

# Biographies

## 2009 Council Training

### Session Presenters & Training Staff

**William (Bill) Chappell**  
**Chief, Regulatory Services Division**  
**Office of Sustainable Fisheries**  
**NOAA Fisheries Service**

Bill Chappell is Chief, Regulatory Services Division in the Office of Sustainable Fisheries. The Regulatory Services Division is charged with Council liaison and training, guidance for clearance of fisheries regulatory actions through Headquarters and tracking of those actions, and liaison to and submission of documents to the Office of the Federal Register. He has been working for NMFS for 13 years in fisheries management plan review and regulatory process. Mr. Chappell is a retired U.S. Coast Guard officer, having served in cutters doing fisheries patrols on the West Coast and Alaska and in positions dealing with fisheries law enforcement on the East Coast. He is a graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy and the U.S. Naval War College Off-Campus Seminar Program.

**Rita Curtis, Ph.D.**  
**Economist and Chief, Economic & Social Analysis Division**  
**Office of Science and Technology**  
**NOAA Fisheries Services**

Dr. Rita Curtis is the Chief of NOAA Fisheries Service Office of Science & Technology Economic & Social Analysis Division. She has worked for NOAA Fisheries Service since receiving her Ph.D. from the University of Maryland in 1999. Prior to this, she worked at the Honolulu Lab conducting data collections and economic analyses of the Hawaii-based longline fleet.

**Ned Cyr, Ph.D.**  
**Director, Office of Science and Technology**  
**NOAA Fisheries Service**

Dr. Ned Cyr received his Ph.D. in Marine Science from the University of South Carolina 1991 and joined NOAA Fisheries Service in 1992. He has served as an International Affairs Specialist with the NOAA's Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Interests, a Fisheries Biologist with the NMFS Office of Protected Resources, and Head of the Ocean Science and Living Resources Program of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO. Areas of interest include fisheries oceanography, effects of climate change on marine fisheries, ecosystem approaches to fisheries research and management, and development and implementation of large-scale ecosystem monitoring and

assessment programs. Dr. Cyr has served as manager of NOAA's Ecosystem Observations Program, Climate and Ecosystems Program, and Fisheries and the Environment Program, and was the Executive Secretary of the NMFS Ecosystem Principles Advisory Panel.

**Jane DiCosimo**  
**Senior Plan Coordinator**  
**North Pacific Fishery Management Council**

Jane DiCosimo began her career with the Regional Fishery Management Councils in 1987, as a fishery management plan coordinator for seven years with the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council and the last fourteen years with the North Pacific Fishery Management Council. For the SAFMC, she assisted in preparing numerous amendments to the (then) five Council Billfish FMP and Swordfish FMP, joint South Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico FMP for King and Spanish Mackerel and Snapper/Grouper FMP. For the NPFMC, her primary responsibilities are to provide Environmental Assessments/Regulatory Impact Reviews/Initial Regulatory Flexibility Assessments in support of FMP and regulatory amendments to the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Groundfish FMP and Gulf of Alaska Groundfish FMP and regulatory amendments to manage Pacific halibut. She also worked for the Virginia Marine Resources Commission for two years. She has a B.A. in zoology from Rutgers University and a M.A. in marine science from the Virginia Institute of Marine Science.

**Mark Holliday, Ph.D.**  
**Director, Office of Policy**  
**NOAA Fisheries Service**

Dr. Holliday serves as the Director of the NOAA Fisheries Office of Policy, after helping re-establish the function in the Directorate in 2003. His prior service to the Agency includes a detail as the Chief Financial Officer/Chief Administrative Officer in 2002, and a career progression in the Office of Science and Technology beginning in 1981 and culminating as Chief of the Fisheries Statistics and Economics Division. During his tenure he helped organize and lead NOAA-wide strategic initiatives in the planning and formulation of budgets, and created new agency-wide programs in information technology, social sciences, and fisheries-dependent observing systems. His training includes a wide range of disciplines, including fisheries biology and resource economics. Dr. Holliday received his Ph.D. in marine studies in 1981 from the University of Delaware, and holds a master's degree in marine and environmental science from Long Island University and a bachelor's degree in biology from SUNY at Stony Brook.

