



# New England Fishery Management Council

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## Council Puts Out Call for Advisory Panel Applicants

Industry members who want to serve on one or more of the New England Fishery Management Council's Advisory Panels (APs) still have time to submit applications. The deadline is Aug. 31, 2016.

"Our advisors are important to us," said Council Executive Director Tom Nies. "They bring a wide range of experience and perspectives to the table and give us valuable insight into the practical, social, and economic implications of our actions."

Selected AP members will be appointed to three-year terms running from January 2017 through December 2020.

**IMPORTANT:** Current advisors who want to continue serving on APs do not need to fill out new applications but **MUST** email Joan O'Leary at [joleary@nefmc.org](mailto:joleary@nefmc.org) or fax a note to the Council at (978) 465-3116 indicating their desire to remain on a particular panel.

Seats are available on the Council's Habitat, Herring, Enforcement, Monkfish, Red Crab, Skate, Scallop, Whiting, and Groundfish APs, as well as the Groundfish Recreational Advisory Panel, commonly referred to as the RAP.

Potential qualified applicants include:

- Commercial and recreational fishermen;
- Seafood processors and dealers; and
- Other industry stakeholders such as members of conservation groups, academia, or state and local management agencies or boards.

Application forms and additional information are available at:

<http://www.nefmc.org/library/nefmc-seeks-applicants-for-fishery-advisory-panels>

The New England Fishery Management Council is one of eight regional councils established in 1976 by what is now called the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The Council develops rules for both commercial and recreational fisheries that operate in federal waters from three to 200 miles offshore within its jurisdiction, which covers the Gulf of Maine, Georges Bank, and Southern New England.

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