



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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William Chappell  
Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
1315 East-West Highway, Room 14636  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

Dear Mr. Chappell:

I am pleased to offer the following slate of candidates to fill the positions created by the expiration of the Pacific Fishery Management Council's (PFMC) California Obligatory seat currently held by David M. Crabbe, and two At-Large seats, one of which is currently held by William L. Brizendine II from California. I am submitting a total of three names for your consideration in order of preference: Mr. Crabbe, who is seeking reappointment for a second three-year term in the California Obligatory seat; Mr. Kenneth Frank; and, Mr. Brizendine, who is seeking a second three-year term in an At-Large seat.

Nominations were submitted based on consultations with key organizations representing those California fishing industries most affected by PFMC management plans. In addition, we solicited nominations from the environmental community, as they are playing an ever increasing role in the Council public process. Some of the organizations and affiliations we contacted are as follows:

- *Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations (PCFFA)*. The PCFFA is the largest organization representing commercial fishermen in California. The organization is mostly comprised of salmon fishermen, but also represents crab, shrimp, albacore, sea urchin, and groundfish fishermen.
- *California Fisheries and Seafood Institute (CFSI)*. The CFSI is the largest organization representing wholesale fish processing industries in California.



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- *Fishermen's Marketing Association (FMA)*. The FMA represents groundfish trawl fishermen from California, Oregon, and Washington. Their membership lands approximately 70 percent of the trawl-caught groundfish in California.
- *California Salmon Council (CSC)*. The CSC is a non-profit, 2500-member group dedicated to educate and promote the excellence of California King Salmon.
- *California Wetfish Producers Association (CWPA)*. The (CWPA) was established in 2004 to promote sustainable sardine, mackerel, squid, and anchovy fisheries and foster cooperative research. Voluntary membership includes the majority of wetfish harvesters and processors operating in California.
- *Western Fishboat Owners Association*. The Western Fishboat Owners Association represents about 400 albacore troll-vessel owners and supporting businesses based in California, Oregon, Washington, Alaska, Hawaii, New Zealand, and British Columbia.
- *Sportfishing Association of California (SAC), Golden Gate Fishermen's Association (GGFA)*. The SAC represents commercial passenger fishing vessels operating in central and Southern California. The SAC and its affiliate, the Golden Gate Fishermen's Association, represent over 400 commercial passenger fishing vessels, the largest charter boat organization in the world.

The GGFA represents approximately 40 commercial passenger fishing vessels, mostly between Monterey and Fort Bragg.

- *United Anglers of California (UAC) and United Anglers of Southern California (UASC)*. The UAC is the only statewide organization in California that represents saltwater anglers. Their focus in Central and Northern California issues relate to anadromous fish and groundfish. In Southern California, the UASC focuses on highly migratory species, coastal pelagic species, and groundfish.
- *Recreational Fishing Alliance*. The RFA is a nationwide coalition of private boat anglers, spearfishing divers, bank and kayak anglers, and allied sportfishing organizations who represent individual anglers and divers in the fishery management process.

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- *Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), The Ocean Conservancy (OC), Pacific Ocean Conservation Network (POCN)*. These environmental advocacy groups, individually or in concert, use a combination of grassroots activism, litigation, education, and outreach to find lasting solutions to issues affecting oceans and all marine life. *The Nature Conservancy*. To ease the transition to more sustainable forms of fishing, the Conservancy has worked with commercial fishermen to buy back federal trawling permits and vessels, and is now working with the local community and scientists on more sustainable approaches to fishing in the Central California Coast.

#### NOMINATION PROCESS

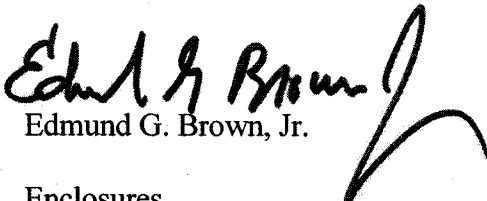
In soliciting nominees, the Department of Fish and Game (Department) consulted with individuals and fishery organizations whose members are directly affected by Council actions, as required under Fish and Game Code Section 7655: Members "...must be individuals who, by reason of their occupational or 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." Section 302 (b) (2) (A).

The solicitation letter, including the full list of individuals and associations that received the letter, is enclosed. The Department received completed applications from six individuals who are California residents represented and supported by a diversity of interests. All candidates meet the minimum qualifications relative to pertinent sections of the Magnuson Act and would be willing to accept nominations to either the California Obligatory seat or either of the At-Large seats.

Please consider the following nominees for those seats: Mr. David Crabbe, Mr. Kenneth Frank, and Mr. William Brizendine. The required federal application forms for the aforementioned candidates are enclosed. If further assistance is needed in the nomination process, please feel free to call Ms. Mona Pasquil, Appointments Secretary at (916) 445-4541.

Thank you for allowing some of California's finest and most qualified candidates an opportunity to represent our Golden State on the Pacific Fishery Management Council.

Sincerely,

  
Edmund G. Brown, Jr.

Enclosures