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Mr. Samuel D. Rauch III
Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, acting
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
National Marine Fisheries Service
United States Department of Commerce
1315 East West Highway
Silver Spring, Maryland 20810

Re: Obligatory Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council Recommendation for Guam.

Dear Mr. Rauch:

Hafa Adai! It is with great pleasure that I submit my three nominations of Mr. Michael P. Duenas, Mr. Thomas Camacho and Mr. Peter Perez as required for Obligatory Seat for Guam to the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council. Each nominee meets the requirements listed in Section 302(b)(2)(A) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act which states that each nominee is knowledgeable regarding the conservation and management as well as commercial and recreational harvest of the fishery resources within the Council's geographical jurisdiction. Additionally, all are very well aware of the subsistence needs of our island community.

I recommend that Mr. Michael Duenas represent Guam on the Council recognizing such is subject to the Secretary of Commerce's approval. Mr. Duenas has been extremely active with the Guam Fishermen's Cooperative Association since 1997 and is well versed on local fisheries issues. Mr. Duenas has been a subsistence and recreational fisherman since childhood (30 years).

Currently Mr. Duenas is employed as General Manager of the Guam Fishermen's Cooperative Association (A Community Based Not for Profit Corporation and as a result has integral knowledge of all aspects of Guam's Fisheries. In the performance of his duties he is responsible for ensuring the Conservation Policies of the GFCA is followed. Mr. Duenas also oversees science based sustainable fisheries programs such as data collection, bio-sampling and life-history research while continuing to pursue his lifelong passion for fishing.

Mr. Peter Perez is an active Subsistence Fisherman since childhood and comes from a well respected fishing family. His fishing experience extends from shoreline to off-shore. Mr. Perez currently serves as an Advisory committee Member on the Western Pacific Regional Fishery

Management Council. He is currently employed as the Civilian (Civil Service) Administrator for all Guam Based Military Transportation.

Mr. Thomas Camacho is President of the Guam Organization of Saltwater Anglers and was part of the core action team that established the organization in 1999. Mr. Camacho has served on the Advisory Panel for the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council. Mr. Camacho is currently employed by the US Department of Agriculture's Guam Office as the County Executive Director Farm Service Agency.

Over the past couple of months, Lt. Governor Ray Tenorio and I have consulted Mr. Manuel P. Duenas, President of the Guam Fishermen's Cooperative Association, Mr. James Borja, President of the Marianas Underwater Fishing Federation, and Mr. Thomas Camacho, President of the Guam Organization of Saltwater Anglers, as well as others in the fishing community and are comfortable with our nominations.

While all three are very well qualified for this vacancy, again I respectfully request the appointment of Mr. Michael P. Duenas to this Obligatory position. I am confident that Mr. Duenas more than meets the qualifications listed in the Magnuson-Stevens Act. Furthermore, I believe he has shown his commitment to effective management of our resources for sustainable future use and enjoyment.

Should you have any questions concerning the nomination packets of Guam's participation in the Council, please do not hesitate to call Franklin P. Arriola at 472-8931 or by email at franklin.arriola@guam.gov.

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