

*The fishery management process seeks relevant information from all interested and affected parties including the general public, commercial and recreational fishermen, the fishing industry and environmental organizations.*



**MID-ATLANTIC FISHERY  
MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

## **Industry Advisors**

**T**he Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council advisory panels are required under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976. Under the Act, the advisory panel process is designed to assure, to the greatest extent practicable, that all aspects of a fishery are considered in developing management plans and the measures to implement them.

*Involving  
the  
Public*



**A d v i s o r s**

**in fisheries management**

*Advisory panel members represent major segments of the fishing industry. The Council's advisors include those who are active in the commercial or recreational fishing industry and are knowledgeable and interested in the conservation and management of fisheries. Their expertise and interest as advisors is often consistent with their interests as user groups and communities involved in those fisheries.*



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*Providing  
Expertise  
Advice*

**I n d u s t r y**

**playing an important role**

*Industry advisors assist in the collection and evaluation of information, and provide recommendations on all aspects of fishery management plans and amendments. They provide fair representation of commercial, recreational, and other interests, and advise the Council on current fishery issues and trends including socioeconomic implications and effects of proposed management measures.*

*Representing  
the Fishing  
Industry*



*Assisting in  
Collection of  
Information*

*Building  
Credibility*



## PURPOSE OF ADVISORS

The advisory panels are intended to facilitate the committee's work in preparing and amending a fishery management plan or in addressing a special issue or problem. Advisors may also provide advice on matters concerning annual quotas and specifications. They reflect expertise and interest from the standpoint of geographical distribution, industry and other user groups, and the economic and social groups encompassed in the Council's geographical area of concern. In addition, they provide advice on the current trends and developments in fisheries under the Council's jurisdiction on the following matters:

- the capacity of commercial and recreational fishermen and processors to harvest and process each species under the Council's management;
- the effects of Council management measures on local communities and their economies;
- potential conflicts between user groups;
- potential enforcement problems specific to a particular fishery.

## APPOINTMENT/DURATION

Appointees to the advisory panels serve two-year term appointments that commence on September 1 and expire on August 31. They may be reappointed to serve consecutive terms at the pleasure of the Council Chairman and at the discretion of the species Committee Chair. Vacancy appointments shall be for the remainder of the unexpired term of the vacancy.

## NOMINATION

Advisors are nominated for membership by the fishing community which consists of vessel owners or operators, dealers, processors, associations, or clubs. Individuals may also nominate themselves.

*Advisors that are assigned to a species committee constitute an advisory panel.*

*The purpose of advisory panels is to assist in the work of the committees and provide advice to be considered in Council deliberations.*



*Advisors have input into the management process for the following species:*

*Summer Flounder, Scup, Black Sea Bass  
Squids (Illex and Loligo), Mackerel and Butterfish  
Surfclam and Ocean Quahog  
Bluefish  
Tilefish  
Dogfish*

## CALL FOR NOMINATION

When the Council decides to create an advisory panel, nominations are solicited through press releases, newsletters, and other means as appropriate. Each nominee receives a Council Advisory Panel Questionnaire. The nominee may be required to submit a resume to the Council, depending on the nature of the advisory panel for which advisors are needed.

## SELECTION

The relevant Council species committee reviews the nominees qualifications and makes a recommendation to the Committee Chair. The Council Committee Chair then submits his recommendation of appointment to the Council Chair. The Council Chair makes the appointment decision based on these recommendations and the Council then notifies the appointees of their selection as advisors.

## TERMINATION

An advisor's term of appointment may expire based on lack of participation. After a two-year term of appointment has expired, Council staff initiates membership renewal to advisory panels. At this time, an advisor may elect to continue to serve in his or her role or may chose to be removed from the advisory panel.

## PARTICIPATION

When industry advisory panels are scheduled to be convened, travel orders for participation will be provided to members by Council staff at least two weeks prior to the meeting date. It is expected that all advisors shall attend such scheduled meetings. The Fishery Management Plan coordinator will notify the advisory panel of scheduled meeting dates, location and issues to be addressed at the meeting. Advisory panel members should attend Council meetings and public hearings on fishery management plans related to the species for which they have been appointed as an advisor.