



Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

Date: March 24, 2023
To: Executive Committee
From: Chris Moore, Executive Director
Subject: Executive Committee Closed Session

On Tuesday, April 4, 2023, the Executive Committee will meet in closed session to address two agenda items:

1. Review SSC Membership

On February 27, 2023, the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council released a [Request for Nominations](#) to fill one vacancy on its Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) due to the recent departure of Dr. Lee Anderson from the SSC. The solicitation indicated that the Council would prioritize candidates with expertise in economics and/or social sciences. At the April Council meeting, the Executive Committee will review the applications received and recommend one candidate to the Council for appointment to the SSC. **A briefing packet will be distributed to Committee members via email.**

2. Review Award of Excellence nominations

The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Award of Excellence was established in 2016 to recognize an individual's outstanding contribution to fisheries management, legislation, science, or law enforcement in the mid-Atlantic region. The award has only been presented to one individual – former Council Chairman, Rick Robins. At the February Council Meeting, the Executive Committee agreed to solicit nominations for the MAFMC Award of Excellence. During the April meeting, the Executive Committee will review nominations and consider selecting a recipient for the Award of Excellence. The following document is enclosed behind this memo.

- Award of Excellence Guidelines

Please note that a new [Council Awards](https://www.mafmc.org/awards) web page (<https://www.mafmc.org/awards>) has been created to highlight the Council's awards and past award recipients. The page can be found under the "About" tab on the main navigation menu.

Guidelines for Award of Excellence

The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council Award of Excellence recognizes an individual's outstanding contribution to fisheries management, legislation, science, or law enforcement in the mid-Atlantic region.

Award

The award will be made on a periodic basis subject to the identification and selection of outstanding individuals.

Selection process:

Council members will send written nominations to the Executive Director at any time during the year.

The Executive Director will present nominations to the Executive Committee as they become available.

The Executive Committee will meet to discuss the nominee's achievements and select the recipient by consensus.

The award presentation will occur at an award ceremony in association with a Mid-Atlantic Council meeting.

The recipient will receive an award trophy at the ceremony and a permanent plaque will be placed in the Council office in Dover, DE with a list of all the recipients.

Past Recipients:

August, 2016 - Richard B. Robins, Jr.