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# Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

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## **Council Appointments**

### *Three Members Newly Appointed, Two Members Reappointed*

In June 2008, Secretary of Commerce Carlos M. Gutierrez appointed three new members and reappointed two current members to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council). The three newly appointed members, representing the states of Maryland, New York, and North Carolina will fill the obligatory seats of their respective states. The reappointed member from New York will fill its at-large seat while the reappointed member from Pennsylvania will fill its obligatory seat. Council members, nominated by the governors of their respective states, are appointed to serve three-year terms and may not serve more than three consecutive terms. The newly appointed members officially began their terms on August 11, 2008 and will serve on the Council through August 10, 2011. The newly appointed and reappointed members will be sworn in on October 15, 2008 at the Council's meeting in Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina.

Howard J. King, a former state fisheries director for the Department of Natural Resources of Maryland, fills the Maryland obligatory seat vacated by former Council Chairman, Pete Jensen. Howard is from Queenstown and previously served on the Council from 2005-2007 as a state official. He also served as a Commissioner on the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC). During his tenure with the ASMFC, he served as Chairman of the Bluefish Management Board from 2005-2007. Howard also served as a Commissioner for the Potomac River Fisheries Commission from 2006-2007. In addition, he was also a member of the Maryland Seafood Marketing Advisory Commission and was Chairman of the Maryland Atlantic Fisheries Advisory Committee.

John G. McMurray of Long Beach, NY fills the obligatory seat for the state of New York which was vacated by Pat Augustine. He is the Director of Grant Programs for the Norcross Wildlife Foundation. John is the owner/operator of a recreational fishing charter service. He is currently a member of the ASMFC Striped Bass Advisory Panel as well as a freelance writer and photographer. John served in the U.S. Coast Guard in various capacities from 1994-1998. He also held the position of Executive Director for the Coastal Conservation Association of New York from 1998-2001.

Jule D. Wheatly, of Beaufort, NC fills the obligatory seat for North Carolina which was vacated by James Ruhle. He is a commercial fishermen and shoreside processor. Jule was a Commissioner on the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission from 1987-1995. He was also a member of the Atlantic Menhaden Advisory Board, the North Carolina Seafood and Aquaculture Advisory Committee, the Moratorium Steering Committee, and Co-Chair of the North Carolina Fisheries Central Advisory Division. He also served on the North Carolina Fisheries Association Board of Directors.

Dr. Gene Kray of West Chester, will retain the obligatory seat for the state of Pennsylvania. He was originally appointed to the Council in 2003. Dr. Kray is a recreational saltwater fisherman. He has served as Vice Chairman of the Council for the past two years. Dr. Kray has also served on many of the Council Committees including Ecosystems, Executive, Law Enforcement, Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization, and Research Set-Aside. He is currently a member of the ASMFC and the Recreational Fishing Alliance. Dr. Kray has written many publications regarding management of fisheries. Before retiring, he was Dean of University College, West Chester University, and Dean of Community Education and Director of Marketing at Delaware County Community College.

Patrick H. Augustine of Coram, New York was reappointed to fill the at-large seat representing the state of New York that was vacated by Scott Holder. Pat was previously an obligatory seat holder for the state of New York from 2002-2008. Pat is a recreational fisherman. He has been actively involved in the Council for the past six years serving on many of the Council Committees including Demersal and Coastal Migratory, Dogfish, Highly Migratory, Bycatch/Limited Access, Ecosystems, Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization, Research Set-Aside, and Executive. Pat currently serves on the ASMFC as the New York Governor's Appointee and the NMFS Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Advisory Panel. In addition, Pat was Executive Director for the New York Sportfishing Federation from 1996-2006.

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