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NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Terms Expiring on August 10th, 2024:			
SEAT TYPE	INCUMBENT	STATE	SECTOR
Obligatory	Geoffrey Smith	Maine	Other
Obligatory	Michael Pierdinock	Massachusetts	Recreational
Obligatory	Eric Reid^	Rhode Island	Commercial
Obligatory	Mark Alexander	Connecticut	Other
At-Large	Kristin Brawn	Maine	Commercial
Governors’ Nominations for Vacant Seats:			
STATE	OBLIGATORY NOMINEES	AT-LARGE NOMINEES	
MAINE	Geoffrey Smith* Kristin Brawn Dana Hammond	Kristin Brawn* Dana Hammond Kristan Porter	
NEW HAMPSHIRE	N/A	No Submission	
MASSACHUSETTS	Michael Pierdinock* Peter Seminara Heather Amtower	No Submission	
RHODE ISLAND	Theodore Platz Spencer Bode Greg Mataronas	Theodore Platz Spencer Bode Greg Mataronas	
CONNECTICUT	William Lucey Robert LaFrance William Hyatt	No Submission	

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MID-ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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SEAT TYPE	INCUMBENT	STATE	SECTOR
Obligatory	Adam Nowalsky^	New Jersey	Recreational
Obligatory	Skip Feller	Virginia	Recreational
At-Large	Sara Winslow^	North Carolina	Other
At-Large	Thomas Schlichter	New York	Recreational
Governors’ Nominations for Vacant Seats:			
STATE	OBLIGATORY NOMINEES	AT-LARGE NOMINEES	
NEW YORK	N/A	James Gilmore Thomas Schlichter* Joseph Beneventine	
NEW JERSEY	Greg Hueth Eleanor Bochenek Victor Hartley	Daphne Munroe Eleanor Bochenek Nicholas Cicero	
PENNSYLVANIA	N/A	No Submission	
DELAWARE	N/A	No Submission	
MARYLAND	N/A	No Submission	
VIRGINIA	Skip Feller* Todd Janeski Ashley Mullis	No Submission	
NORTH CAROLINA	N/A	Anna Beckwith Stuart Creighton William Gorham	

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SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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SEAT TYPE	INCUMBENT	STATE	SECTOR
Obligatory	Laurilee Thompson	Florida	Commercial
Obligatory	Judy Helmey	Georgia	Recreational
At-Large	Arnold “Spud” Woodward	Georgia	Other
At-Large	Thomas Roller	North Carolina	Recreational
Governors’ Nominations for Vacant Seats:			
STATE	OBLIGATORY NOMINEES	AT-LARGE NOMINEES	
NORTH CAROLINA	N/A	Thomas Roller* Christopher Kimrey Michael Oppegaard E. Jot Owens	
SOUTH CAROLINA	N/A	No Submission	
GEORGIA	Judy Helmey* Davis Poole William Weeks Carl Evans David Tucker	Kate Hargrove Russell Kent Charles Phillips	
FLORIDA	Michael Lombardi Michael Merrifield James Hull	No Submission	

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CARIBBEAN FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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SEAT TYPE	INCUMBENT	STATE	SECTOR
Obligatory	Carlos Farchette	US Virgin Islands	Recreational
At-Large	Vanessa Ramirez	Puerto Rico	Commercial
Governors’ Nominations for Vacant Seats:			
STATE	OBLIGATORY NOMINEES	AT-LARGE NOMINEES	
US VIRGIN ISLANDS	Carlos Farchette* Gerson Martinez Thomas Daley	No Submission	
PUERTO RICO	N/A	Vanessa Ramirez* Ricardo Lugo Carlos Velázquez	

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GULF OF MEXICO FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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SEAT TYPE	INCUMBENT	STATE	SECTOR
Obligatory	Susan Boggs	Alabama	Recreational
Obligatory	Robert Gill	Florida	Commercial
Obligatory	Jonathan Dugas	Louisiana	Recreational
At-Large	Billy Broussard	Louisiana	Commercial
At-Large	Dale Diaz^	Mississippi	Other
Governors’ Nominations for Vacant Seats:			
STATE	OBLIGATORY NOMINEES	AT-LARGE NOMINEES	
FLORIDA	Juan Sanchez Casey Streeter Austin Abrams	No Submission	
ALABAMA	Matthew Womble Joseph Dobbs Troy Frady	No Submission	
MISSISSIPPI	N/A	Jason Osborne Michael Brainard John Marquez	
LOUISIANA	Jonathan Dugas* Michael Frenette Joshua Ellender	Billy Broussard* Christopher Macaluso Campos Matens	
TEXAS	N/A	No Submission	

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PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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SEAT TYPE	INCUMBENT	STATE	SECTOR
Obligatory	Corey Ridings	California	Other
Obligatory	Christa Svensson	Oregon	Commercial
Obligatory	Joseph Oatman^	Nez Perce Tribe	Other
At-Large	Robert Dooley	California	Commercial
At-Large	Philip Anderson^	Washington	Other
Governors’ Nominations for Vacant Seats:			
STATE	OBLIGATORY NOMINEES	AT-LARGE NOMINEES	
TRIBAL	David Sones (Makah Tribe) Russell Svec (Makah Tribe) William Ron Allen (Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe)	N/A	
CALIFORNIA	Corey Ridings* Rebecca Lent Josh Madeira Emily Parker	Rebecca Lent Corey Ridings Josh Madeira Emily Parker	
OREGON	Christa Svensson* Jeff Lackey Robert Dolton Theresa Labriola	No Submission	
IDAHO	N/A	No Submission	
<i>Note: On March 15th, 2024, Gov Inslee submitted the below candidates for the At-Large seat on the Pacific Fishery Management Council.</i>			
WASHINGTON	N/A	Brent Paine Brian Blake Larry Phillips	
<i>Note: On June 10, 2024, Governor Inslee sent an “Addendum” with the below candidates for the At-Large seat on the Pacific Fishery Management Council.</i>			
WASHINGTON	N/A	Aja Szumylo Brian Blake Larry Phillips	

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NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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Obligatory	John Jensen	Alaska	Commercial
Obligatory	Andrew Mezirow^	Alaska	Recreational
Obligatory	Anne Vanderhoeven	Washington	Commercial
Governors’ Nominations for Vacant Seats:			
STATE	OBLIGATORY NOMINEES	AT-LARGE NOMINEES	
ALASKA	John Moller John Jensen* Samuel Rabung Brian Ritchie Thomas Taube	N/A	
WASHINGTON	Becca Robbins-Gisclair Jamie Goen Elaine Harvey Anne Vanderhoeven*	N/A	

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WESTERN PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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Obligatory	Manuel Duenas II	Guam	Recreational
Obligatory	Matthew Ramsey	Hawaii	Other
Governors’ Nominations for Vacant Seats:			
STATE	OBLIGATORY NOMINEES	AT-LARGE NOMINEES	
GUAM	Francisco Perez Manuel Duenas II* Jesse Rosario	N/A	
HAWAII	Matthew Ramsey* Ed Watamura Pelika Andrade	N/A	
CNMI	N/A	N/A	
AMERICAN SAMOA	N/A	N/A	

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