**Dana Jacob**  
**Ethics Law and Programs Division**  
**Office of the General Counsel**  
**Department of Commerce**

**Will Jacobi, J.D.**  
**Senior Counsel, Ethics Law and Programs Division**  
**Office of the General Counsel**  
**Department of Commerce**

Will Jacobi is a Senior Attorney in the Ethics Law and Programs Division, U.S. Department of Commerce, where he has worked for the last five years. Prior to his current position, he worked for two years as a Trademark Examiner at the United States Patent and Trademark Office and seven years in civil litigation.

**Dale Jones**  
**Director, NOAA Office of Law Enforcement (OLE)**  
**NOAA Fisheries Service**

Dale Jones was hired by the U.S. Department of Commerce to serve as the Office Director of the NOAA OLE in May of 1999. The OLE assures compliance with the laws and regulations enacted to conserve and protect our nation's marine resources. It has 228 employees which include 150 agents, 17 enforcement officers and a number of technicians dispersed nationwide among 6 operational field Divisions and HQ. The OLE investigates over 3,000 cases annually. Investigations range in scope from very complex and in depth domestic or international cases to somewhat less complex domestic incidents. In addition to assuring compliance through investigations, the OLE conducts surveillance work through the use of a sophisticated vessel monitoring system (VMS), a program which currently monitors in excess of 5,000 vessels.

Mr. Jones' previous professional experience includes five years as a municipal Police Chief in Hagerstown, Maryland; four years as the Director of Police and Fire Services with the City of Warren Pennsylvania; and 12 years as a police officer, supervisor, and member of the command staff of the Arvada Colorado Police Department. He holds a Masters Degree in Foundations of Bilingual and Multicultural Education with a minor in Public Administration from the University of Colorado at Denver and a Bachelor's degree with a double major in Criminology and Sociology from the Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

**Peter Fricke, Ph.D.**  
**Social Anthropologist**  
**Office of Sustainable Fisheries**  
**NOAA Fisheries Service**

Peter Fricke has served as the Social Anthropologist, NOAA Fisheries Service, since 1981. In this role, he provides advice on and analysis of social issues related to fishery and other living marine resource conservation and management to the NOAA directorate. He also reviews all fishery management planning proposals for adequacy of social impact assessment and consistency with agency mandates.

Born in England, Dr. Fricke left the family farm to serve in the British Merchant Navy from 1956-1970. He earned a doctorate in sociology from the University of Durham, England, and taught in British and American universities from 1970-1984. During this academic period, Dr. Fricke also served as consultant and technical advisor to United Nations agencies, to United Nations' delegations, to the Federal government, and to maritime businesses. Currently he resides in West Virginia with his family; is active in church, civic and local government organizations; and restores old houses as a hobby.

**Steve Leathery**  
**National NEPA Coordinator**  
**NOAA Fisheries Service**

Two years ago Steve Leathery assumed the position of NOAA Fisheries Service National NEPA Coordinator. Steve is engaged in a number of important issues, including working with the fishery management councils to revise and update agency NEPA procedures under the new Magnuson Stevens Act and working to update the NOAA NEPA Administrative Order. Mr. Leathery has worked in a number of positions for NOAA Fisheries Service for the past decade on a wide range of habitat, fisheries management, and protected resources issues. He was formerly an executive assistant working for the NMFS Directorate and also he ran the Protected Resources Permitting Division that issues scientific research permits under the Endangered Species Act and Marine Mammal Protection Act, and incidental take authorizations under the MMPA.

