



New England Fishery Management Council

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Request for Nominations Scientific and Statistical Committee

The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is seeking qualified candidates to serve on its Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC). Individuals may nominate themselves or be nominated by other individuals or organizations. Nominees must submit a resume or curriculum vitae. A summary of qualifications for the appointment, including the length and type of relevant experience, also must be included. Appointments are for three years, with the term beginning in January 2023 and ending December 2025. All relevant materials should be sent to the Council office and must be received by 8:00 a.m. on December 23, 2022.

SSC nominees should have expertise in statistics, fisheries biology, marine ecology, economics, sociology, anthropology, or other social sciences as they apply to fisheries management. SSC members are expected to provide independent, scientific advice to the Council.

The purpose of the SSC is to assist the Council in the development, collection, and evaluation of statistical, biological, economic, social, and other scientific information relevant to the development of fishery management plans. The committee may:

- *Provide guidance to ensure that fishery management plans, amendments, and framework adjustments are based on the best scientific information available, including economic and social information;*
- *Provide the Council with ongoing scientific advice for fishery management decisions, including recommendations for acceptable biological catch, overfishing limits, maximum sustainable yield, and achieving rebuilding targets, as well as reports on stock status and health, bycatch, habitat status, social and economic impacts of management measures, and sustainability of fishing practices;*
- *Provide peer reviews of scientific work and review methodology and analyses by the Council's plan development teams if requested by the Council;*
- *Upon request, advise the Council on the preparation of comments on scientific issues.*

SSC members are reimbursed for travel expenses up to specified limits for attending official meetings at the Council's request and receive a daily stipend subject to funding.

The duties and responsibilities of this position require you to file the **Statement of Financial Interests** to fulfill the requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. The purpose of this report is to assist you and NMFS in avoiding conflicts between official duties and private financial interests or affiliations. Please complete the form and include with your application.

Nominations and materials may be submitted by regular mail to the Council office or by email to Joan O'Leary at joleary@nefmc.org. All nominations must be received by 8:00 a.m. on December 23, 2022.

If you have questions or need further information about this process, please contact Chris Kellogg, New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950; telephone: (978) 465-0492 ext. 112; ckellogg@nefmc.org.