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Mr. Dan Hull, Chair
North Pacific Fishery Management Council
605 West 4th Avenue, Suite 306
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Chairman Hull:

I would like to nominate Mr. Nathaniel Nichols for appointment to the Council's Gulf of Alaska Groundfish Plan Team to replace Mark Stichert, who has accepted a new position within the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. Nat has replaced Mark as the Kodiak, Chignik, and South Alaska Peninsula Area Groundfish/Shellfish Area Management Biologist in the Division of Commercial Fisheries. Nat is currently responsible for oversight of management of state groundfish/shellfish activities in those management areas. He has also participated in Gulf of Alaska Groundfish Plan Team meetings and understands the complex and unique state and federal management overlap. With his interest and experience, Nat will be a valuable addition to the Gulf of Alaska Groundfish Plan Team.

Thank you for considering his appointment at the upcoming June 2017 Council meeting, attached is his curriculum vitae for your review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sam Cotten".

Sam Cotten
Commissioner

NATHANIEL NICHOLS

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EDUCATION

University of Alaska Southeast, B.S. Environmental Science **2010**

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Area Management Biologist - Shellfish and Groundfish, ADF&G, Kodiak, AK **2016–present**

- Regulate commercial and subsistence shellfish and groundfish fisheries in the Kodiak, Chignik, and South Alaska Peninsula management areas by developing harvest strategies, establishing guideline harvest levels, assessing fishery performance, and implementing time and area closures
- Represent ADF&G during industry, fishery advisory, and Alaska Board of Fisheries meetings
- Oversee and direct staff responsible for dockside sampling, trawl survey, and fishery data programs

Assistant Area Management Biologist - Shellfish and Groundfish, ADF&G, Kodiak, AK **2015–2016**

- Assisted management of commercial and subsistence shellfish and groundfish fisheries in the Kodiak, Chignik, and South Alaska Peninsula management areas
- Oversaw and directed staff responsible for collection and archival of commercial harvest and effort data

Bering Sea *Chionoecetes* Crab Research Biologist - ADF&G, Kodiak, AK **2014–2015**

- Assisted with research focused on female reproductive potential of Bering Sea *Chionoecetes* crabs
- Oversaw and directed staff responsible for collecting biological data at sea and in laboratory settings

Assistant Area Management Biologist - Salmon and Herring, ADF&G, Kodiak, AK **2012–2014**

- Assisted management of commercial and subsistence salmon and herring fisheries in the South Alaska Peninsula Management Area
- Oversaw and directed staff responsible for collecting biological, environmental, escapement, and commercial harvest data

Assistant Area Management Biologist – Salmon, ADF&G, Kodiak, AK **2010–2012**

- Assisted management of commercial and subsistence salmon fisheries in the Chignik Management Area
- Oversaw and directed staff responsible for collecting biological, escapement, commercial harvest, and test fishery data

REFERENCES

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