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I am writing to you on behalf of the International Game Fish Association (IGFA), a global organization dedicated to the conservation of game fish and the promotion of responsible, ethical angling practices. It is with great enthusiasm that we extend our endorsement for Larry Phillips as the ideal candidate for Washington's at-large seat on the Pacific Fisheries Management Council (PFMC).

Larry's current role as the Pacific Fisheries Policy Director at the American Sportfishing Association (ASA) aligns seamlessly with IGFA's mission to ensure the sustainability of game fish populations and the habitats they depend on. His extensive background, spanning from 1996 to 2022, includes significant contributions as a fisheries biologist and Region 6 Director (2017-2022) at the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW).

Throughout his career, Larry has demonstrated a strong commitment to collaborative efforts with recreational and commercial fishing sectors, tribal leaders, and regulatory agencies at various levels. Since joining ASA in 2022, he has continued to advocate for sustainable and transparent fisheries management, earning appointments to key committees such as the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Committee and others.

Larry's active participation in PFMC meetings since 2005, coupled with his dedication to responsible fisheries management, positions him as an exemplary candidate to represent Washington's interests. We believe that his appointment to the PFMC will contribute significantly to the preservation of game fish species and their habitats.

The IGFA is confident that Larry Phillips will bring valuable insights and a passion for angling conservation to the PFMC. We wholeheartedly endorse his nomination and appreciate your consideration in appointing him as the representative for Washington on the PFMC.

Thank you for your commitment to sustainable fisheries management.

Sincerely,

Jason Schratwieser  
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