Request for Nominations: Scientific and Statistical Committee

The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) is seeking four qualified candidates to serve on its Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC). Successful candidates will serve a three-year appointment beginning in March of 2020. Applications must be received by 5:00 P.M. on Friday, January 24, 2020.

The SSC serves as the Council's primary scientific/technical advisory body and provides independent scientific advice for fishery management decisions, including recommendations for acceptable biological catch and achieving rebuilding targets. The SSC also provides science advice and information on stock status, bycatch, habitat, social and economic impacts of management measures, and research priorities. The SSC typically meets 4-5 times per year, with meetings lasting from one to three days. In-person meetings are usually held in Baltimore, MD.

Membership is comprised of state and federal employees, academia, and independent experts with scientific and technical expertise in biology, statistics, economics, social science, and other relevant disciplines. The Council recently completed a comprehensive review of SSC membership in order to align new membership expertise with the future needs of the Council. Based on that review, the Council is seeking four candidates in the following areas:

- One additional member with quantitative stock assessment expertise
- One fisheries biologist/ecologist with experience and expertise in ecosystem science and approaches
- One economist/social scientist with experience and expertise in ecosystem science and approaches
- One economist and/or social scientist to help support Council priorities and actions that will have socioeconomic implications

Individuals interested in applying for nomination to the SSC must submit a current curriculum vitae (CV) or resume and a brief letter describing qualifications and relevant experience in priority areas identified above. All applications received will be reviewed by the Council and will require a nomination by a Council member in order to be considered for appointment.

Applications and materials may be submitted by email to Dr. Chris Moore, Executive Director, at cmoore@mafmc.org. **All applications must be received by 5:00 P.M. on Friday, January 24, 2020.** If you have any questions or need further information about the process, please contact Brandon Muffley at bmuffley@mafmc.org; 302-526-5260.

Summary of Scientific and Statistical Committee Applications

January 2020

In 2019, the Council completed a comprehensive review of SSC membership in order to align new membership expertise with the future needs of the Council. Based on that review, the Council solicited applications[1] to fill four vacancies in the following areas:

- One member with quantitative stock assessment expertise
- One fisheries biologist/ecologist with experience and expertise in ecosystem science and approaches
- One economist/social scientist with experience and expertise in ecosystem science and approaches
- One economist and/or social scientist to help support Council priorities and actions that will have socioeconomic implications

Below is a summary table (Table 1) of all applications received by the January 24, 2020 deadline including the applicant's affiliation and area(s) of expertise. A breakdown of applicants associated with each of the four priority areas is provided in Table 2.

The Council will review the list of applicants and nominate and approve new SSC members at the February 2020 meeting. New SSC members will begin a three-year term in March 2020 and attend the March 10-11, 2020 SSC meeting.

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[1] The January 2, 2020 announcement seeking SSC applications can be found at:
http://www.mafmc.org/newsfeed/2020/request-for-nominations-scientific-and-statistical-committee

Table 1. Summary of Mid-Atlantic SSC applicants, their affiliation and area(s) of expertise.

Name	Affiliation	Expertise
Dr. Geret DePiper	NMFS Northeast Fisheries Science Center, Social Sciences Branch	Economics, ecosystem science, socioeconomic trade-offs
Dr. Gavin Fay	University of Massachusetts Dartmouth's School of Marine Science and Technology	Stock assessments and statistics, ecosystem science and management, management strategy evaluation
Dr. Edward Hale	Delaware Sea Grant, University of Delaware	Stock assessments, fisheries ecology, aquaculture
Dr. Jorge Holzer	University of Maryland, Dept. of Agricultural and Resource Economics	Economics, allocation, sector evaluation, multispecies fisheries
Dr. Desmond Kahn	Fisheries Investigations; Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife, Fisheries Section (retired)	Stock assessments, fisheries ecology and population dynamics
Dr. Holly Kindsvater	Virginia Tech University, College of Natural Resources and Environment	Stock assessments, data limited methods, management strategy evaluation, unique life-history species
Ms. Emily Markowitz	NMFS Office of Science and Technology, Division of Economics and Social Analysis	Fisheries biology/ecology, ecosystem and climate science, stock assessments
Dr. Janet Nye	Stony Brook University, School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences / University of North Carolina, Institute of Marine Science	Fisheries ecology, ecosystem and climate science, population dynamics, bioenergetics
Dr. Andrew Scheld	Virginia Institute of Marine Sciences, College of William and Mary	Economics, fisheries science, recreational fisheries, gear interactions
Mr. Richard Seagraves	Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (retired)	Fisheries biology/ecology, ecosystem science, fisheries management, stock assessment
Dr. Alexei Sharov	Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Fisheries Service	Stock assessments, survey design, ecosystem and multi-species science

Table 2. List of applicants associated with the four Council priority areas.

Area of Expertise	Applicant
Stock assessment	G. Fay, E. Hale, D. Kahn, H. Kindsvater, E. Markowitz, R. Seagraves, A. Sharov
Fisheries biologist/ecologist with expertise in ecosystem science	G. Fay, D. Kahn, E. Markowitz, J. Nye, R. Seagraves, A. Sharov
Economist/social scientist with expertise in ecosystem science	G. DePiper, J. Holzer, A. Scheld
Economist/social scientist to support Council priorities and actions	G. DePiper, J. Holzer, A. Scheld