**Rebecca Lent, Ph.D.**  
**Director, Office of International Affairs**  
**NOAA Fisheries Service**

Rebecca Lent began serving as Director of the new Office of International Affairs, in July 2005. The new office was created due to the increasing importance of international fisheries issues. Previously, Dr. Lent was Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs at NOAA Fisheries, a position she held since 2001. In that capacity, she reviewed all of NOAA Fisheries' proposed regulatory actions, including those to support protected resources, sustainable fisheries, and habitat conservation in both the national and international arenas. Dr. Lent joined NOAA in 1992, serving as the economist and later as the Chief of the Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Management Division. She has broad experience in dealing with a wide variety of controversial fishery management issues affecting fishermen, conservationists, business, and communities. Dr. Lent was appointed Southwest Regional Administrator in 2000 and in this capacity directed NOAA's fisheries management and science programs in the southwestern United States, Hawaii, and the U.S. Trust Territories. She earned her Ph.D. in resource economics from Oregon State University in 1984 and holds a master's degree in economics (1978) and a bachelor's degree (1975).

**Kristy Long  
Fishery Biologist  
Office of Protected Resources  
NOAA Fisheries Service**

As the National Marine Mammal Take Reduction Program Coordinator at NOAA Fisheries, Kristy works from Headquarters in Silver Spring, MD on the oversight and implementation of the bycatch provisions in the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA). Kristy also works in the sea turtle recovery and conservation program under the Endangered Species Act. Prior to working on MMPA and ESA (ESA) programs, Kristy worked on implementing the Convention on Trade in Endangered Species, specifically for coral and invertebrate species. Kristy is a graduate of the University of New Hampshire and has a Master's of Environmental Management from Duke University.

**Marian Macpherson, J.D., LL.M.  
Management and Program Analyst  
Office of Sustainable Fisheries  
NOAA Fisheries Service**

Marian Macpherson has worked on MSA issues since 1996 when she joined NOAA GCF as a Magnuson Act attorney. Since 2002, she has worked on the policy issues in the Office of Sustainable Fisheries (OSF). Based in the National Seafood Inspection Laboratory (NSIL) in Pascagoula, MS, she has worked to improve the quality of the fishery management process through implementation of the Regulatory Streamlining Project (RSP) specifically focusing on revision of the Operational Guidelines and development of the Regulatory Training Program for fishery management staff. Ms. Macpherson is currently working on efforts to streamline the NEPA and MSA procedures in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Reauthorization Act. Her education includes a B.A. (English) from the University of the South, Sewanee, TN; a J.D. from Tulane Law School, New Orleans, LA; and an LL.M. in Environmental Law from George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

**Dwayne Meadows, Ph.D.  
Fishery Management Specialist  
Office of Protected Resources  
NOAA Fisheries Service**

Dr. Dwayne Meadows is the National Coordinator for the Species of Concern proactive conservation program and work on other Endangered Species Act issues for NMFS' Office of Protected Resources. He has Bachelor's and Ph.D. degrees in Zoology from the University of California at Berkeley and Oregon State University, respectively. Dr. Meadows served as Assistant, then Associate, Professor of Zoology at Weber State University until 2001 when he became Director of Research and Marine Science for the Pacific Whale Foundation in Hawaii. During that time he

served on the Advisory Panel to the Western Pacific Fisheries Management Council. He then began a career at NOAA working at the Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center Coral Reef Ecosystem Division and led the development of the Hawaii Comprehensive Aquatic Wildlife Conservation Strategy. He has worked at NOAA Headquarters for two years. Dr. Meadows has studied and written about the ecology of American lobsters, coral reef fish ecology and conservation, marine mammals and sea turtles, and mollusk and riverine ecology and has worked extensively in habitat restoration following hurricanes and tsunamis. He has served as secretary of the Hawaii American Fisheries Society chapter and president the Utah Chapter of Sigma Xi, scientific research society.

**Kara Meckley**  
**Supervisor, Office of Habitat Conservation**  
**NOAA Fisheries Service**

Kara Meckley currently serves as a supervisor in the NMFS Office of Habitat Conservation's Habitat Protection Division. She oversees implementation of the EFH program at NOAA Fisheries Service as well as implementation of the National Fish Habitat Action Plan and other national policy issues. Prior to joining NOAA Fisheries Service in 2007, Kara spent five years working for the National Ocean Service as a program analyst in the Coral Reef Conservation Program. Kara is a graduate of the Florida Institute of Technology and has a Master's degree from the University of Miami Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science Marine Affairs Program.

