



New England Fishery Management Council

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The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is seeking applicants to fill all Advisory Panel (AP) positions for the term of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028. AP members will be asked to provide information and guidance to specific Council committees and offer recommendations to the Council during the development of federal fishery management plans and measures.

The Council seeks applicants for all APs, which include:

- Groundfish
- Groundfish Recreational
- Scallop
- Herring
- Monkfish
- Skate
- Whiting (Small-Mesh)
- Habitat

Advisory Panels are made up of individuals who either fish or are knowledgeable and interested in the management of a fishery or group of fisheries under Council management. To the extent possible, APs will reflect expertise and interests including geography, gear types, user groups, and social and economic perspectives. Each AP will be limited to a maximum of 12 members. An individual may serve on more than one panel. Advisors are reimbursed for travel expenses.

IMPORTANT: This solicitation is for a new 3-year term appointment of all Advisory Panels. Existing AP members must apply for consideration for reappointment to the new 2026-2028 AP term.

Applications will be reviewed by Council Committees, and the Council's Executive Committee will make final decisions. 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.

If you have questions or need more specific information about AP responsibilities or upcoming Council actions, contact Cate O'Keefe via email cokeefe@nefmc.org.

Application materials may be downloaded by clicking: [AP Solicitation](#)

Completed applications should be emailed to Sherie Goutier (sgoutier@nefmc.org) or mailed to New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.