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Mid-Atlantic and New England Fishery Management Councils Seek Industry Representatives for the Northeast Trawl Advisory Panel (NTAP)

The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council and New England Fishery Management Council are seeking applications from fishing industry representatives to fill two open seats on the [Northeast Trawl Advisory Panel \(NTAP\)](#). Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, December 31, 2024**.

NTAP is a joint advisory panel of the New England and Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Councils. The primary purpose of the panel is to provide advice and direction on the conduct of trawl research in the northeast region, with a focus on the multispecies bottom trawl survey conducted by NOAA's Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC). NTAP also discusses and recommends research priorities, and members frequently participate in recommended research projects. NTAP has guided multiple studies that have improved information used in stock assessments.

The twenty-member panel includes Mid-Atlantic and New England Council members, scientists and fishing industry representatives appointed by each Council, representatives of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, and NEFSC staff. Applications are currently being sought to fill the following open seats:

- One fishing industry representative appointed by the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council
- One fishing industry representative appointed by the New England Fishery Management Council

Individuals with expertise in gear design and construction, trawl gear efficiency, trawl mensuration, commercial trawl fisheries, or survey design are encouraged to apply.

Applications can be downloaded at <https://www.mafmc.org/ntap>. The completed application should be submitted to hhart@mafmc.org by **5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 31, 2024**.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Hannah Hart, Mid-Atlantic Council staff, at hhart@mafmc.org or (302) 526-5263.