**Emily Menashes**  
**Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries**  
**NOAA Fisheries Service**

Emily Menashes began serving as the Deputy Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries in 2007, where she is responsible for supporting NOAA Fisheries Service activities relating to the Magnuson–Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and other fisheries laws. Previously, Ms. Menashes served as the Deputy of the Ecosystem Goal, managing the strategic planning and program development process for NOAA's Ecosystem programs and as the Chief of the Regulatory Services Division within the Office of Sustainable Fisheries. She also held positions in the Office of Protected Resources, working on fishery bycatch issues, and the Office of Science and Technology, working on economic policy issues. Ms. Menashes is a graduate of NOAA's Leadership Competencies Development Program, has an M.S. in Marine Resource Management from Oregon State University, and a B.A. in Biology and Environmental Studies from Bowdoin College.

**Richard D. Methot, Jr., Ph.D.**  
**Office of Science & Technology**  
**NOAA Fisheries Service**

Richard Methot is a national stock assessment expert in the NOAA Fisheries, Office of Science & Technology. In this role, he leads several national committees related to scientific guidance on marine fish stock assessment and providing scientific advice to fishery managers. These include the Marine Fisheries Stock Assessment Improvement Plan and the Working Group for Revision of National Standards regarding optimum fishery yield, prevention of overfishing and rebuilding overfished stocks. He has served as the senior scientist for groundfish issues in the NMFS Northwest Fisheries Science Center and as the Director of the NWFSC's Fishery Resource Analysis and Monitoring Division. During his 25-year career at the Southwest Fisheries Science Center, Alaska FSC and Northwest FSC, his primary research area has been assessment of the abundance and productivity of groundfish and pelagic fish populations off the U.S. west coast. In addition to his national coordination role today, his current research interests include improvements in analytical methods to provide more comprehensive evaluation of the status of harvested fish stocks, including environmental and ecosystem factors, and better communication of these results to fishery managers.

Dr. Methot's educational background includes a B.S. in Fisheries (1975) from the University of Washington; Ph.D. in Biological Oceanography from Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California at San Diego (1981); and a post-doctoral position at the Bodega Marine Laboratory, University of California.

**Linda (Lin) Moon**  
**Program Management Specialist**  
**Office of Sustainable Fisheries**  
**NOAA Fisheries Service**

Lin Moon is the responsible personnel in the Regulatory Services Division of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries for managing the council membership and appointments process, including soliciting annual nominations, requested by the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, on behalf of the Secretary of Commerce. Ms. Moon has been with the NOAA Fisheries Service for the last 20 years, first working for NOAA in Washington, D.C., and then coming to Silver Spring, MD in 1998. She served as assistant to the coordinator of the membership and appointments process until 2003, when she took on the coordinator responsibilities.

**Stacey Nathanson**  
**Attorney Advisor General**  
**NOAA General Council for Fisheries**

Stacey Nathanson is an Attorney-Advisor with NOAA's Office of General Counsel for Fisheries (GCF). GCF provides legal counsel to the National Marine Fisheries

Service, the federal agency responsible for managing and sustaining most living marine resources and their habitat in U.S. waters, on substantive and procedural laws relating to living marine resources, including the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, the Endangered Species Act, and the Marine Mammal Protection Act. Stacey has worked for GCF for the past 7 years advising NMFS on fishery management issues. She is a graduate of American University's Washington College of Law and Indiana University.

**John Oliver**  
**Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations**  
**NOAA Fisheries Service**

Mr. Oliver serves as the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations at NOAA Fisheries, a position he has held this position since January 2001. As the Principal Deputy for NOAA Fisheries he serves as the Chief Operating Officer responsible for the day-to-day management of the Agency's operations. From 1997 to 2000, Mr. Oliver served as the Chief Financial Officer/Chief Administrative Officer for NOAA's National Ocean Service. Prior to that position, he was the Director of the NOAA Fisheries Management and Budget Office. Mr. Oliver has more than 30 years of experience in Department of Commerce/NOAA management and policy positions.

