



New England Fishery Management Council

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Council Seeks Applications for Recreational Fishing Advisory Panel

The New England Fishery Management Council is now seeking advisors to fill **four seats which are now vacant** on its Recreational Fishery Advisory panel for the current three-year term (2008-2010). The Panel consists of individuals who are experienced or knowledgeable about recreational fishing. To the extent possible, the Advisory Panel will reflect a range of expertise and interests, geographic areas, user groups and social and economic interests.

It is essential that the Council receive input from the recreational fishing industry. Their perspectives on MPAs, groundfish and other conservation and management issues will help the Council develop better solutions and more effective fishery management plans. All stakeholders need to work together if we are to achieve and maintain sustainable fisheries.

In keeping with the Council's policy on Advisory Panels, the Recreational Fishing Advisory Panel is limited to a maximum of 15 members. The Council's Groundfish Committee will review all applications and appointments will be made at the discretion of the Groundfish Committee and the Executive Committee.

Anyone interested in serving as an advisor on the panel should call the Council office at 978/465-0492 and ask for an application form along with a copy of the NEFMC Advisory Panel Policy. Interested individuals may also download application materials from the Council's web page at www.nefmc.org. Completed application forms must be mailed to the Council and received by **Friday, October 16, 2009**.

Please note that all current Recreational Fishing advisors are still on the panel through 2010 and do not have to notify the office if they are still interested in serving.

If you are interested in serving as a member on one or more of the Council's Advisory Panels, please submit an application to the Council office. Applications can be obtained by contacting the Council office at 978/465-0492 or online at www.nefmc.org.

The Council's Executive Committee, with input from the Oversight Committees, will select new members. ***Applications must be received by Friday, October 16, 2009.***

The New England Fishery Management Council, one of eight regional councils is charged with conserving and managing fish stocks from three to 200 miles offshore of Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut.

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