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Dear Mr. Hoskins and Ms. Brady,

Please accept this letter of request from the National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA) to become an ex-officio member of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force (Task Force). NMMA is the leading recreational marine industry trade association in North America, representing 1,400 boat, engine, and accessory manufacturers. NMMA members collectively produce more than 80 percent of the recreational marine products sold in the United States. NMMA works to protect and improve business for its members and the industry by proactively addressing environmental, legislative and regulatory issues at the national and state levels.

The goals and mission of the NMMA and the Task Force coincide in tackling aquatic nuisance species issues. One of NMMA's long-term goals is to reduce the threat and spread of aquatic nuisance species with regards to boat design, manufacturing and information distribution to both the industry and individual boat owners. NMMA currently works with state, federal, environmental and other industry groups to ensure the development of smart, practical regulations, as well as industry standards. NMMA was involved, along with Task Force members, in the 2015 Aquatic Invasive Species Summit which began a constructive dialogue addressing aquatic nuisance species. Working with the Task Force will forge another alliance in the fight against these species. NMMA's membership will broaden the Task Force's current membership on a national level and include an industry perspective to this vital issue.

NMMA believes that as a member of the Task Force there will be a partnership and continual dialogue as to how the two entities can better align goals and work together. The recreational boating industry, NMMA and the Task Force's members can all benefit from a mutual

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relationship. Furthermore, I would like to recommend the following two NMMA representatives to the Task Force:

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Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thom', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Thom Dammrich

President

National Marine Manufacturers Association