**Alan Risenhoover**  
**Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries**  
**NOAA Fisheries Service**

In 2006, Alan Risenhoover began his service as the Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries in Silver Spring, Maryland. In this role, he is responsible for NOAA Fisheries Service headquarters activities relating to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conversation and Management Act and other laws, and oversees more than 90 staff in a number of locations around the country. The Office oversees Atlantic highly migratory species (bluefin tuna, swordfish, billfish, shark) management, domestic fisheries regulation coordination, fisheries policy development and implementation, Atlantic Coastal Act implementation, outreach and constituent services, and food safety risk analysis. Beginning his career with NOAA in 1989, Mr. Risenhoover has held several key positions within the agency including Deputy Director within the Office of Sustainable Fisheries (2004-2006), Deputy Chief Financial Officer/Deputy Chief Administrative Officer (Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, 1999 – 2004), Fisheries Team Lead for Legislative Affairs (1994 –1999), and assignments within the Offices of Protected Resources and Habitat Conservation. He received his bachelor's degree in aquatic zoology from Colorado State University and a master's degree in fish and wildlife sciences from Texas A&M University.

**Lieutenant Commander Daniel E. Schaeffer**  
**Chief of the U.S. Coast Guard Fisheries and Marine Protected Enforcement**  
**Fisheries Enforcement**  
**U.S. Coast Guard**

Lieutenant Commander Schaeffer has been in the Coast Guard since 1988. He has served on five Coast Guard ships, two small boat stations, command staffs, Liaison to Department of State, and as Commanding Officer of the fisheries training center in Alaska. These assignments have involved Lieutenant Commander Schaeffer in the full range of fisheries enforcement actions from over 500 at sea and dockside boardings, operational planning and oversight, policy development, drafting of regulations and intergovernmental cooperation. In addition to domestic fisheries enforcement Lieutenant Commander Schaeffer has been involved for the past 14 years in international fisheries enforcement in nearly every corner of the globe. From FAO meetings, treaty negotiations, acting as a member of US delegations to various RFMOs, USCG representative to enforcement meetings, bilateral enforcement, operational discussions and planning assessment of enforcement capacity in Africa and most recently the negotiation of a shiprider agreement with Indonesia. He is currently serving as the Chief of the U.S. Coast Guard Fisheries and Marine Protection Enforcement.

**Tara Scott**  
**Fisheries Program Specialist**  
**Office of Sustainable Fisheries**  
**NOAA Fisheries Service**

Tara Scott recently joined the Regulatory Services Division of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries in September 2009. She is responsible for coordinating the annual Council member training and assists with other liaison work with the Fishery Management Councils. Prior to coming to NOAA Fisheries Service, Ms. Scott spent more than three years as a contractor for the Southwest Fisheries Science Center in La Jolla California creating a productivity database and conducting data collection and economic analyses of the Drift Gillnet Fleet. She brings more than seven years experience to NOAA Fisheries Service, and previously has worked as a fisheries management specialist for the Commonwealth of Virginia. She received her Bachelor of Science from Virginia Tech, a Master's in Marine Science from the College of William and Mary, and is currently finishing her Ph.D. dissertation at the College of William and Mary.

**Gary Sims, Ph.D.**  
**Policy Specialist, Tribal Relations**  
**Northwest Regional Office**  
**NOAA Fisheries Service**

Gary Sims joined NOAA Fisheries in 2000 and works on tribal relations in the Northwest Regional Office in Seattle, WA. He formerly he worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs as an Agency Representative to the Regional Ecosystem Office in Portland, OR; Forest Products Development and Marketing Branch Chief and Forest Manager, Makah Reservation in Washington. He received a Ph.D. in Forestry, Wildlife, and Range Sciences from the University of Idaho in 1991, and the U.S. Department of Commerce Bronze Award in 2008.

