



New England Fishery Management Council

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NE Fishery Council Announces SSC Membership

Portsmouth, NH The New England Fishery Management Council announced the membership of its Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) at its three-day mid-winter meeting this week. To better comport with the reauthorized Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act which created the eight-Council system in 1976, the Council expanded its SSC to 15 members who will serve for three-year terms.

Each SSC is charged with providing its Council with ongoing scientific advice for fishery management decisions, including recommendations on acceptable biological catch, preventing overfishing, maximum sustainable yield and achieving rebuilding targets, as well as reports on stock status and health, bycatch, habitat status, the social and economic impacts of management measures and sustainability of fishing practices.

Newly appointed and current members, listed below, have backgrounds in fisheries stock assessments, resource economics, statistics, ecology, and anthropology, and include independent scientists as well as those associated with federal and state government. Their biographies will be posted on the Council's website --- www.nefmc.org --- in the near future.

- Dr. John Annala, Gulf of Maine Research Institute
- Dr. Steve Cadrin: SMAST, University of Massachusetts
- Dr. Victor Crecco, State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection
- Dr. John Gates, University of Rhode Island
- Dr. Daniel Georgianna, SMAST, University of Massachusetts
- Dr. John Hoenig, College of William and Mary
- Dr. Les Kaufman, Boston University
- Dr. Jacob Kritzer, Environmental Defense
- Mr. Jean-Jacques Maguire, Sillery, Quebec
- Dr. Robert O'Boyle, Bedford, Nova Scotia
- Dr. Andrew Rosenberg, University of New Hampshire
- Dr. Alexei Sharov, Maryland Department of Natural Resources
- Dr. Michael Sissenwine, Teaticket, MA
- Dr. Patrick Sullivan, Cornell University
- Dr. Robert Robertson, University of New Hampshire

The New England Fishery Management Council, one of eight regional councils established by federal legislation in 1976, is charged with conserving and managing fishery resources from three to 200 miles off the coasts of Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut.

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