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March 12, 2015

Attn: Brian Fredieu

Dear Mr. Fredieu:

Enclosed please find completed nomination materials for New Jersey's obligatory seat on the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC). We have consulted with New Jersey's environmental stewardship, recreational and commercial fishing organizations in developing the below recommendations.

The individuals I am submitting come from the environmental, recreational and commercial fishing communities.

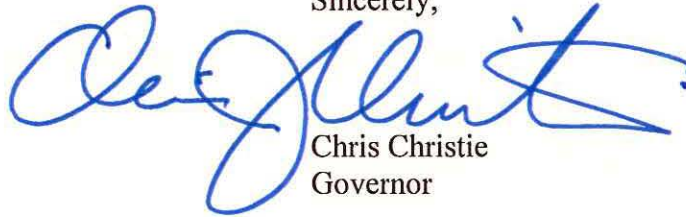
New Jersey Obligatory Seat:

- **Christopher Zeman** - Mr. Zeman is the incumbent in this seat and is completing his second term. He has been involved with various environmental and recreational fishing organizations involved in various fisheries issues.

- **Dr. Eleanor Bochenek** – Dr. Bochenek is currently a member of the New Jersey Marine Fisheries Council in a general public seat. She is also the Director of the Cooperative Fisheries Center within Rutgers University and has been actively engaged in various marine fisheries research programs in cooperation with the commercial and recreational industries.
- **Adam Nowalsky** – Mr. Nowalsky is a licensed charter fishing captain. He has been involved in fisheries management for several years by serving on citizen advisory committees of the New Jersey Marine Fisheries Council, chairman of the New Jersey Chapter of the Recreational Fishing Alliance and serves as a legislative proxy for New Jersey to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission.

Thank you for your consideration of my nominees. If you have any questions please contact Matthew McDermott, Director of Appointments, at 609-777-2203.

Sincerely,

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Chris Christie  
Governor



STATE OF NEW YORK  
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**ANDREW M. CUOMO**  
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Mr. Brian Fredieu  
Assistant Administrator for Fisheries  
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Dear Mr. Fredieu,

I am writing to submit New York State's recommended candidates to be considered for appointment to fill the "At-large" seat on the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC) that is currently held by Captain Anthony D. DiLernia.

I am pleased to recommend Captain Anthony D. DiLernia for reappointment to the "At-large" seat. Captain DiLernia is well respected and extremely knowledgeable on a broad array of fisheries issues. He has ably represented the interests of recreational fishermen and demonstrated a keen understanding of the complexities associated with managing the fisheries. He currently occupies an "At-large" seat on the MAFMC and participates on the South Atlantic Fisheries Management Council since several southern species are shifting north to the mid-Atlantic.

In addition to Captain DiLernia, I am submitting the names of two other candidates who are worthy of your consideration. They are Pat Augustine and Lisa Poyer, both of whom have the requisite expertise on fishery management issues.

As in previous years, the process we used to identify candidates included discussions with leaders of commercial and recreational fishing organizations in New York and with individuals who have attended and provided input at management meetings, including the Marine Resources Advisory Council and public meetings on individual Fishery Management Plans (FMPs). With respect to women and minority candidates, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) identified two individuals who had the necessary expertise; however, one declined consideration due to employment demands. The second, Lisa Poyer, has been included as a nominee. This collective process resulted in several candidates being considered. Nomination kits for the qualified candidates identified below are included with this correspondence.

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The following, in order of preference, are New York State's 2015 nominees for the "At-large" seat on the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council:

**Captain Anthony D. DiLernia** – Owner/Operator of Rocket Charters in New York City and the Director of Maritime Technology at Kingsborough Community College; MAFMC Member for New York, 1991-2002, and 2012-2015.

**Pat Augustine** – Recreational Angler, Former MAFMC Councilor 2002-2011.

**Lisa Poyer** – Recreation Angler, Member RFA, NY Sports Fishing Federation.

I highly recommend Captain DiLernia and respectfully request your consideration of his reappointment to the "At-large" seat on the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council.

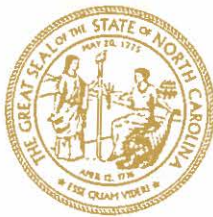
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ANDREW M. CUOMO

Dated: March 10, 2015





STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

PAT McCRORY  
GOVERNOR

March 13, 2015

Ms. Eileen Sobek, Assistant Administrator for Fisheries  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
1315 East-West Highway, Room 14636  
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Dear Ms. Sobek:

Thank you for your agency's letter of Jan. 28, 2015 requesting that I nominate a slate of qualified candidates for consideration by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce for an at-large appointment to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council.

