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Ms. Angel Drobnic, Chair
North Pacific Fishery Management Council
1007 West Third, Suite 499
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Chair Drobnic,

I am nominating Mr. Ethan Nichols for appointment to the Council's Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Crab Plan Team (CPT) to replace Miranda Westphal, who recently left her position with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G). Ethan has accepted the position of Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area (BSAI) Management Biologist in Dutch Harbor within the Commercial Fisheries Division, after having served as the Assistant Area Management Biologist since mid-2016.

His position oversees management of fisheries in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands, which includes crab, groundfish, scallop, and subsistence fishery species. Ethan serves as the primary in-season management contact for the Crab Rationalization Program fisheries and works closely with federal fisheries managers and law enforcement agencies. He provides direct oversight of the ADF&G catch accounting and retained catch sampling programs for BSAI crab fisheries and coordinates closely with the BSAI crab observer program. As the Area Management Biologist, Ethan understands BSAI crab co-management and is well acquainted with federal reference points, permitting, and survey/research efforts. Ethan is well regarded within the crab industry and would be a valued contributor to the CPT if appointed.

Thank you for considering his appointment at the upcoming December 2023 Council meeting; attached is his CV for your review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Lang".

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

Ethan W. Nichols

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EDUCATION

University of Alaska Southeast, B.S. Geography and Environmental Resources **2012**

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Area Management Biologist

Bering Sea–Aleutian Islands, Shellfish and Groundfish, ADF&G, Dutch Harbor, AK **2023–present**

- Collect, monitor, and interpret inseason fishery data for commercial and subsistence shellfish and groundfish fisheries in the Bering Sea–Aleutian Islands (BSAI) management areas
- Regulate BSAI commercial and subsistence shellfish and groundfish fisheries by establishing harvest limits, applying time and area closures, and developing harvest strategies
- Represent ADF&G during industry, fishery advisory, and Alaska Board of Fisheries meetings
- Interpret and communicate fisheries regulations to the public, fishery stakeholders, and regulatory boards
- Oversee and direct staff responsible for inseason fishery management, dockside sampling, and catch accounting

Assistant Area Management Biologist

Bering Sea–Aleutian Islands, Shellfish and Groundfish, ADF&G, Dutch Harbor, AK **2016–2023**

- Assisted management of commercial and subsistence shellfish and groundfish fisheries in the BSAI management areas
- Assisted with representing ADF&G during industry, fishery advisory, and Alaska Board of Fisheries meetings
- Oversaw BSAI shellfish dockside sampling program and directed staff responsible for collection of retained catch data

Fishery Biologist I, Lead Dockside Sampler

Bering Sea–Aleutian Islands, Shellfish, ADF&G, Dutch Harbor, AK **2015–2016**

- Collected biological and commercial harvest and effort data from BSAI commercial shellfish deliveries
- Trained dockside samplers and coordinated daily coverage of BSAI commercial shellfish deliveries
- Provided GIS-based analysis of commercial fishery data to BSAI fishery managers

Fish and Wildlife Technician III, Dockside Sampler

Bering Sea–Aleutian Islands, Shellfish, ADF&G, Dutch Harbor, AK **2014**

- Collected biological and commercial harvest and effort data from BSAI commercial shellfish deliveries
- Inspected commercial vessels and fishing gear for regulatory compliance

Research Technician II

Spatial Ecosystem Analysis Lab, University of Alaska Southeast, Juneau, AK

2012–2014

- Assisted with GIS-based watershed analysis of Southeast Alaska
- Acquired, processed, and analyzed historical stream temperature data
- Assisted with various intertidal surveys, wildlife research projects, instrument deployments, and teaching University of Alaska GIS courses

REFERENCES

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