



Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council  
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## ADVISORY PANEL APPLICATION

Please use this application to provide your background information and describe your interest in the fisheries managed by the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council. Applications are confidential – only Council members and staff will review the applications. Applications must be fully complete to be considered. Hand-written applications are acceptable if printed and legible. Completed applications must be received by **5:00 p.m. Friday, April 26, 2024**.

Applications can be completed by any of the following methods.

- **Online (recommended):** <http://www.mafmc.org/advisory-panel-application>;
- **Mail** the application below to Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901 (write “ADVISORY PANEL” on the envelope);
- **Email** a scanned copy of the application to [msabo@mafmc.org](mailto:msabo@mafmc.org) (include “ADVISORY PANEL” in the subject line).

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Sabo at [msabo@mafmc.org](mailto:msabo@mafmc.org), (302) 526-5261.

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

<b>Full Name:</b>	
<b>Date of Birth:</b>	
<b>Home Address:</b>	
<b>Home Port (if applicable):</b>	
<b>Telephone:</b>	
<b>Email Address:</b>	

### CERTIFICATION

**By signing this application, I certify that the information I have provided below is true and correct.** If you are filling this application out on a computer, you may type your name in the space below.

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Signature

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Date

## CURRENT ADVISORY PANEL MEMBERSHIP

Are you currently a member of any MAFMC Advisory Panels?

\_\_\_\_\_ YES    \_\_\_\_\_ NO

If you answered YES to the previous question, please place an X next to the Advisory Panel(s) you currently serve on.

\_\_\_\_\_ Summer Flounder, Scup, Black Sea Bass

\_\_\_\_\_ Mackerel, Squid, Butterfish

\_\_\_\_\_ Bluefish

\_\_\_\_\_ Tilefish

\_\_\_\_\_ Surfclam and Ocean Quahog

\_\_\_\_\_ River Herring and Shad

\_\_\_\_\_ Spiny Dogfish

\_\_\_\_\_ Ecosystem and Ocean Planning

\_\_\_\_\_ Communication and Outreach

**[For current AP members] When reviewing applications, the Council will consider your attendance at AP meetings over the last three years. If there are any circumstances that have affected your participation that you would like the Council to be aware of, please let us know in the space below.**

## ADVISORY PANEL PREFERENCE

List in order of preference the Advisory Panels on which you are interested in serving. You may list *up to three choices*. (See options listed below)

1.

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2.

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3.

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### MAFMC Advisory Panels:

- Summer Flounder, Scup, Black Sea Bass
- Bluefish
- Mackerel, Squids, Butterfish
- Atlantic Surfclam and Ocean Quahog
- Tilefish
- River Herring and Shad
- Spiny Dogfish (joint with NEFMC)
- Ecosystem and Ocean Planning
- Communication and Outreach

**APPLICANT EXPERIENCE**

**PRIMARY ROLE:** Place an X next to the option that best describes your PRIMARY role in Mid-Atlantic fisheries (select only one).

- Commercial – captain, vessel owner, crew
- Commercial – shoreside operations (e.g., seafood dealers, processors, distributors)
- Commercial – organization representative
- Recreational – private angler
- Recreational – for-hire (party/charter) captain, vessel owner, crew
- Recreational – shoreside operations (e.g., bait and tackle shop or marina owner/operator)
- Recreational – organization representative
- Non-Governmental Organization
- Science/Research
- General Public
- Other (please describe): \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDITIONAL ROLES:** Place an X next to any additional roles which also apply to you (you may select more than one).

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- Recreational – shoreside operations (e.g., bait and tackle shop or marina owner/operator)
- Recreational – organization representative
- Non-Governmental Organization
- Science/Research
- General Public
- Other (please describe): \_\_\_\_\_

**FISHERIES EXPERIENCE:** Please describe your experience for each of the roles selected on the previous page (e.g. number of years, species fished, gear used, permits held, areas of research/study, organization of employment or educational institution, etc.) You may attach additional pages if needed.

**EMPLOYMENT:** Are you currently employed in any area related to the commercial or recreational fishing sectors? If YES, please list your occupation, business name, and dates of employment in the space below.

Yes  No

**FISHING ORGANIZATIONS:** Are you a member of any fishermen's associations, organizations, or clubs? If YES, please list in the space below.

Yes  No

**Have you ever attended a Marine Resource Education Program (MREP) workshop?**

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_\_\_ No

**FISHERY VIOLATIONS:** Have you been found in violation of any state or federal fisheries laws or regulations within the last three years? If YES, please provide a detailed explanation in the space below.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_\_\_ No

**Consent to marine fishery violation background check (required).**

- I give my consent to allow NOAA law enforcement to provide a marine fishery violation background check.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Optional):** Use the space below to provide any additional information on your fisheries background, your interest in the fishing industries, or experience with fisheries management (including meeting attendance) which you feel would assist the Council in making its choices of new advisory panel members.