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Mid-Atlantic Council Seeks Applicants for Trawl Survey Advisory Panel

Applications Due by August 4, 2015

The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC) is soliciting applications from qualified individuals to serve on the Northeast Trawl Survey Advisory Panel. The objectives for the panel are to understand existing NEFSC trawl survey gear performance and methodology, evaluate the potential to complement or supplement current NEFSC surveys and to improve understanding and acceptance of NEFSC survey data quality and results.

The panel will identify concerns about regional research survey performance and data, identify methods to address or mitigate these concerns and promote mutual understanding and acceptance of results. The panel will consist of 16 members including members of the Councils and the Atlantic States Fishery Commission, industry experts, non-federal scientists and Northeast Fisheries Science Center scientists. Panel members are expected to serve for three years.

The Council is seeking applications to fill five positions:

- Three fishery stakeholder representatives
- Two academic or non-academic scientists

Anyone interested in serving on an advisory panel may apply online or download an application at www.mafmc.org/forms/advisory-panel-application. Applications can also be obtained by calling the Council office at (877) 446-2362 or by emailing jsaunders@mafmc.org. Completed applications should be submitted using one of the following methods:

- *Online* using the form at the web address above;
- *Mail* to Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901;
- *Email* to jsaunders@mafmc.org; or
- *Fax* to (302) 674-5399.

Please include “TRAWL SURVEY ADVISORY PANEL” in the subject of your fax or email.

Completed applications must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 4, 2015.

All nominees are subject to an additional level of review by NOAA's Office of Law Enforcement and may be declined membership because of a marine resource violation.

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