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Eric Schwab
Assistant Administrator for Fisheries
National Marine Fisheries Service
1315 East-West Highway
Room 14636
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910
(Attention: William Chappell)

Dear Mr. Schwab:

Enclosed please find my nominations for the state's Obligatory Seat and two At-Large Seats on the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council in priority order. Consultations were made with the commercial, recreational and for-hire fishing communities of Louisiana regarding these nominees (list attached).

The following are my nominees for the Louisiana Obligatory Seat currently held by Damon McKnight:

- Camp Matens – Recreational
- Dr. Joseph Powers – Other
- Edward Swindell– Commercial
- Shane Mayfield – Charter
- John Curren – Recreational

The following are my nominees for the At-Large Seat currently held by Harlon Pearce (LA):

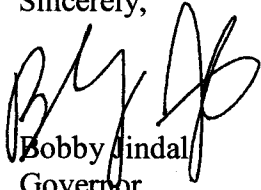
- Harlon Pearce – Commercial
- Dr. Joseph Powers – Other
- Shane Mayfield – Charter
- Camp Matens – Recreational
- John Curren – Recreational

The following are my nominees for the At-Large Seat currently held by Thomas McIlwain (MS):

- Dr. Joseph Powers – Other
- Camp Matens – Recreational
- Shane Mayfield – Charter
- Edward Swindell – Commercial
- John Curren – Recreational

The required support information is enclosed. Your consideration of these nominees is appreciated.

Sincerely,



Bobby Jindal
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Enclosures

cc: Robert Barham, Secretary, Louisiana Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries

Qualifications of Nominees – 2012

Camp Matens

- Avid Gulf of Mexico sports fishermen, including reef fish, coastal pelagic, red drum and billfish
- B.S. Mechanical Engineering
- Fishes with rod and reel (including saltwater flyfishing) and spearfishing
- Board member, Coastal Conservation Association of Louisiana
- Present and past member International Game Fishing Association, Red Stick Fly Fishers, Louisiana Association of Coastal Anglers

Edward Swindell

- Former member and Vice Chair of Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council
- Career in menhaden industry as engineer and in management
- B.S. Mechanical Engineering, Licensed Professional Engineer
- Retired from Daybrook Fisheries, Inc. in 2007 as V. P. Production, following rebuild effort after hurricanes Katrina and Rita
- President of Marine Process Services, LLC, a consultant company
- Member, Menhaden Advisory Committee, of the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission
- Member of the Coastal Conservation Association and enjoys coastal and offshore sportfishing

Joe Powers, PhD

- B.A. Zoology, University of California Davis, 1971
- M.S. Fisheries, California State University Humboldt, 1973
- PhD Fisheries and Wildlife Service, Virginia Tech, 1975
- National Marine Fisheries Service, 1975-2006
 - Stock Assessment Scientist, Supervisor of Fisheries Science, Senior Scientist, Lab Director, Deputy Science Director, Acting Regional Administrator
- Professor of Oceanology, LSU, 2006 – present
- Member of American Fisheries Society, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Scientific and Statistics Committee of Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council
- Chair of SCRS for ICCAT

Harlon Pearce

- Southeastern Louisiana College – Sociology, 1967
- Loyola Law School, 1970
- Harlon's LA Fish, LLC, 1993- present
 - Commercial seafood dealer, owner
- Chairman of Louisiana Seafood Market and Promotion Board
- Member of Mariculture Task Force for Louisiana Seafood Management Council
- Member of Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council
- Vice President of Lake Pontchartrain Fisherman Association

Shane Mayfield

- Louisiana State University, B.A. Environmental Management Systems, 1994
- Southeastern Louisiana University, M.B.A. coursework, 1995
- Adventure South Guide Service, owner, 1997-present
- Member, Coastal Conservation Association
- Member, Louisiana Charter Boat Association
- Member, Venice Charter Boat and Fishing Guide Association

John Curren

- University of Southern Mississippi, B.A. Business and Marketing, 1968
- Avid recreational fishermen who fishes for speckled trout, redfish, flounder, red snapper, king mackerel, grouper, dolphin, sailfish, and amberjack
- Coastal Conservation Association LA Board Member and Executive Committee
- 1999 Coastal Conservation Association Man of the Year Award
- Ducks Unlimited Life Member, active since 1968
- Pass Christian Yacht Club Board Member and Southern Yacht Club Member