N.C. General Statute 113-260 charges the N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission with the responsibility of compiling a list of nominees for consideration by the governor for Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council appointments. The commission provided the names of four individuals for my consideration, and I have selected the following candidates as nominees for an at-large appointment to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council: Mr. Kenneth "Casey" Wagner, Jr., Ms. Sara E. Winslow, and Dr. Roger A. Rulifson. I have selected Mr. Kenneth "Casey" Wagner, Jr. as a preferred nominee.

As a result of the statutory makeup of the N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission (please see enclosed list), compilation of the list of nominees by that body meets the requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, Section 302(b)(2)(C), that each nomination be made in consultation with the commercial and recreational fishing interests of the state. The commission makes every effort to encourage and seek out qualified women and minority candidates during this process. All of the nominees are residents of North Carolina. All nominees, by reason of their occupational or other experience, scientific expertise or training, are knowledgeable regarding the conservation and management of the commercial or recreational harvest of the fisheries resources of North Carolina.

Following is a brief summary of the experience that qualifies each nominee to serve as a member of the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council:

**Mr. Kenneth "Casey" Wagner, Jr.** Mr. Wagner received a B.S. Degree in Business Administration from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill in 1979. He owns real estate and rental property businesses in Atlantic Beach, N.C. Mr. Wagner has been involved with the charter and recreational fishing industry for more than forty years. He has owned and operated the charter boats Wavedancer and Triple Header, and currently owns and operates the Inspiration. In addition, he has captained many private boats and has operated as an inshore fishing guide. Mr. Wagner has fished the waters of the Mid-

Atlantic as well as tropical environments, and has held a 100 ton Masters License since 1984.

Mr. Wagner is a long-time member of the Big Rock Blue Marlin Tournament Board of Directors and has served as its president for seven years. During that time, the Big Rock Tournament has grown from a small local tournament to one of the most prestigious billfish tournaments in the world. In addition, he serves on the Board of Directors for the newly formed Atlantic Billfish Championship Series and is on the Advisory Board for the N.C. Governor's Cup Conservation Series.

Mr. Wagner participates in six to ten fishing tournaments each year with a major focus on the N.C. Governor's Cup Series. In 2014, he fished in nine tournaments and won the 2014 Big Rock Tournament, placed second in the Keli Wagner Ladies Tournament, came in third in the Ducks Unlimited Tournament, and placed second in the N.C. Governors Cup Series.

**Ms. Sara E. Winslow.** Ms. Winslow received a B.S. degree in Marine Biology from UNC-Wilmington in 1978 and began her career with the N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries in January 1979. She worked in various positions until 1988, when she was promoted to the Northern District Biologist Supervisor position. In that capacity, she was responsible for overseeing biological staff and projects in N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries offices located in Elizabeth City, Manteo and Columbia. In December 2000, Ms. Winslow was promoted to the Northern District Manager position where she was responsible for all regional N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries projects. She served as the division's project leader for a variety of anadromous species projects, and was instrumental in the development of many of the division's early fishery management plans. Ms. Winslow also participated in numerous N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission meetings and activities until her retirement in February 2011.

At the interstate level, Ms. Winslow served on Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Technical Committees for Shad and River Herring, Striped Bass and the Striped Bass Tagging Committee. For 21 of 23 years, Ms. Winslow participated in the Cooperative Winter Tagging Cruise, a collaborative effort among the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Marine Fisheries Service, the N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries and several other Atlantic coast states. Ms. Winslow currently serves on the N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission Finfish and Northern Regional Advisory Committees, as well as the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council River Herring and Shad Advisory Committee.

**Dr. Roger A. Rulifson.** Dr. Rulifson is the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Professor, and Senior Scientist within the Institute for Coastal Science and Policy at East Carolina University. He received his B.S. in Biology and French from the University of Dubuque (Iowa), and M.S. in Marine Science and Ph.D. in Marine Science & Engineering at N.C. State University. Dr. Rulifson has over 30 years of fisheries research and teaching experience, with topics ranging from anadromous species life history and population estimates to cooperative gear research and bycatch reduction. He has authored or co-authored over 200 publications, technical reports, and book chapters during his career.

