



Request for Nominations to the New England Fishery Management Council

The State of Connecticut is seeking nominees for upcoming open seats on the New England Fishery Management Council (NEFMC). The NEFMC is one of eight regional councils established by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA) in 1976 and 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. The MSA specifies that council nominees must be individuals "who, by reason of their occupational or other experience, scientific expertise, or training, are knowledgeable regarding the conservation and management, or the commercial or recreational harvest, of the fishery resources of the geographical area concerned."

Council members are directly involved in:

- Developing and amending fishery management plans.
- Selecting fishery management options.
- Setting annual catch limits based on best available science.
- Developing and implementing rebuilding plans.

Council members are provided compensation for attending meetings that address Council business (Council meetings, committee meetings, etc.). They are also provided compensation for travel days if it interferes with their ability to do their normal job. The current daily compensation is \$566. The NEFMC (www.nefmc.org) manages: sea scallops, monkfish, Atlantic herring, skates, red crab, spiny dogfish and groundfish¹. Please note that the NEFMC does **not** manage summer flounder, scup, black sea bass, bluefish, striped bass or tautog.

Two seats are open for nominations from Connecticut. These include one obligatory (state – must be from Connecticut) seat and one at-large (regional) seat.

Qualified individuals interested in learning more about this opportunity to be considered for Council nomination by the Governor should contact Matt Gates at matthew.gates@ct.gov or leave a voice mail at (860) 434-6043. Nomination application kits will be made available upon request. All applications are due to the DEEP Fisheries Division, PO Box 719, Old Lyme, CT 06371 by Friday, January 26, 2024. As part of the application process, the State of Connecticut will conduct an initial background review.

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¹ Groundfish include: winter flounder, yellowtail flounder, witch flounder, windowpane flounder, Atlantic halibut, American plaice, cod, haddock, pollock, Acadian redfish, ocean pout, wolfish, white hake, silver hake, red hake, and offshore hake.