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Mr. Sam Rauch
Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries
National Marine Fisheries Service
1315 East-West Hwy, Room 14636
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910
(Attn: William Chappell)

Dear Mr. Rauch:

Please accept the following names, in priority order, as my nominees for the at-large Washington State seat to the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC). Mr. Dale Myer currently occupies this seat; his second term expires August 10, 2012, and he is eligible for reappointment.

Washington State has consulted with a broad range of commercial, recreational and public constituents in seeking nominations for the seat currently held by Mr. Myer. Based on my evaluations of each candidate's qualifications, I am recommending the following individuals in priority order:

- 1) Mr. Dale Myer:
Mr. Myer is a resident of Seattle, Washington, and has been the Director of Operations for Arctic Storm, Inc., a commercial fishing and processing company, since 1991. Arctic Storm has catcher vessels an at-sea "mothership" processing vessel that participates in the Pacific whiting midwater trawl fishery off the West Coast. Mr. Myer has been a member of the PFMC since 2006, and previously has served as the Vice-Chair of the Council's Groundfish Advisory Subpanel and was an active member of the Trawl Individual Quota Committee. He has participated in the U.S./Canada treaty negotiations for Pacific whiting and has served as a member of the Council's Stock Assessment Review Panels for whiting, lingcod, and yellowtail rockfish.
- 2) Mr. Douglas Fricke:
Mr. Fricke is a resident of Hoquiam, Washington, is the owner of Boat Seafoods, Inc., and is the President of the Washington Trollers Association. He is currently the Chair of the PFMC Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel and is also a member of the North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission. He has been an active member in the fishing arena since he started salmon fishing in the 1960s, and continues to engage in various management processes, primarily relative to salmon and albacore tuna fisheries.



- 3) Mr. Myer J. Bornstein:
Mr. Bornstein is a resident of Bellingham, Washington, where he is currently Chairman of the Board for Bornstein Seafoods, Inc. a family-owned business started in 1936. He was one of the United States' west coast industry representatives to the bilateral negotiations with Canada in 1978 and has continued to participate in PFMC and other processes, serving on the Goundfish Advisory Panel from its inception until 1997. Mr. Bornstein has a proven ability to effectively represent his constituency while keeping them informed of the range of issues affecting them, successfully serving as President of the Northwest Fisheries Association and the National Fisheries Institute.

Mr. Myer has served with distinction for two terms on the Council, and has broad support among multiple interests for reappointment to a third term. He is a strong supporter of sustainable fisheries, has a strong conservation ethic, and certainly has my confidence in representing Washington. His renomination will serve Washington well.

While Mr. Myer is my preferred candidate, I believe that each of these three candidates are well qualified to serve on the Pacific Fishery Management Council and will support management values that promote resource conservation, habitat protection and sustainable fisheries.

Sincerely,



Christine O. Gregoire
Governor

Enclosures: List of Groups Consulted
Nomination kits for Mr. Myer, Mr. Fricke, and Mr. Bornstein

cc: Phil Anderson, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife