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Dear Ms. Coit,

Please accept the following names in priority order, as my nominees for one of the two obligatory Washington State seats to the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC). The seat was previously held by the late Kenny Down, whose term expires on August 10, 2026.

Washington State has consulted with a broad range of interested parties in seeking nominations; the consultation list is attached. As requested by our federal partners, efforts were made to nominate individuals with knowledge and experience in the conservation and management of marine resources and other sectors including women, people of color, tribal members, subsistence users, and individuals representative of historically underserved communities. In addition, we have considered the need for experience and perspective related to conservation of fisheries, ecosystems and habitat and respect to environmental protections especially considering the rapidly changing climate.

In conjunction with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, we have evaluated each candidate's leadership and experience relative to the Magnuson Stevens Act and Governor's Guidance Document. Additionally, my office conducted initial background reviews, and determined that none of these nominees are federally registered lobbyists. Ms. Goen should be classified as "commercial" sector, while Ms. Robbins-Gisclair and Ms. Harvey should be classified in the "other" sector.

Based on my evaluation of each candidate's qualifications, I am recommending the following individuals in priority order.

1) Ms. Becca Robbins-Gisclair:

Ms. Robbins Gisclair is the Senior Director of Arctic Programs for Ocean Conservancy, where she works closely with Alaska Tribes and grassroots organizations to protect a region that is on the frontlines of global climate change. She developed an in-depth understanding of the Bering Sea ecosystem and fisheries through two decades of involvement in the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC) process, including six years on the Advisory Panel with four of those in leadership, and as a Board member of the North Pacific Research Board (NPRB). She serves as a domestic advisor for the North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission and the Bering Sea Fishery Advisory Body and has worked for several Alaska organizations as a natural resources advisor. She resides on Coast Salish lands in Bellingham, Washington.

2) Ms. Jamie Goen:

Ms. Goen is the Executive Director of the Alaska Bering Sea Crabbers, a trade organization representing crab harvesters. She participates regularly in the North Pacific Fishery Management Council process and has worked with four of the eight regional fishery management councils around the country. Ms. Goen has broad experience in fisheries management after working for NOAA Fisheries for 15 years and as part of the leadership team at the International Pacific Halibut Commission. She has hands-on experience working on boats, working with all gear sectors from open access to rationalized fisheries, working for domestic and international fisheries, and conducting oceanographic research around the world that is the foundation of climate science. She resides in Seattle, Washington.

3) Ms. Elaine Harvey:

Ms. Harvey is the Watershed Department Managers for the Columbia River Intertribal Fish Commission, a tribal coordinating body comprised of the four Tribes of the Columbia Basin. Her unit oversees many aspects of the Columbia River, water quality, and Coastal Margin Observation Prediction Program. Her prior work experience was in the Yakama Nation Fisheries section of the tribe's Department of Natural Resources, including Environmental Coordinator, Hydro Systems Oversight Coordinator and Forest and Fish Biologist. Ms. Harvey resides in Goldendale, Washington.

I am confident our three nominees are well qualified to serve on the NPFMC and will continue the work to support management values that promote resource conservation, habitat protection, and sustainable fisheries. Additionally, I hope the Council will continue to maintain sustainable stocks and encourage consideration of new technologies to further limit unnecessary bycatch in our waters. I believe this nomination honors Kenny's seat and his service to the council and to the state of Washington by having someone who will give a voice to a much-needed conservation perspective on the council.

Very Truly Yours,



Jay Inslee
Governor

cc: Kelly Susewind, Director, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Bill Tweit, Special Assistant, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Attachment: List of Groups Consulted

Enclosure: Nomination kits for Ms. Robbins-Gisclair, Ms. Goen, Ms. Harvey

List of Groups Consulted Regarding Nominations for Washington Obligatory Seat on the North Pacific Fishery Management Council – 2024 Nomination:

Alaska Bering Sea Crabbers
Alaska Scallop Association
Alaska Seafood Cooperative
Alaskan Leader Fisheries
Aleutian Longline, LLC
American Seafoods
Arctic Storm Management Group
At Sea Processors Association
Bering Sea Pot Cod Cooperative
Coastal Villages Regional Fund
Deep Sea Fishermens Union
Fishing Vessel Owners Association
Freezer Longliner Coalition
Groundfish Forum
Icicle Seafoods
Midwater Trawlers Cooperative
North Pacific Crab Association
North Pacific Seafoods
North Pacific Vessel Owners Association
Ocean Conservancy
Pacific Seafood Processors Association
SeaState, Inc.
Trident Seafoods
United Catcher Boats
University of Washington – School of Marine and Environmental Affairs
US Seafoods
Westward Fishing Company
Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission
Alaska Longline Fishermen’s Association
Halibut Association of North America
F/V Robert S & Eska Bay Marine
Seafood Producers Cooperative
Tempo Sea LLC,
Sea Fisher LLC,
At Sea Management LLC
F/V New Venture
F/V Time Bandit
Aleutian Spray LLC
Whidbey Island Seafood
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Pacific Mariner and Confidence
Earth Justice
Ocean Conservancy
Alaska Marine Conservation Council
Pew Charitable Trusts
OCEANA
SalmonState
Civic Ventures
Trout Unlimited
WA Conservation Action
The Boat Company