



New England Fishery Management Council

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Council Seeks Applicants for Fishery Advisory Panels

To fill vacancies on several of its Advisory Panels and to fully complement each panel through 2004, the New England Fishery Management Council is seeking experienced and knowledgeable members of the public to provide information and guidance to the Council's Oversight Committees concerning the development and implementation of fishery management plans.

The Advisory Panels are composed of individuals who are engaged in the harvest of, or are knowledgeable and interested in the conservation and management of the fishery to be managed or the issues to be addressed. Members include recreational and commercial fishermen, seafood dealers and processors, conservationists, scientists and concerned citizens.

Advisory panel members are appointed by the Council and will serve for a two-year period. As those appointments expire, members currently serving on the Advisory Panels can reapply for their positions. These seats also become open to new applicants. Advisory Panel members generally meet no more than four or five times a year and are compensated for travel expenses for all meetings. ***Applications are now being solicited for the following positions:***

Dogfish Advisory Panel	(2) Open Seats
Enforcement Advisory Panel	(2) Open Seats
Groundfish Advisory Panel	(4) Open Seats
Herring Advisory Panel	(1) Open Seat
Monkfish Advisory Panel	(3) Open Seats
Red Crab Advisory Panel	(4) Open Seats
Skates Advisory Panel	(5) Open Seats
Whiting Advisory Panel	(2) Open Seats

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 Oversight Committees, as well as the Council's Executive Committee will select new members, in closed session. ***Applications must be received by Friday, September 20, 2002.***

<p>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.</p>
