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## Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

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### **Secretary Announces Council Appointments** *Three members reappointed, one member newly appointed*

Secretary of Commerce Gary Locke announced the reappointment of Richard B. Robins, Jr. (Virginia), Lee G. Anderson (Delaware), and Erling A. Berg (New Jersey) to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council). Secretary Locke also announced the appointment of Stephen E. Linhard (Maryland) as a new member to the Council. Mr. Robins and Mr. Berg will continue to fill at-large seats and Dr. Anderson will continue to fill Delaware's obligatory seat. Newly appointed member Mr. Linhard will fill an at-large seat. Council members, nominated by the governors of their respective states, are appointed by the Secretary of Commerce to serve three-year terms and may not serve more than three consecutive terms. The newly appointed members begin their terms on August 11, 2010 and will serve on the Council through August 10, 2013. All members appointed for the 2010-2013 term will be sworn in at the August 16-19, 2010 Council meeting in Philadelphia, PA.

Reappointed member, Richard (Rick) B. Robins, Jr. is the owner of Bernie's Conchs in Cheriton, Virginia and Ocean Perfect Seafoods in Suffolk, Virginia. Rick will be serving his second term since originally being appointed to the Council in 2007. He is currently the Chairman of the Council. Rick is a commercial processor and a recreational fisherman. He is also an Associate member of the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC), Chairman of the VMRC Blue Crab Management Advisory Committee, a member of the Blue Ribbon Oyster Panel and an Advisor on the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's (ASMFC) Horseshoe Crab Management Board.

Reappointed member Lee G. Anderson is a Professor of Economics and Marine Studies at the University of Delaware in Newark. He was appointed to the Council in 2007 and will be serving his second term. Lee is currently Vice-chairman of the Council. He is also a member of the Ocean Studies Board of the National Research Council and is President of the North American Association of Fishery Economists. His current work deals with simulation models, design and implementation of Individual Transferable Quota (ITQ) programs, the economics of fishing in time and space, and marine reserves.

Reappointed member Erling A. Berg is from Cape May, New Jersey and will retain an at-large seat. He too will be serving his second term since being appointed in 2007. Erling has been a shore side vessel maintenance technician since 1955. He currently serves as a commercial fishing representative on the New Jersey Marine Fisheries Council and previously served as a New Jersey representative on the ASMFC.

Stephen E. Linhard from Annapolis, Maryland fills the at-large seat vacated by Lawrence W. Simms (Maryland). Steve is a recreational fisherman. He is a current board member and treasurer of Maryland's Legislative Sportsmen's Foundation. Steve is also a current member of the Coastal Conservation Association, the Billfish Foundation, and the International Game Fish Association. He is a former commissioner of the Severn River Commission, a former member of the Maryland Saltwater Sportsman Association, and was a founding board member and treasurer of the Maryland League of Conservation Voters from 1999-2009.

The Council looks forward to continuing to work with the reappointed members and welcomes and looks forward to working with the newly appointed member to continue conserving our living marine resources.

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