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Marine Fisheries Advisory

Applications Sought for New England Fishery Management Council

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is seeking interested individuals for nomination to upcoming open seats on the New England Fishery Management Council. Candidates, by reason of their occupational or other experience, scientific expertise, or training, must be knowledgeable and experienced in ways related to fishery resources of New England. Qualified female and minority candidates are encouraged to apply.

The seats open for nominations include four at-large seats currently held by: Elizabeth Etrie of Gloucester (1st term), John Pappalardo of Chatham (1st term), Peter Kendall of New Hampshire (2nd term), and Mary Beth Nickell-Tooley of Maine (3rd term). Members are ineligible for reappointment after their 3rd term.

Qualified individuals interested in being considered for nomination by the Governor to the Council should contact Samantha Andrews (617-626-1564, samantha.n.andrews@state.ma.us). Nomination application kits will be made available upon request. All applications are due to DMF (c/o Samantha Andrews, 251 Causeway St, Suite 400, Boston, MA 02114) by the end of day on Monday, February 13, 2017. As part of the application process, the Commonwealth will conduct an initial background review.

The New England Fishery Management Council is one of eight regional councils that manage our nation's marine fisheries seaward of state territorial waters. Responsibilities include the development of fishery management plans that are submitted to the National Marine Fisheries Service and the Secretary of Commerce for approval and implementation. A Council appointment is for a 3-year term; nominees must be willing and able, barring unforeseen circumstances, to make the commitment to fully participate in Council business and related activities for the duration of the term. For further information on the Council and the Council process, please visit www.nefmc.org.