



New MAFAC Member from Hawaii Appointed

(April 22, 2013) Acting Secretary of Commerce Rebecca Blank has appointed **John Corbin** of Kaneohe, Hawaii as a new member to NOAA's Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee. The Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee, or MAFAC, advises the Secretary of Commerce on all living marine resource matters that are the responsibility of the Department of Commerce. Members are appointed for 3-year terms.

The appointment of John Corbin was effective April 17, 2013. Mr. Corbin has a 30 year long career working in aquaculture, fisheries, and the seafood industry. For 26 years, Mr. Corbin served as the Manager of the State of Hawaii's Aquaculture Development Program and assisted hundreds of private firms, large and small, with technical information, site and species selection, permitting, animal health management, and marketing. He currently provides consulting services and assists public and private organizations with aquaculture planning, policy, and development. Mr. Corbin has special expertise in tropical island and ocean thermal energy conversion (OTEC) aquaculture. He is a member of the American Fisheries Society, World Aquaculture Society, and US Aquaculture Association (Charter member), among other professional organizations and reviews scientific papers for journals and grant proposals for many state and national agencies. Mr. Corbin fills the seat vacated by John 'Randy' Cates, whose second term on the Committee ended in late February 2013.

MAFAC members draw on their expertise to evaluate and recommend priorities and needed changes in national programs and policies, including the periodic reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, Endangered Species Act and Marine Mammal Protection Act. The members represent a wide spectrum of fishing, environmental, academic, state, tribal, consumer, and other related national interests, and ensure the nation's living marine resource policies and programs meet the needs of all stakeholders.