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January 16, 2018

Honorable John Bel Edwards
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Governor Edwards,

I hope this letter finds you and your family doing well, and enjoying a prosperous 2018.

The terms for two of Louisiana's representatives on the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, Camp Matens and Ed Swindell, will expire in 2018. Mr. Matens has served as the recreational representative and Mr. Swindell has served as the commercial representative. In the coming days, you will receive a request from NOAA to provide a list of nominations to fill those expiring terms.

We are honored that you have asked for input from Coastal Conservation Association of Louisiana on these types of appointments. Thusly, we respectfully request that you reappoint Mr. Matens to Louisiana's recreational seat on the Gulf Council.

Mr. Matens has served on the Gulf Council for two terms, beginning in 2012. He has a unique combination of experience and knowledge that has made him an outstanding Gulf Council Member. He has been an exemplary representative of Louisiana's recreational anglers and our coastal resources. He has also worked closely with Louisiana's commercial representative and commercial fishers to find common ground on complex issues. His amiable nature has allowed him to serve as an emissary between competing interests, and a very positive representative of Louisiana in his work with the other Gulf States.

As a retiree, Mr. Matens has the time to perform the necessary duties of a Gulf Council member, including attending every meeting during his six years of service. His passion for the subject matter and his willingness to understand even the most intricate details give Louisiana anglers the security of knowing that their interests are being soundly represented on every single issue.

In addition to your consideration of Mr. Matens for reappointment, we will provide a full list of names for your consideration for the recreational seat by February 10, 2018.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and for your dedication and commitment to Louisiana's anglers.

Sincerely,

David Cresson

CC: Senator Norby Chabert
Representative Stuart Bishop
Secretary Jack Montoucet



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February 14, 2018

Honorable John Bel Edwards
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Governor Edwards,

In our January 16 letter to you, we expressed our hopes that you would re-nominate Mr. Camp Matens to Louisiana's recreational seat on the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council. As I indicated, Mr. Matens has been an exceptional representative of Louisiana's recreational sector during his six years on the Council. His experience, knowledge and ability to fulfill the duties of that demanding role make him an extremely effective Council member. For these reasons we reiterate our hope that you will re-nominate Mr. Matens for Louisiana's recreational Gulf Council seat.

Our letter also indicated that we would provide additional names for your consideration, as we are aware that you were asked to submit a list of nominees for the seat. In addition to Mr. Matens, we recommend the following for consideration as nominees for Louisiana's recreational seat on the Gulf Council.

- Louisiana State Representative Jerome Zeringue, Houma
- Mr. George Huye, Baton Rouge
- Mr. Patrick Fitzmorris, Madisonville
- Mr. Robert Allain, Jeanerette

Each of these gentlemen possess the experience, dedication and knowledge to serve as effective Gulf Council members, and each is able to handle the rigors of the position. As avid anglers, they are passionate about the conservation of our fisheries and stewardship of our coastal resources, and would represent Louisiana's recreational sector very effectively.

I am happy to provide more detailed information on each of these individuals, and of course I am available to discuss these nominations at your convenience. Once again, we are honored that you allow us to provide input on this critical appointment.

Thank you for your consideration and your dedication to Louisiana's outdoorsmen and women.

Sincerely,

David Cresson

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