**Galen Tromble**  
**Chief, Domestic Fisheries Division**  
**Office of Sustainable Fisheries**  
**NOAA Fisheries Service**

Galen Tromble is Chief of the Domestic Fisheries Division for NOAA Fisheries. He is responsible for coordinating national implementation of fisheries management in U.S. waters under the Magnuson-Stevens Act, including ending overfishing and rebuilding stocks. Prior to moving to headquarters in 2004, he spent 14 years in NOAA Fisheries' Alaska Region Office managing the groundfish fisheries in the Gulf of Alaska and the Bering Sea. Mr. Tromble is NOAA's Fisheries Management Program Manager, and manages strategic planning, budgeting, and performance management for all NOAA Fisheries programs related to sustainable management of domestic and international marine fishery resources.

Lunch Speakers

**Discussion of Catch Share Programs**

Moderator: Mark Holliday, NOAA Fisheries (See Presenters and Training Staff)

Panel: John Pappalardo/NEFMC; Steve Bortone/GMFMC; Dorothy Lowman/PFMC; David Benson/NPFMC (See Participants – Council Members)

**Laura Cantral**  
**Senior Mediator, Joint Ocean Commission Initiative**  
**Meridian Institute**

Laura Cantral is a Senior Mediator in the Meridian Institute's Washington, DC office, worked with the U.S. Ocean Commission, currently leads the Joint Ocean Commission Initiative project, and is extremely well versed on fisheries and many other NOAA issues. Prior to joining Meridian, Ms. Cantral was the Associate Director for Governance for the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy. With a background in marine law, Laura has extensive experience working on ocean and coastal policy issues at the state, regional, and national levels.

## Participants - Council Members

### **Mark Alexander (CT) New England Council**

Mark Alexander serves with the Marine Fisheries Division, Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection. Mr. Alexander is a voting member on the New England Council with marine fishery management responsibility appointed by the Governor of the State.

### **Patrick H. Augustine (NY) Mid-Atlantic Council**

Patrick Augustine is serving his third term on the Council. From 1996-2006 he was the Executive Director of the New York Sportfishing Federation, Inc., representing over 35 clubs and organizations. Mr. Augustine is a member of the NMFS Atlantic HMS Advisory Panel and possesses extensive experience in addressing marine fisheries management issues.

### **Rodney M. Avila (MA) New England Council**

Rod Avila is beginning his third term on the Council. Mr. Avila is a New Bedford fisherman with over 40 years of experience in the fishing industry, the owner and president of Trident Fishing Corporation/RJR Fisheries, Inc., a member of the Commercial Fishing Industry Vessel Safety Advisory Committee, the Massachusetts Fishermen's Partnership, and has been a local catalyst for the promotion of Fishermen Safety Seminars.

### **David W. Benson (WA) North Pacific Council**

David Benson is beginning his third term and is Council Vice Chair. Mr. Benson works for a subsidiary of Trident Seafood, has been a member of the Council Advisory Panel for 10 years, and has been active in government relations since 1991. He is currently President of the Pollock Conservation Cooperative.

### **Steve Bortone (Executive Director) Gulf Council**

Steve Bortone, the Gulf Council's new Executive Director, received his Ph.D. in marine sciences from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. Mr. Bortone served as the Director of the Minnesota Sea Grant College Program in Duluth. He also served more than 27 years as a faculty member in the biology department at the University of West Florida. He served as Visiting Scientist at The Johannes Gutenberg University, has a long history of involvement in the fisheries of the Gulf

of Mexico as a fishery researcher, and has conducted extensive field surveys with colleagues from La Laguna University in the Canary Islands.

**William L. “Buzz” Brizendine II (CA)**  
**Pacific Council**

William “Buzz” Brizendine is the owner and operator of the 65’ “Prowler,” one of the top charter fishing boats operating out of Fisherman’s Landing, and has been in the fishing business for over 35 years. He serves on the Council’s Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel and is a member of the Sportfishing Association of California.

