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Samuel D. Rauch, III
Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries
Attention: William Chappell
NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service
1315 East-West Highway, Room 14636
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

Dear Mr. Rauch:

Thank you for contacting my office regarding the three seats that will become vacant on the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council later this year.

As mandated by the Magnuson-Stevens Act, I submit for your consideration three recommendations for nomination to New Jersey's obligatory seat and three recommendations for nomination to the at-large seat currently held by the representative from New York. Please note, however, that I waive my privilege to submit recommendations for the at-large seat held by the representative from North Carolina.

Regarding New Jersey's obligatory seat, I *highly* recommend Christopher Zeman for reappointment to the Council. Mr. Zeman's distinguished professional experience has prepared him to best understand the wants and needs of our stakeholders in the commercial and recreational fishing industries, as well as understand the strengths and limitations of natural resource management and the science of natural resource conservation.

With that, I recommend the following candidates for nomination to New Jersey's obligatory seat. I have ranked each candidate by order of preference.

I. Christopher Zeman:

Mr. Zeman's distinguished professional experience has prepared him to best understand the wants and needs of our stakeholders in the commercial and recreational fishing industries, as well as understand the strengths and limitations of natural resource management and the science of natural resource conservation.

II. Edward Goldman:

Mr. Goldman is a recreational fisherman who has previously served on the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council. He has considerable experience in the fishery management process, having served on the MAFMC and the New Jersey's Marine Fisheries Council for 13 years, as well as having been a legislative proxy to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission.

III. Milt Rosko:

Mr. Rosko is a life-long recreational fisherman and a well-known author of numerous articles in publications dedicated to outdoor activities including recreational fishing.

Regarding the at-large seat held by New York, I *highly* recommend Captain Paul Eidman for appointment to the Council. Captain Eidman is a conservation-minded angler who provides consulting services to environmental organizations on the Magnuson-Stevens Act, marine spatial planning, and forage fish restoration and management.

With that, I recommend the following candidates for nomination to the at-large seat held by New York. I have ranked each candidate by order of preference.

I. Captain Paul Eidman:

Captain Eidman is a conservation-minded angler who provides consulting services to environmental organizations on the Magnuson-Stevens Act, marine spatial planning, and forage fish restoration and management. Captain Eidman is the founder of the *River Herring Rescue*, which works to help river herring populations access upstream spawning locations. He is also the founder of the *Coastal Lakes Coalition*, which works to develop programs to transform polluted lakes into viable ecosystems.

II. Captain Adam Nowalsky:

Captain Nowalsky is a recreational fisherman and founder of the New Jersey Chapter of the Recreational Fishing Alliance. He has served on the citizen advisory committee of the New Jersey Marine Fisheries Council, as well as having been a legislative proxy to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission.

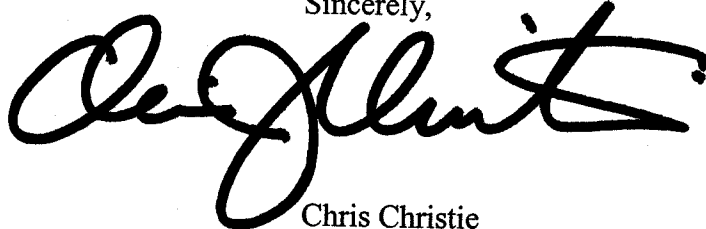
III. Hansel Torriero:

Mr. Torriero is a recreational fisherman who has previously served on the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council. He is knowledgeable of the fishery management process.

I have enclosed for your review the four-part nomination application kits for each recommended candidate.

In identifying qualified candidates for recommendation, my administration worked closely with Commissioner Robert Martin of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, as well as the New Jersey Outdoor Alliance, the New Jersey Chapter of the Recreational Fishing Alliance, and the Garden State Seafood Association. I am committed to ensuring that New Jersey's appointees are qualified, exhibit the highest integrity, and represent the diverse nature of our State. Please note that particular attention was paid to identifying qualified women and minority candidates for appointment to the Council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Christie". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and a long, sweeping tail.

Chris Christie
Governor