



New England Fishery Management Council

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New England Fishery Council Elects 2006-2007 Officers

Newburyport, MA The New England Fishery Management Council elected a slate of new officers at its most recent meeting held in Peabody, MA on September 26-28. Cape Cod Commercial Hook Fishermen's Association policy analyst and fisherman John Pappalardo moved smoothly from Executive Committee member and Groundfish Committee Vice Chair to Council Chairman. He was appointed to the Council in 2002 and is currently serving his second term. He is currently a member of the Massachusetts Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission.

As Chairman, Mr. Pappalardo will preside over the five regularly scheduled meetings of the Council and will lead its Executive Committee, a group that oversees the Council budget, appoints advisory panel members and addresses other administrative matters relating to Council operations. He also will provide leadership over the next year as the Council addresses a number of important fishery management initiatives that will be discussed and prioritized at its upcoming meeting this November.

The Council's eighteen voting members elected Rip Cunningham Vice Chairman. Mr. Cunningham is a former editor and publisher of *Saltwater Sportsman* magazine and a long-time freelance conservation writer. He served as the Council's Groundfish Committee Chairman over the last year and has been active in the Council process, focusing on highly migratory species management. He was appointed to the Council in 2004.

The Council elected three Executive Committee members, in addition to the Chair and Vice Chair positions. Mr. Jim Odlin, a Portland, ME fisherman was chosen, along with Ms. Sally McGee, of Mystic, CT who has worked for Environmental Defense for the last four years. Veteran Council member Dr. David Pierce, Deputy Director of the MA Division of Marine Fisheries also will serve on the Executive Committee.

The Peabody meeting was the first in 2006 for newly appointed Council members. Secretary of Commerce Carlos Gutierrez named Narragansett, RI fisherman and writer David Preble to his first three-year term. Members may be appointed for a maximum of three terms. After nine years, they are required to take a year off before being considered again for service.

The New England Fishery Management Council, one of eight regional councils established by federal legislation in 1976, is charged with conserving and managing fishery resources from three to 200 miles off the coasts of Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut.

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