**David M. Crabbe (CA)**  
**Pacific Council**

David Crabbe has been a commercial fisherman in California for 30 years. Mr. Crabbe is the owner of Buccaneer Fishing. He is actively involved in shaping California fishery management through his role as a central California regional stakeholder for the Marine Life Protection Act process. For the past several years, he has represented Monterey commercial fishermen on the California Wetfish Producers Association Board of Directors and worked with Environmental Defense to organize and facilitate a crab steering committee to discuss commercial crab fishery management issues.

**Peter L. deFur (VA)**  
**Mid-Atlantic Council**

Peter deFur is President of Environmental Stewardship Concepts, which is an independent, private consulting firm in Richmond and is also a part-time Affiliate Associate Professor in the Center for Environmental Studies at Virginia Commonwealth University. Mr. deFur has extensive experience in aquatic and marine biology. He is also a recreational fisherman, serves as a technical advisor for remediation efforts on a number of riverine areas, and has served on numerous state and federal advisory committees.

**Carlos F. Farchette (USVI)**  
**Caribbean Council**

Carlos Farchette is a former member of the Department of Planning and Natural Resources, Government of the U.S. Virgin Islands (USVI). Mr. Farchette has over 29 years of environmental law experience and has a comprehensive background in fisheries, natural resources and coral reef protection in both state and federal waters. Mr. Farchette is a member of the USVI Port Security Committee and a member of the USVI St. Croix Fisheries Advisory Committee.

**Miguel A. García (PR)**  
**Caribbean Council**

Miguel Garcia serves with the Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental Resources. Mr. Garcia is a voting member on the Caribbean Council with marine fishery management responsibility appointed by the Governor of the State.

**John R. Greene Jr. (AL)**  
**Gulf Council**

John Greene is the owner and operator of Intimidator Sportfishing, Inc., and has worked in the charter industry for the last 15 years. Mr. Greene has been involved in both commercial and recreational fisheries for the past 20 years and is also a 20-year member of the Orange Beach Fishing Association. “

**Stephen Haleck (AmS)**  
**Western Pacific Council**

Stephen Haleck is beginning his third term and is Council Vice Chair. Mr. Haleck is a business owner, recreational fisherman, a member of the Council's Pelagic Fisheries Advisory Panel, and a member of American Samoa Game Fishing Association.

**Marcos R. Hanke (PR)**  
**Caribbean Council**

Marcos Hanke is beginning his third term on the Council. Mr. Hanke is a charter captain and recreational fisherman. He has a Bachelor of Science in Marine Biology. Mr. Hanke participates in inshore and offshore tournaments and has over 16 years experience working directly with fishing related issues such as marine education.

**Charles Duane Harris (GA)**  
**South Atlantic Council**

Duane Harris is beginning his third term on the Council and is Council Chairman. Mr. Harris is the owner of Sea Georgia Adventures, a charter fishing and environmental consulting company. He is a Certified Fisheries Scientist, a NAUI Scuba Diving Instructor, and a member of the Environment and Energy Committee of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce. After a 33-year career with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Duane Harris retired in 2002.

**Benjamin C. Hartig III (FL)**  
**South Atlantic Council**

Ben Hartig is a former member of the Council who has remained active in the Council process serving on three advisory panels. Mr. Hartig is a commercial fisherman and is directly involved in the SouthEast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR) stock assessment process.

**Howard D. Hull (AK)**  
**North Pacific Council**

Dan Hull has over 25 years experience as the owner and operator of different fishing vessels. Mr. Hull serves on the Board of Directors of the Cordova District Fishermen United, is a member of the Council's Halibut Charter Stakeholder Committee and is a member of the Halibut Coalition Steering Committee.

**Eugene J. Kray (PA)**  
**Mid-Atlantic Council**

Gene Kray is beginning his second term on the Council. Mr. Kray is an avid recreational saltwater fisherman since the age of ten. He was the Dean of West Chester University College and Director of Exton Corporate Center from 1985-1995. Mr. Kray has served as legislative proxy participating in discussions and deliberations for the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission representing the state of Pennsylvania. He is the volunteer State Chairman of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the Recreational Fishing Alliance.

