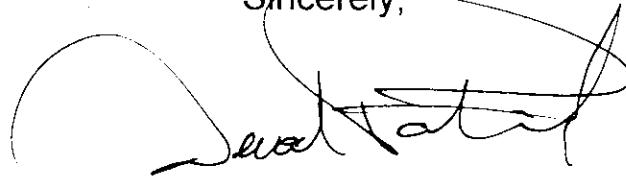
private groups as a consultant to provide information on fisheries resources with respect to ocean management.

Through *Marine Fisheries*, I have consulted with the following representatives of the commercial and recreational fishing interests of the Commonwealth, including four members of the Massachusetts Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission, regarding my nominees:

- Mark Amorello (recreational and commercial background)
- Edward Nasser (commercial processor/dealer background)
- Chuck Casella (recreational background)
- John Pappalardo (commercial and recreational background)
- Jackie Odell (commercial background)
- Edward Barrett (commercial background)

Each of my nominees meets the requirements listed in Section 302(b)(2)(A) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. All have convinced me of their commitment to improving fisheries management in New England and to assist the Council in rebuilding, maintaining, and managing marine resources so important to the economic vitality of the Massachusetts fishing industry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Samuel Rauch", written over a large, loopy flourish that extends to the left and underlines the signature.

cc: Secretary Richard Sullivan, EEA
Commissioner Mary Griffin, DFG
Director Paul Diodati, DMF
Massachusetts Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission