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**NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

**VACANT SEATS**

At-large  
At-large  
At-large  
At-large

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

\*\*Mary Beth Nickel-Tooley/ME/C  
Elizabeth Etrie/MA/O  
John Pappalardo/MA/C  
Peter T. Kendall/NH/C

<b><u>STATE</u></b>	<b><u>OBLIGATORY NOMINEES</u></b>	<b><u>AT-LARGE NOMINEES</u></b>
Connecticut	N/A	No Submission
Massachusetts	N/A	*Elizabeth Etrie Daniel Martino *John Pappalardo Michael Pierdinock
Maine	N/A	Kristin E. Brawn Ernest F. Stockwell, III James A. Sulikowski
New Hampshire	N/A	David Goethel Ellen Goethel *Peter T. Kendall
Rhode Island	N/A	No Submission

\*Renominated

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**MID-ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

**VACANT SEATS**

Obligatory  
Obligatory  
Obligatory  
Obligatory  
At-large

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

\*\*Howard King, III/MD/O  
Francis Hemilright/NC/C  
\*\*John G. McMurray/NY/R  
Warren G. Elliott/PA/R  
Laurie A. Nolan/NY/C

<b><u>STATE</u></b>	<b><u>OBLIGATORY NOMINEES</u></b>	<b><u>AT-LARGE NOMINEES</u></b>
Delaware	N/A	No Submission
Virginia	N/A	No Submission
Maryland	Earl Gwin Brian A. Tollefson James Wommack, Jr.	No Submission
New Jersey	N/A	No Submission
New York	Emerson Hasbrouck Steven Heins Charles Witeck	Pat Augustine Noah Bressman *Laurie Nolan
North Carolina	Brent Fulcher *Francis Hemilright Christopher Hickman Jeffrey Oden	No Submission
Pennsylvania	Martin Brown *Warren G. Elliott Randy Phiel	No Submission

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**SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

**VACANT SEATS**

At-large  
At-large

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

William C. Brewer, Jr./FL/R  
Mark E. Brown/SC/R

**STATE**

**OBLIGATORY NOMINEES**

**AT-LARGE NOMINEES**

Florida

N/A

\*William C. Brewer, Jr.  
Michael Kennedy  
John Sprague, III

South Carolina

N/A

\*Mark E. Brown  
Greg M. Peralta  
David W. Mershon

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*Note: Late submission of the obligatory seat nomination from Puerto Rico may result in the appointment occurring later than June 27, 2017.*

**CARIBBEAN FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

**VACANT SEAT**

Obligatory

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

Marcos R. Hanke/PR/R

**STATE**

**OBLIGATORY NOMINEES**

**AT-LARGE NOMINEES**

Puerto Rico

Hector L. Benitez  
Marcos R. Hanke  
Hector Rosado  
Israel A. Umpierre

N/A

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**GULF OF MEXICO FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

**VACANT SEATS**

At-large  
At-large  
At-large

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

Pamela L. Dana/FL/R  
Gregory W. Stunz/TX/O  
David A. Walker/AL/C

<b><u>STATE</u></b>	<b><u>OBLIGATORY NOMINEES</u></b>	<b><u>AT-LARGE NOMINEES</u></b>
Alabama	N/A	Randy Boggs Joseph G. Dobbs Jr. Robert Shipp *David A. Walker
Florida	N/A	James A. Brown Phillip J. Dyskow Jeffrey Miller
Louisiana	N/A	Edward H. Frekey, II Damon P. McKnight William L. Wells Jr.
Mississippi	N/A	No Submission
Texas	N/A	Ronald O. Luster *Gregory W. Stunz Troy B. Williamson, III

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**PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

**VACANT SEATS**

Obligatory  
At-large

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

Richard H. Lincoln/WA/O  
Jeffrey N. Feldner/OR/C

<b><u>STATE</u></b>	<b><u>OBLIGATORY NOMINEES</u></b>	<b><u>AT-LARGE NOMINEES</u></b>
California	N/A	No Submission
Idaho	N/A	No Submission
Oregon	N/A	Thomas Libby Stephen Marx Bradley Pettinger Lori Steele
Tribal	N/A	N/A
Washington	*Richard H. Lincoln Brent Paine Steve Watrous	No Submission

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**NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

**VACANT SEATS**

Obligatory  
Obligatory

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

Simon Kinneen/AK/C  
Kenneth Down/WA/C

**STATE**

**OBLIGATORY NOMINEES**

**AT-LARGE NOMINEES**

Alaska

Ragnar Alstrom  
Paul Gronholdt  
\*Simon Kinneen

N/A

Washington

John Crowley  
\*Kenneth Down  
David Little

N/A

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*Note: The submission period for the two at-large seats was reopened and nominations were due on April 28, 2017. Due to the extension, the appointments for these two seats may occur later than June 27, 2017.*

**WESTERN PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

**VACANT SEATS**

Obligatory  
At-large  
At-large

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

John E. Gourley/CNMI/O  
Frederick M. Rice/HI/R  
Edwin A. Ebisui/HI/O

<b><u>STATE/TERRITORY</u></b>	<b><u>OBLIGATORY NOMINEES</u></b>	<b><u>AT-LARGE NOMINEES</u></b>
American Samoa	N/A	Keniseli Lafaele Fuaga Lua Moliga Eo Elvin Mokoma
Hawaii	N/A	No Submission
Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands	Benigno M. Sablan *John E. Gourley Joaquin D. Torres	*Edwin A. Ebisui Benigno M. Sablan *John E. Gourley Joaquin D. Torres
Guam	N/A	No Submission

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