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Addendum to the 3/12/12 letter from Gov. Luis G Fortuno

As required in Section 302 (b)(2) (A) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, the members of each Council to be appointed by the Secretary of Commerce must be individuals who, by reason of their occupational or other experience, scientific expertise, or training, are knowledgeable regarding the conservation and management, or the commercial or recreational harvest, of the fishery resources of the geographical area concerned. The nominees Ricardo Lefranc and Israel Umpierre are knowledgeable and experienced by reason of their recreational fishing performance, related to the fishery resources of the geographical area of concern to the Caribbean Council, as stipulated in number (ii) *Fishing for pleasure, relaxation, or consumption, or experience in any business supporting fishing.*

In terms of Mr. Lefranc he also falls under item number (iii) *Leadership in a state, regional, or national organization whose members participate in a fishery in the Council's area of authority*, since he is the current president of the **Puerto Rico Light Tackle Anglers**. Lefranc is also a member of Club Nautico de San Juan, the International Game Fish Association and The Billfish Foundation. Indeed, he has taken up leadership roles in these organizations; for example, he was the chairman of **The International Billfish Tournament** at Club Nautico de San Juan during 2005 & 2006 and sat on the board of directors of Club Nautico de San Juan for six years. Moreover, he has been on the tournament committee at two major fishing tournaments and seven other minor fishing tournaments.

Below a list of the commercial / recreational communities of the State that were consulted by me that led to the nominations of Lefranc and Piñeiro:

- Emilio Fernandez- recreational fisherman San Juan
- Aleida Arbona- recreational fisherwoman San Juan
- Andres Nevarez, Senior- recreational fisherman San Juan
- Frankie Mirandes- recreational fisherman San Juan
- Raul Matos Alvarado- recreational fisherman Ponce
- Cesar Cabrera- recreational fisherman San Juan
- Luis Umpierre- recreational fisherman and charter captain San Juan

The consultations for Israel Umpierre's nomination were performed by Aida Rosario and/or Miguel A. Garcia Bermudez, so they may provide you with this information directly. Aside from the consultations for Umpierre (which will be provided by Ms. Rosario and/or Mr. Garcia), please let us know if this information satisfies the request.

In regard to Mr. Israel Umpierre he was nominated by members of the PR Light Tackle. Afterward he accepted to participate of the process.