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**NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

**VACANT SEATS**

Obligatory  
At-large  
At-large

**INCUMBENTS<sup>1</sup>**

Ellen D. Goethel/NH/C  
Michael P. Sissenwine/MA/O  
\*\*Francis W. Blount, Jr./RI/R

**STATE**

Connecticut

Massachusetts

Maine

New Hampshire

Rhode Island

**OBLIGATORY NOMINEES**

David T. Goethel  
\*Ellen D. Goethel  
Mark H. Godfroy

**AT-LARGE NOMINEES**

No Submission

James "Dan" D. Martino  
Brendan P. Mitchell  
Patrick J. Paquette  
Charles M. Quinn, Jr.  
\*Michael P. Sissenwine

No submission

No submission

Richard J. Bellavance, Jr.  
Zachary H. Harvey  
David P. Monti

\*Renominated

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**MID-ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

**VACANT SEATS**

Obligatory  
At-large  
At-large  
At-large

**INCUMBENTS<sup>1</sup>**

\*\* Lee Anderson/DE/O  
\*\*Richard B. Robins, Jr./VA/C  
Stephen E. Linhard/MD/R  
Jeffrey H. Kaelin/NJ/C

**STATE**

Delaware

**OBLIGATORY NOMINEES**

Dewayne A. Fox  
Andrew T. Manus  
Paul W. Townsend

**AT-LARGE NOMINEES**

James R. Beirnes Jr.  
James G. Little  
Roy W. Miller

Virginia

Charles Meade Amory  
Roger L. Mann  
Kennedy "Ken" E. Neill, III

Maryland

Mark T. Eustis  
William P. "Pete" Jensen  
David A. Sikorski  
Harold W. Slacum, Jr.

New Jersey

Peter B. Hughes  
\*Jeffrey H. Kaelin  
Ernest F. "Ernie" Panacek, Jr.

New York

No Submission

North Carolina

No Submission

Pennsylvania

No Submission

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**SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

**VACANT SEATS**

Obligatory  
Obligatory

**INCUMBENTS<sup>1</sup>**

Jack H. Cox, Jr./NC/C  
Christopher C. Conklin/SC/C

**STATE**

**OBLIGATORY NOMINEES**

**AT-LARGE NOMINEES**

North Carolina

Samuel J. Corbett, III  
Robert T. Griner  
Joseph "Andy" High, Sr.  
Everette "Randy" R. McKinley, III

South Carolina

\*Christopher "Chris" C. Conklin  
Wesley "Wes" A. Covington  
James "Jaime" G. Geiger  
David "Wayne" W. Mershon

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**CARIBBEAN FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

**VACANT SEAT**

At-large

**INCUMBENT<sup>1</sup>**

Louis A. Blanchard/USVI/C

**STATE**

**OBLIGATORY NOMINEES**

**AT-LARGE NOMINEES**

Puerto Rico

No Submission

U.S. Virgin Islands

\*Louis A. Blanchard  
Daryl A. Bryan  
Julian E. Magras

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**GULF OF MEXICO FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

**VACANT SEATS**

Obligatory  
Obligatory  
At-large

**INCUMBENTS<sup>1</sup>**

Leann N. Bosarge/MS/C  
Douglass W. Boyd/TX/R  
Roy O. Williams/FL/O

**STATE**

Alabama

**OBLIGATORY NOMINEES**

**AT-LARGE NOMINEES**

No submission

Florida

James A. Brown  
Phillip J. Dyskow  
Thomas "Tom" K. Frazer

Louisiana

Kristen M. Baumer  
Kimberly K. Chauvin  
Byron L. Encalade

Mississippi

\*Leann N. Bosarge  
J. Read Hendon  
Harvey S. "Sonny" Schindler

Texas

\*Douglass W. Boyd  
Ronald "Ronnie" O. Luster  
Troy B. Williamson II

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**PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

**VACANT SEATS**

Obligatory  
At-large

**INCUMBENTS<sup>1</sup>**

Herbert A. Pollard, II/ID/R  
\*\*Danny L. Wolford/CA/R

**STATE**

California

**OBLIGATORY NOMINEES**

**AT-LARGE NOMINEES**

Meaghan H. M. Brosnan  
Robert "Bob" C. Fletcher  
David P. French  
Marc M. Gorelnik  
Peter P. Leipzig  
Thomas A. Marking  
Ashley L. E. Reinerman

Idaho

William D. Horton  
Scott L. Marshall  
\*Herbert A. Pollard, II

No Submission

Oregon

No Submission

Tribal

Not eligible

Washington

No Submission

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**NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

**VACANT SEATS**

Obligatory  
Obligatory

**INCUMBENTS<sup>1</sup>**

\*\*Duncan S. Fields/AK/C  
David B. Long/AK/C

**STATE**

Alaska

**OBLIGATORY NOMINEES**

Paul R. Gronholdt  
Eric A. Olson  
Theresa A. Peterson

Linda E. Behnken  
Michael "Buck" Laukitis  
Arthur N. Nelson

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**WESTERN PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

**VACANT SEATS**

Obligatory  
At-large  
At-large

**INCUMBENTS<sup>1</sup>**

Claire T. Poumele/AS/O  
Julie A.K. Leialoha/HI/O  
\*\*William A. Sword/AS/R

**STATE/TERRITORY**

**OBLIGATORY NOMINEES**

**AT-LARGE NOMINEES**

American Samoa

Joseph "Tony" A. Langkilde, Jr.  
\*Claire T. Poumele  
Archie T. Soliai

Keniseli F. Lafaele  
Christinna S. Lutu-Sanchez  
Henry S. Sesepasara  
Gordon S. Yamasaki

Hawaii

\*Julie A.K. Leialoha  
Dean C. Sensui  
Roy "Randy" A. Vitousek, III

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