



New England Fishery Management Council

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Council Seeks Fishermen and Stakeholders for 2026–2028 Advisory Panels

The New England Fishery Management Council is seeking commercial and recreational fishermen, as well as other stakeholders, to serve on all its [advisory panels](#). The **deadline to apply is October 3, 2025**.

ABOUT ADVISORY PANELS

Advisory panels (APs) support the Council's [Fishery Management Plans](#). APs provide guidance during the development of federal fishery management plans, actions, and measures. Terms run for three years, from January 2026 through December 2028, and individuals may serve on more than one panel.

Existing AP members who wish to continue must reapply for consideration for the 2026–2028 term.

WHO WE'RE SEEKING

The Council seeks a diverse mix of members who:

- Represent both commercial and recreational sectors
- Offer expertise across different fisheries
- Fish with a variety of gear types
- Come from across the geographic range of the fishery
- Bring a range of social and economic perspectives

HOW TO APPLY

Download and complete [this application form](#) and submit it to Sherie Goutier via email (sgoutier@nefmc.org) or by mail: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950. Paper copies are available by calling the Council office at (978) 465-0492. The deadline is **October 3, 2025**.

SELECTION PROCESS

Council committees will review all applications, with final selections made by the Executive Committee. Nominees are also subject to review by NOAA's Office of Law Enforcement and may be declined for marine resource violations.

QUESTIONS?

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