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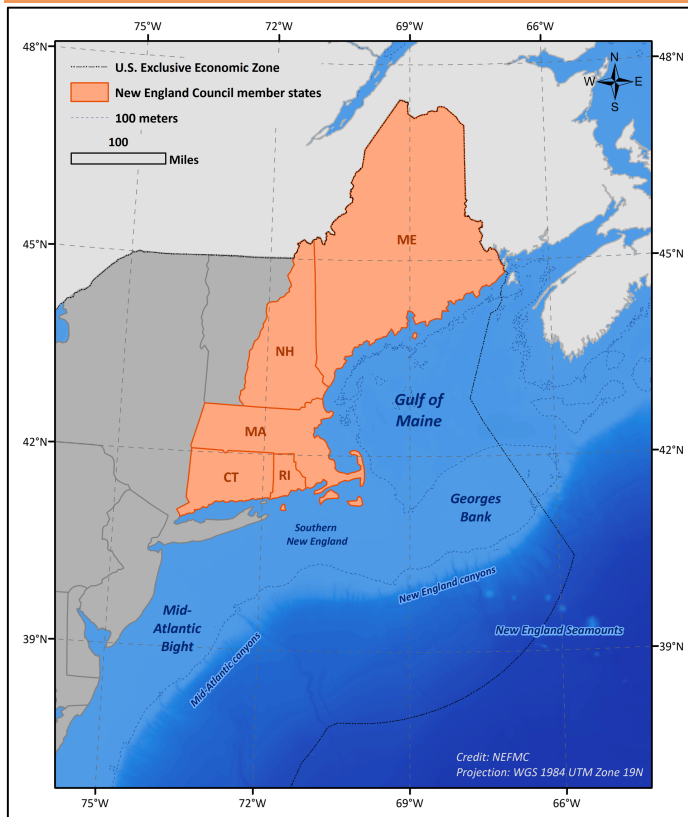
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Council Seeks Applicants to Fill 2024-2025 Advisory Panel Seats for Whiting, Skates, Monkfish, GAP/RAP, Herring, and Scallops

The New England Fishery Management Council is seeking applicants to fill mid-term vacancies on its advisory panels (APs). Fishermen and other individuals who are knowledgeable and interested in the fisheries managed by the Council are encouraged to apply. The [application deadline is February 9, 2024](#).

The Council appoints AP members to three-year terms. The last round of appointments covered 2023-2025. This current mid-term solicitation is intended to fill AP seats that remain open from the last cycle. Selected applicants will serve from March 2024 through December 2025.

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IMPORTANT: Since this is a mid-term solicitation, current advisory panel members who wish to continue serving do **not** need to reapply. The purpose of this announcement is to seek **new** applicants for 2024 and 2025.

The Council has vacant seats on the following APs:

- Small-Mesh Multispecies/Whiting Advisory Panel
- Skate Advisory Panel
- Monkfish Advisory Panel
- Groundfish Advisory Panel
- Recreational Advisory Panel
- Atlantic Herring Advisory Panel
- Scallop Advisory Panel

To the extent possible, the Council's APs reflect a wide range of expertise and interests covering different geographic areas and home ports, different gear types, multiple user groups, and a broad range of social and economic perspectives.

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the Council reimburses all advisory panel members for travel expenses.

AP members provide information and guidance to the specific committees they're appointed to and offer recommendations during the development of the Council's fishery management actions. Advisors also may be asked to provide input about special issues or problems.

Here's How to Apply

- Complete this [fillable AP application form](#).
- Email the form to Joan O'Leary at joleary@nefmc.org or mail it to Cate O'Keefe, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.
- Read [the announcement](#) soliciting AP members to fill 2024-2025 vacancies.
- Read the [Advisory Panel Policy](#) in the Council's Operations Handbook.
- All related materials are [posted here](#).
- Contact Janice Plante at (607) 592-4817, email jplante@nefmc.org if you have questions or need more specific information about AP responsibilities or upcoming Council actions.

WHAT'S NEXT: Applications submitted by the [February 9, 2024 deadline](#) will be reviewed by the respective Council committees. For example, the Monkfish Committee will review applications for vacant Monkfish AP seats. Recommendations will be forwarded to the Council's Executive Committee, which will make final appointments.

All nominees are subject to an additional level of review by NOAA's Office of Law Enforcement and may be declined because of a marine resource violation.

"Our advisory panels play a central role in the Council process," said Executive Director Cate O'Keefe. "The input we receive from our APs is extremely valuable. It helps inform the Council's decision-making."

The Council [manages the fisheries](#) depicted in the icons below. Habitat actions apply across all fishery management plans. Monkfish and spiny dogfish are managed jointly with the Mid-Atlantic Council.



Northeast Multispecies
(Groundfish)



Sea Scallop



Monkfish



Atlantic Herring



Habitat



Skates



Small-Mesh Multispecies
(Whiting)



Red Crab



Spiny Dogfish



Atlantic Salmon