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Regional Association for Research on the Gulf of Maine (RARGOM)
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Dear Jeff,

Over the past year, the Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment has been considering expanding its Council membership to include representatives of the scientific community. The Council is interested in identifying two individuals, one from Canada and one from the US that fulfill the following four criteria:

- Senior scientist that has worked for several years in the Gulf of Maine,
- Demonstrated history of working across scientific disciplines,
- Willingness to offer technical input in a collaborative team atmosphere, and
- Ability to attend two Council meetings each year (winter and spring) in the Gulf of Maine watershed (Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick).

As the region's research association, the Gulf of Maine Council's Working Group identified RARGOM as the best organization to provide guidance on potential Council Science Representatives. We respectfully request that RARGOM review the enclosed list of potential Council Science Representatives that has been generated by Council and Working Group members. Specifically, we seek your input on the appropriateness of listed individuals (based on the above criteria) and welcome your additional recommendations of others who are not on this list. To expedite the process, it is important that those that you recommend are aware of your nomination and that they have expressed interest and willingness to serve in this capacity. It would be helpful to include biographical summaries of any individuals that you recommend.

Thank you in advance for RARGOM's consideration of this request. Please respond with your comments and other potential recommendations to Michele Tremblay, Council Coordinator, at mlt@naturesource.net by **September 1, 2007**. The Working Group will consider RARGOM's input at our Fall meeting.

Sincerely,

Kate Killerlain Morrison, Working Group Chair

Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management

Enclosure