

# Grant Advisory Panel

The Grant Advisory Panel listed below will provide expert oversight to the Striped Bass Conservation Grant Program.

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**Alison Bowden**, The Nature Conservancy

**Role:** Individual(s) from environmental and advocacy organization with experience in marine environmental issues.

**Bio:** Ms. Bowden is the Director of Conservation Science and Strategy at The Nature Conservancy in Massachusetts. TNC is a global environmental nonprofit which advocates for a world where people and nature can both thrive. In Massachusetts, this includes working with diverse partners to bring back healthy rivers, estuaries, and fisheries. Ms. Bowden is directly involved in river herring restoration efforts, aiding in research and management processes to address data deficiencies and identify conservation actions. TNC has partnered with DMF and local universities on numerous other marine fish and shellfish research activities, such as cod distribution and spawning behavior, shellfish restoration and mitigation, alewife life history modeling, and diadromous fish passage and habitat restoration projects.

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**John Pappalardo**, Cape Cod Fishermen's Alliance

**Role:** Representative of an organization that represents the interests of commercial striped bass fishermen.

**Bio:** Mr. Pappalardo is the Chief Executive Officer of the Cape Cod Commercial Fishermen's Alliance, a nationally recognized nonprofit organization supporting commercial fishermen on Cape Cod. Both Mr. Pappalardo and the organization he helped build from the ground up over 30 years ago are well known for their efforts to protect the Cape's fishing heritage and create new opportunities for the next generation of fishermen. Mr. Pappalardo is heavily involved in both federal and state fisheries management. He is serving his sixth term on the New England Fishery Management Council (which he also chaired for five years) and spent 13 years on the Massachusetts Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission.

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**Kevin Creighton**, CFO Div. Marine Fisheries

**Role:** DMF staff person responsible for the administration of the Marine Recreational Fisheries Development Fund.

**Bio:** Mr. Creighton is the Division of Marine Fisheries' Chief Fiscal Officer, responsible for the Division's fiscal functions and administrative operations. Mr. Creighton has overseen the administration of the Marine Recreational Fisheries Development Fund since its inception, including revenue projections, budgeting activities, and expenditures management.

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**Dr. Adrian Jordaan**, Umass-Amherst

**Role:** Researcher in an academic setting who performs research on one of the programmatic areas, who is not an employee of DMF but has substantial expertise in striped bass ecology and management

**Bio:** Dr. Jordaan is Associate Professor of fish population ecology and conservation at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, and Director of the university's Gloucester Marine Station on the north shore. His research foci include understanding the influence of environmental variables on growth and survival, elucidating the temporal and spatial structure and function of ecosystems, and determining the best management policies given the environmental constraints on growth, survival, and geographic distributions of fish. Since earning his doctorate from the University of Maine, he has authored numerous scientific publications, many of which center on the biology and conservation of anadromous fish species in the northwestern Atlantic Ocean.

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**Dr. Michael Armstrong**, Div. Marine Fisheries

**Role:** DMF professional staff member with experience in one or more of the programmatic areas

**Bio:** Dr. Armstrong is Assistant Director at the Division of Marine Fisheries, providing oversight of the Division's Fisheries Biology Section. This arm of the Division is responsible for fisheries biological sampling and research projects, fishery surveys and stock assessment, and recreational and diadromous fisheries monitoring, conservation, and enhancement. Dr. Armstrong is a 30-year veteran of the Division, earned his doctorate from the University of New Hampshire in Zoology/Fisheries, is an adjunct professor at University of Massachusetts, and serves on the interstate management boards for striped bass, river herring, shad, and American eel.

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**Kalil Bogdan**, Massachusetts Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission

**Role:** Representative of an organization that represents the interests of recreational striped bass fishermen

**Bio:** Mr. Boghdan is a life-long recreational angler who serves on the Massachusetts Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission, a nine-member board representing fishing interests from various parts of the Massachusetts coast, and which advises the Division on its fisheries management activities. He also chairs the Division's five-member Marine Recreational Fisheries Development Panel which oversees DMF's spending of the saltwater fishing permit revenues. Mr. Boghdan previously owned and operated a sportfishing charter business on the north shore. He has a Ph.D. from Northeastern University in Biology and spent over 30 years as a high science department chair and middle school principal in the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District.

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**Kim Tilas, Director MET**

**Role:** Mass Environmental Trust

**Bio:** Kim Tilas brings to the Trust more than 25 years of experience plus expertise managing complex, large-scale marine animal research expeditions and marine education programs requiring the coordination of the interests of international governments, businesses, and the scientific community. Her responsibilities include managing the process of awarding grants and monitoring the effectiveness of Trust-funded projects.

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**Michael Pierdinock, Stellwagen Bank Charter Boat Assoc.**

**Role:** Other individuals as deemed appropriate by the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs

**Bio:** Mr. Pierdinock is the owner and operator of a charter fishing business on the south shore and serves on the Board of Directors of the Stellwagen Bank Charter Boat Association, a nonprofit organization of charter boat owners and captains, mates, and recreational anglers which works to provide a unified voice to preserve the traditions and future of saltwater fishing. He is also a member of the Massachusetts Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission and the New England Fishery Management Council.