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VIA EMAIL: Council.Appointments@noaa.gov
ATTN: Janet Coit
Assistant Administrator
NOAA Fisheries Service
U.S. Department of Commerce

Dear Assistant Administrator Coit:

The Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States is proud to recommend Mr. Carlos Farchette as the obligatory voting member to the Caribbean Fisheries Management Council (CFMC), per request of the NOAA Fishers following 50 CFR 600.215. We are proud to continue collaboration with our local Regional Management Councils established pursuant to Section 302 of the Magnuson Stevens Act. We are nominating Mr. Carlos Farchette for a term of three (3) years based on his occupational and experiential knowledge of the U.S. Virgin Islands' fishery resources.

Please find enclosed the nomination package, which includes our nomination letter and a total of three candidates to the Caribbean Fisheries Management Council: (1) Mr. Carlos Farchette, (2) Mr. Gerson Martinez, and (3) Mr. Thomas Daley. All three of the nominees are long-time members of the St. Croix fishing community. Each nominee would be a valuable voice to represent USVI fishers. The nominees were selected after careful consultation with our Territorial Fisheries Advisory Council, members of our fishers who rent stalls at our fish markets, and the Caribbean Fisheries Management Council Liaison working with the Territory. Each nominee is a member of a historically underserved community of the United States.

Each nominee herein has stated why they would serve on the council, their experiences in the local fishery, and knowledge of resources. We can confirm that each nominee is an active member of our local fishing community and each serves in multiple advisory roles for the Virgin Islands Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPNR). We recommend Mr. Carlos Farchette because he has been a recreational fisher in the U.S. Virgin Islands for over 47 years and has over 30 years of experience in the field of fisheries management. He also currently serves as Chairperson of the Caribbean Fisheries Management Council. Prior to his nomination to the CFMC, Mr. Farchette served as an enforcement officer for the DPNR Division of Environmental

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Enforcement for almost 30 years. He is able to evaluate both the science and real-world implications of fisheries management in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Kindly have your staff contact Commissioner Jean-Pierre L. Oriol, Virgin Islands Department of Planning and Natural Resources, by email at **jp.oriol@dpr.vi.gov** for any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Albert Bryan Jr.', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Albert Bryan Jr.
Governor

Enclosures (3)

Carlos Farchette Nomination Package 2024.pdf
Tom Daley Nomination Package 2024.pdf
Gerson Martinez Nomination Package 2024.pdf