



***NEWS:* Nominations sought for open positions on the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee. Nominations accepted through July 20, 2015.**

(June 5, 2015) The **Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee (MAFAC)** is seeking nominations to fill vacancies coming this fall due to term limits. MAFAC advises the Secretary of Commerce on all living marine resource matters that are the responsibility of the Department of Commerce. The Committee draws on its members' expertise and other sources to evaluate and make recommendations to the Secretary and NOAA on the development and implementation of Department regulations, policies, and programs critical to the mission and goals of the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS).

MAFAC members represent a wide spectrum of fisheries, protected resources, and marine habitat interests; environmental, academic, tribal, consumer, and other related national interests. Nominees should possess demonstrable expertise in a field related to the management of living marine resources and be able to fulfill the time commitments required for two annual meetings and between-meeting subcommittee work. Individuals serve for a term of three years for no more than two consecutive terms, if re-appointed.

The committee functions solely as an advisory body (complying fully with the Federal Advisory Committee Act) which reports to the Secretary.

Full nomination instructions and guidelines are detailed in the [Federal Register notice](#).

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