



March 8, 2012

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Governor

Assistant Administrator for Fisheries
National Marine Fisheries Service
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Attn: William Chappell

Dear Mr. Chappell:

In response to your letter of January 6, 2012, I am submitting the names of four candidates for consideration of appointment by the Secretary of Commerce to Oregon's obligatory seat on the Pacific Fisheries Management Council (PFMC). The seat is currently held by Ms. Dorothy Lowman and I recommend her for reappointment. The order of preference of the nominations is as follows:

First Preference

Dorothy Lowman

Second Preference (Tie)

John Holloway
Jack Brown, Jr.

Third Preference

Gordon Myrah

Included with this letter of nomination are the complete original applications of the above-named individuals. I have found that the candidates meet the requirements listed in section 302(b)(2)(A) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Reauthorization Act. A brief description of their abilities and applicable experience is provided below.

Dorothy Lowman

Ms. Lowman is a current member of PFMC, having served since 2009 for one term. Since 2010, she has served as PFMC vice chair. She also gained experience with PFMC as a member of the PFMC Trawl Individual Quota Committee and as the Council's Staff Economist from 1983-1987. Ms. Lowman served as Staff Economist for the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council and as Special Advisor for the North Pacific Fishery Management Council. She was a member of the Department of Commerce Marine Fisheries Advisory Council from 2006-2009. As a natural resource consultant, she worked with tribal communities on projects and served as a liaison between the fishing industry and conservation organizations. In addition, Ms. Lowman's background in oceanography will enhance her ability to understand the complexities of ecosystem-based fisheries management. She has the endorsement of many conservation organizations as well as Oregon fishermen.

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John Holloway

Mr. Holloway currently serves as Vice Chair on PFMC's Groundfish Advisory Subpanel and represents recreational fishermen on the Subpanel. He is an avid marine recreational angler and holds leadership roles in several Oregon organizations involved with coastal issues. He is Co-Chairman of the Board for the Oregon Chapter of the Recreational Fishing Alliance, and Secretary of the Board for Oregon Anglers and member of the Coastal Conservation Association. Since 2010, Mr. Holloway has volunteered full time in support of marine fisheries interests on the Oregon coast, and is an advisory committee member for Oregon's Territorial Sea Plan and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's Nearshore Conservation Strategy. Mr. Holloway has the endorsement of many recreational fishermen.

Jack Brown

Mr. Brown voluntarily serves in many leadership positions involving Oregon marine issues. He is City Councilor for Depoe Bay, Oregon, Chair of the Oregon Coastal Zone Management Association, and member of Oregon's Ocean Policy Advisory Council, an appointed body charged with advising the Governor on ocean issues. As a City Councilor on the central Oregon coast, he has been a community leader to establish a nearby marine reserve in state waters.

Gordon Myrah

Mr. Myrah is an avid recreational fisherman and a member of the South Coast Fisherman's Association. He is also an active volunteer in the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) Salmon and Trout Enhancement Program, including a Chinook salmon capture and spawning project on the southern Oregon coast.

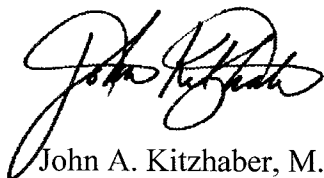
Of the four nominees offered for appointment, I am recommending the reappointment of Ms. Dorothy Lowman. She has successfully demonstrated during her first term that she uses her skills, education, and experience to serve the Council very well.

In determining who to nominate, we have consulted with a broad range of conservation and management interests familiar with the work of the PFMC. In addition, we have carefully considered qualified women and/or minority candidates as requested. To recruit applicants, ODFW issued a press release published and aired by coastal media. The agency also directly contacted a diverse group of about forty individuals and organizations actively involved in west coast marine resource issues from fishing and conservation perspectives.

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The work of the Council is extremely important. I appreciate this opportunity to provide Oregon's recommendation on the pending appointment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John A. Kitzhaber". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being the most prominent.

John A. Kitzhaber, M.D.
Governor

Enclosures:

Dorothy Lowman application
Jack Brown application
John Holloway application
Gordon Myrah application

