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Simon Kinneen
Chairman
North Pacific Fishery Management Council
1007 West 3rd Avenue, Suite 400
Anchorage, AK 99501-2252

Submitted via online portal

Re: Letter of Interest – AP 2021 Appointment

Dear Chairman Kinneen:

I am seeking a three-year seat on the Advisory Panel. I bring a diverse background, strong skillset, and ability to objectively consider all aspects issues. I also grew up in Kodiak and understand the importance of strong and healthy commercial, recreational, and subsistence fisheries to Alaskan communities.

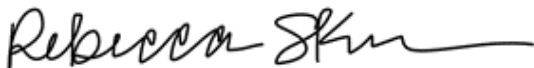
I am familiar with federal fisheries management through my work with Alaska Whitefish Trawlers Association (AWTA), a Kodiak-based trade association representing trawl CVs operating primarily in federal fisheries the GOA and BSAI. I regularly attend North Pacific Fishery Management Council meetings, and represent AWTA on the International Pacific Halibut Commission Conference Board. I am on the Board of Seafood Harvesters of America, and United Fishermen of Alaska, where I also serve as Vice President. In addition, I have been part of the Kodiak Aleutians Regional Advisory Council (KARAC) since 2014, which covers the Kodiak Archipelago, Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Chain.

I served on the Kodiak Island Borough Assembly for six years, and worked closely with community leaders from Alaska's southwest region on the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference (SWAMC) board of directors for five years. SWAMC covers a geographic area spanning from the Kodiak Archipelago down the Aleutian Chain, Bristol Bay and out to Adak.

My legal background allows me to quickly understand complex issues while remaining objective. I have experience engaging in productive debate, and the ability to synthesize and clearly articulate multiple perspectives, all of which will be a significant asset to the AP and Council process.

I am able to meet the time commitment if appointed, and enclosed my resume for your review.

Thank you for your consideration.



Rebecca Skinner

Enclosure

Skinner Resume

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EDUCATION

MBA (Finance), University of North Carolina Kenan-Flagler Business School Chapel Hill, NC
Juris Doctor, Vermont Law School South Royalton, VT
Master of Studies in Environmental Law, Vermont Law School South Royalton, VT
Bachelor of Arts (Native American Studies/Psychology) Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH

PROFESSIONAL AND WORK EXPERIENCE

Alaska Whitefish Trawlers Association, Kodiak, AK 2017 - Present
Executive Director

Alaska Whitefish Trawlers Association is a Kodiak-based trade organization that has represented independently owned trawl catcher-vessels operating in the Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea for over 40 years. Most member vessels home-port in Kodiak and deliver groundfish 11 months per year from both federal and state groundfish fisheries, allowing shore-based processors to operate year-round.

Skinner Law Office, LLC, Kodiak, AK 2014 - Present
Attorney at Law and Principal Owner
Legal practice- Business Law, Contracts, Legal Entity Formation, Family Law and Probate

Kodiak Chamber of Commerce, Kodiak, AK 2013 - 2014
Economic Development Specialist
Provided economic development services to the City of Kodiak and Kodiak Island Borough; facilitated community economic development strategic planning; analyzed and reported on economic drivers, major industries, local workforce, community infrastructure needs and priorities

Humana, Inc. Louisville, KY 2009 - 2013
Finance Manager in Corporate Real Estate
Led a 10 member real estate finance team responsible for budget planning, oversight and management of \$350M annual spend; reported quarterly financial metrics and forecasts to senior leadership; team lead to redesign corporate cost allocation program for accountability and cost savings; helped negotiate outsourcing contracts for \$35M annual savings in real estate and facilities management costs; established critical partnerships with HQ business segment leadership to develop and implement a long-term real estate and capital planning process

Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak, Kodiak, AK 2004 - 2007
Natural Resources Director 2006 - 2007
Reformulated program goals and budget to bring into compliance with grant requirements; led successful community initiative to retain rural designation for federal subsistence, coordinating local government, industry and individual stakeholder efforts advocating for continued Rural status to Federal Subsistence Board; appointed to represent tribe on EPA National Tribal Operations Committee and Alaska Migratory Bird Co-Management Council

Tribal Court Administrator 2004 - 2006
Implemented tribal court, developed budgets and carried out program strategies; built partnerships with local service entities to coordinate and leverage community youth and family resources; represented tribe in State-Tribal Child Welfare Partnership as Kodiak Area Co-Leader

Cole & Razo, LLC, Kodiak, AK 2002 - 2004
Associate Attorney
Practice areas included family law litigation, Guardian Ad Litem, personal injury, criminal defense, contracts, wills and probate proceedings and corporate formation

Kodiak Area Native Association, Kodiak, AK 2001 - 2002
Vice President/Chief Operating Officer
Managed Medical, Dental and Social Service Programs, with 6 direct reports and 100 staff; Corporate Compliance Officer; represented organization in federal health compact negotiations

East Mississippi Legal Services, Philadelphia, MS 1997 - 1998
Paralegal
Provided representation for Social Security claimants in disability benefits administrative hearings; Liaison between Legal Services office and five reservation communities

Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, Philadelphia, MS 1996 - 1997
Gaming Commission Clerk
Casino Audit Assistant and administrative support to Gaming Commission

CONTRACT WORK

Administration for Native Americans, Washington, D.C., Grant Reviewer 2006-2021
Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak, Kodiak, AK, Election Supervisor 2013-2019

LEADERSHIP, BOARDS, COMMITTEES

United Fisherman of Alaska – Vice President, Subsistence Chair, Board Member 2017-Present
Seafood Harvesters of America – Board Member (January 2019-Present)
Kodiak Aleutians Regional Advisory Council (Subsistence) – Vice-Chair, Member 2014-Present
Prince William Sound Regional Citizens Advisory Council – Board Member 2018-Present
Alutiiq Museum and Repository Collections Committee – Member 2013-Present
Kodiak Island Borough Assembly – Deputy Presiding Officer, Assembly Member 2014-2020
Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference – Secretary/Treasurer, Board Member 2015-2020

OTHER MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

Alaska Bar Association – Member 2001-Present
Kodiak Morning Rotary – Member 2013-Present
Other interests include fishing, sea kayaking, hunting & hiking