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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:

It is my pleasure to submit these six names for consideration for appointment to the at-large seat and the obligatory seat on the New England Fisheries Management Council (NEFMC) for the State of Maine.

The Department of Marine Resources (DMR) has been in contact with 42 organizations and individuals across the coastal spectrum with knowledge and interest in marine fisheries. These include the Associated Fisheries of Maine, Downeast Lobstermen's Association, Maine Lobstermen's Association, The Nature Conservancy, Maine Fishermen's Cooperative Association, Maine Seaweed Council, Southern Maine Lobstermen's Association, Downeast Fishermen's Wives, Maine Aquaculture Association, Midcoast Fishermen's Association, The Maine Association of Charterboat Captains, and Maine Professional Guides Association.

The individuals listed below are qualified by residency and in accordance with the requirements of the Magnuson-Stevenson Conservation and Management Act.

It is very important to stress that these names are prioritized in order based on my strong view of how to best represent Maine's interests on the Council in addition to the long-term stewardship of New England's fishery resources.

For the at-large seat currently held by Glen Libby:

- 1) Vincent M. Balzano
- 2) Glen A. Libby
- 3) Margaret J. Raymond

- 1) Vincent M. Balzano

Vincent Balzano is a third generation fisherman who has been involved in the fishing industry for over 25 years. Vincent is the owner of a small Groundfish/Seine vessel located in Portland. Vincent is currently an advisor to the NEFMC Groundfish AP and Habitat Committee, and an advisor, and Advisory Panel Chair, to the Northern Shrimp Section of the Atlantic States Maine Fisheries Commission. In addition Vincent is a member of the State of Maine Marine Resources Advisory Council.



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2) Glen A. Libby

Glen Libby is a fisherman from Port Clyde, Maine; his family owns three boats that fish for groundfish, shrimp and scallops. Glen is a long time groundfish fisherman and has engaged in the groundfish deliberations of the New England Fishery Management Council. He is a Board member of the Portland Fish Exchange and member of the Maine Marine Resources Advisory Council. He also participates in the northern shrimp management deliberations of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission. Glen co-founded and is the current President of the Mid-coast Fisherman's Cooperative and engaged with others in a working waterfront project with the Port Clyde Lobster Coop in an arrangement that will allow lobstermen and groundfish vessels to share a pier and shore side facility. Glen comes from Maine's mid-coast and understands the issues specific to small and mid-sized vessels.

3) Margaret Raymond

Maggie Raymond of South Berwick, has over 20 years managing her family's groundfishing business and has been the executive director of Associated Fisheries of Maine for fourteen years. Maggie also has initiated and participated in a number of fisheries research projects. She is a Board member of the Maine Fishermen's Wives Association and the Maine Fishermen's Forum. Maggie has been an active participant in the New England Fishery Management Council process including industry advisory panels and the Groundfish Plan Development Team. Maggie understands the issues related to mid and large size vessels and has been a valuable contributor to the Council process.

For the obligatory seat currently held by James J. Odlin

- 1) Terry A. Alexander
- 2) Margaret J. Raymond
- 3) Peter J. Moore

1) Terry A. Alexander

Terry Alexander of Cundy's Harbor, is the owner of two boats that fish for groundfish and shrimp. Terry has long been engaged in fishery management at the interstate and federal level. For the shrimp fishery, he has been an Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission shrimp advisor for many years and has served as the Chair of the advisory panel for at least three years. He is a regular participant at meetings affecting the groundfish and shrimp fisheries.

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Maggie Raymond of South Berwick, has over 20 years managing her family's groundfishing business and has been the executive director of Associated Fisheries of Maine for fourteen years. Maggie also has initiated and participated in a number of fisheries research projects. She is a Board member of the Maine Fishermen's Wives

Association and the Maine Fishermen's Forum. Maggie has been an active participant in the New England Fishery Management Council process including industry advisory panels and the Groundfish Plan Development Team. Maggie understands the issues related to mid and large size vessels and has been a valuable contributor to the Council process.

3) Peter Moore

Peter Moore has worked in the commercial fishing and aquaculture industries in Alaska and the US east coast spanning three decades. Peter currently works as a Maine Lobster Industry Business Planning Consultant and was formerly a Partner and Director of Governmental and Scientific Affairs for Northern Pelagic Group LLC of New Bedford, MA. Peter has served in numerous capacities relating to the New England and Alaska fisheries including serving as the Vice President of the Resource Trading Company, of Portland, Maine, as a Fisheries Development and Marketing Consultant to the Alaska Community Development Quota, and as a Consultant team member for Economic Analysis of the Soft-shell Clam, *Mya arenaria*, Industry in Casco Bay for the Casco Bay Estuary Project.

Thank you for your consideration of these names which are critically important to Maine's fisheries and coastal communities. I will follow up with you, as will my staff, to reiterate the importance of the priority order presented in this letter.

Please contact Commissioner Patrick Keliher at the Department of Marine Resources to answer any concerns or questions that your agency might have.

Sincerely,


Paul R. LePage
Governor

Cc: Patrick Keliher, Commissioner, Maine Department of Marine Resources