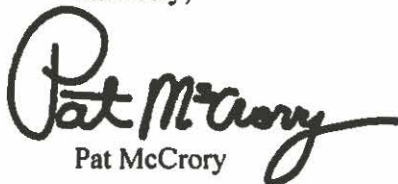
Dr. Rulifson has participated in multiple advisory committees and technical panels at both the state and federal level. He has been a member of both the N.C. River Herring



and N.C. Estuarine Striped Bass Fishery Management Plan Advisory Committees, as well as a member of the Spiny Dogfish Stock Assessment Review Committee (SARC 37) for the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission. He served on the Transboundary Resources Assessment Committee and the Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Maritimes Region Science Advisory Process for Spiny Dogfish. He is also currently a member of the Atlantic Acoustic Tracking Network and the NMFS River Herring Technical Expert Workgroup. Dr. Rulifson has received several awards, including the Governor's Conservation Achievement Award (Water Conservationist of the Year, 1991). He is an active member of the American Fisheries Society, having served as both President and Past President of the Marine Fisheries Section, as well as on the Board of Governors.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the nomination process for a N.C. at-large seat to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council.

Sincerely,

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Pat McCrory

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# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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Terence R. McAuliffe  
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March 11, 2015

Brian Fredieu  
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National Marine Fisheries Service  
1315 East-West Highway, Room 14636  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

Dear Mr. Fredieu,

I am proud to nominate, in order of preference, Peter deFur, Ken Neill, and Meade Amory for an obligatory seat on the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council. Each of these candidates is fully qualified for this position 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. Ensuring the vitality of our tidal waters natural resources is essential to a vigorous economy for our coastal communities, and each of these individuals would prove an asset to the Council.

Serving the Commonwealth for much of their career, each candidate's experience and expertise has enhanced the sustained use and productivity of our fisheries and each candidate has shown a commitment to stewardship of our marine resources. The above nominations are, in part, the result of consultations with members of the Virginia Marine Resources Commission and its Finfish Management Advisory Committee, the Virginia Seafood Council, the Shellfish Growers of Virginia, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, the Nature Conservancy, the Virginia Institute of Marine Science and the Virginia Charter Boat Association. Along with those considerations, a great deal of thought and expertise from state agencies – principally the Virginia Marine Resources Council and its staff – went into the selection of Virginia's Nominees.

I am committed to the goal of increasing women and minority representation throughout government and on boards and commissions like the MAFMC. Efforts were made to identify qualified women and minority nominees, but given the constraints of the concurrent Virginia Legislative session and the relatively short period between receipt of the nomination packet and the nomination deadline, none could be found with the appropriate credentials, experience and

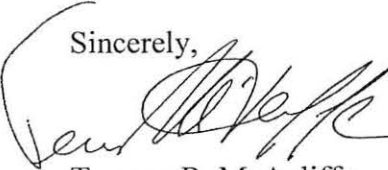
willingness to serve. An effort is now in place and will remain ongoing to pre-select women and minority candidates for future openings and the Commission should expect to see a very diverse slate of nominations from Virginia in the future.

In addition to his career as a marine scientist, Peter deFur is also a veteran of the MAFMC. Peter's prior experience would allow him to step into a familiar role at the MAFMC and act with confidence and competence. Ken Neill has been involved in both fisheries research for many years through the Virginia Institute of Marine Science and Old Dominion University, and is a respected member of the Virginia Marine Resources Commission and its advisory boards. As a member of the business community and owner of Amory Seafood, Meade Amory has a first-hand understanding of the health and vitality of our fisheries, from both an economic and harvesting basis. Although each of these candidates offers different backgrounds, they all share a significant commonality – a lifetime of dedication to our marine resources.

These candidates demonstrate the skills necessary to carefully strike a balance between a flourishing economy and habitat and species conservation. While respecting the delicate nature of competing interests, each candidate has a firm grasp on decisions that best fit the needs of our Nation's marine resources. These candidates are ready to manage the many aspects of MAFMC by aiding informed decision-making on fisheries and other resources throughout this North Carolina-New York region of federal waters, developing management plans for our federally- or jointly-managed coastal resources, promoting recreational activities, and participating in local, interstate, and federal fishery organizations.

These candidates have a long-standing, deeply rooted, and enduring interest in the conservation and management of our coastal fisheries throughout the Mid-Atlantic region. Their experience, knowledge, and expertise are sure to prove valuable to the citizens of all of the member states of the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council.

I am pleased to nominate Peter, Ken, and Meade for MAFMC's vacancies and I am confident that you find each of these candidates as qualified as I do. Given that only one of Virginia's nominees for the open obligatory seat on the MAMFC will be chosen, the Commonwealth of Virginia respectfully submits that the other two nominees put forth be given consideration for any additional open seats on the Commission. No other nominees will be put forward at this time.

Sincerely,  
  
Terence R. McAuliffe