**Glen A. Libby (ME)**  
**New England Council**

Glen Libby is a long time groundfish fisherman, Founder and Chairman of the Midcoast Fishermen's Association and President of the Midcoast Fishermen's Cooperative, which launched the nation's first community-supported fishery through "Port Clyde Fresh Catch. Mr. Libby is a member of the Portland Fish Exchange and is a member of the Maine Marine Resources Advisory Council.

**Dorothy M. Lowman (OR)**  
**Pacific Council**

Dorothy Lowman has 30 years of experiences working with fisheries issues. As a fisheries consultant, she works with both industry and environmental organizations on fishery management issues in both the Pacific and North Pacific regions. Ms. Lowman has an undergraduate degree in Oceanography and a Master's in Marine Resource Management. Prior to her Council appointment, she served on the Council's Trawl Individual Quota Committee as well as the Secretary of Commerce's Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee.

**Sally E. McGee (CT)**  
**New England Council**

Sally McGee is beginning her third term on the Council. Sally McGee is Northeast Regional Policy Director of Ocean Programs with Environmental Defense. Ms. McGee works throughout New England building coalitions with the commercial and recreational fishing industries, federal, state and local natural resource agencies, and other nongovernmental organizations in support of sustainable marine fisheries. Prior to joining Environmental Defense, Ms. McGee worked in the U.S. House of Representatives for the Chairman of the House Resources Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans. She has an M.A. in Marine Affairs from the University of Rhode Island and a B.A. in Economics from Smith College.

**James A. Odlin (ME)**  
**New England Council**

James Odlin is beginning his third term on the Council. Mr. Odlin is a commercial fisherman. He serves on the Council's Groundfish, Monkfish, Skate and Herring Committees and is Vice President of the Associated Fisheries of Maine. Mr. Odlin has served on the Board of Directors for the Portland Fish Exchange and as Industry Advisor to NAFO.

**John W. Pappalardo (MA)**  
**New England Council**

John Pappalardo is serving his third term and is Council Chairman. Mr. Pappalardo is the Cape Cod Commercial Hook Fishermen's Association Policy Analyst. He is a member of the Massachusetts Marine Fishery Advisory Commission. Mr. Pappalardo also fishes for codfish, striped bass and bluefin tuna on his own boat in Chatham.

**Preston P. Pate Jr. (NC)**  
**Mid-Atlantic Council**

Preston Pate is a former Director of the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries. Mr. Pate served as a member of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) from 1996-2007, and as ASMFC Chairman from 2004-2006. Mr. Pate received the David H. Hart Award in 2007.

**Charles M. Phillips (GA)**  
**South Atlantic Council**

Charlie Phillips is the owner of Sapelo Sea Farms marketing seafood to both the U.S. and Canada. Mr. Phillips has extensive knowledge and experience in the Atlantic and Gulf Coast fisheries.

**Steven F. Schafer (NY)**  
**Mid-Atlantic Council**

Steve Schaefer is the Director of Retail Operations for Wild Edibles in New York. Mr. Schaefer has also worked with the non-profit organization SeaWeb, to help launch its KidSafe Seafood Program and the non-profit organization Blue Ocean Institute. He is a processor, buyer/broker, retailer and supplier of many seafood products.

**Beulah Dalmida-Smith (USVI)**  
**Caribbean Council**

Beulah Dalmida-Smith is the Director of the Division of Fish and Wildlife, USVI Department of Planning and Natural Resources. Beulah Dalmida-Smith most recently has worked for the Virgin Islands National Park Service on St. John and Christiansted Historic Sites on St. Croix. Ms. Dalmida-Smith is a voting member on the Caribbean Council with marine fishery management responsibility appointed by the Governor of the State.

**Christopher J. Zeman (NJ)**  
**Mid-Atlantic Council**

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