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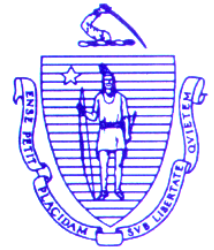
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### **Marine Fisheries Advisory**

## **APPLICATIONS SOUGHT FOR NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is seeking interested individuals for nomination to open seats on the New England Fishery Management Council. Candidates, by reason of their occupational or other experience, scientific expertise, or training, must be knowledgeable and experienced in ways related to fishery resources of New England. Qualified female and minority candidates are encouraged to apply. The seats that will be open to nominations are:

An at-large seat currently held by Francis Blount, Jr. of Rhode Island, who is completing his second term and is eligible for re-nomination, and an at-large seat currently held by Colin "Rip" Cunningham, Jr. of Massachusetts, who is completing his third consecutive term and is thus ineligible for re-nomination in 2013.

The New England Fishery Management Council is one of eight regional councils that manage our nation's marine fisheries seaward of state territorial waters. Responsibilities include the development of fishery management plans that are submitted to the National Marine Fisheries Service and the Secretary of Commerce for approval and implementation. A Council appointment is for a 3-year term; nominees must be willing and able, barring unforeseen circumstances, to make the commitment to fully participate in Council business and related activities for the duration of the term.

Qualified individuals interested in being considered for nomination to the Council must contact and provide a resume to Shannon Davis (617-626-1621, [shannon.davis@state.ma.us](mailto:shannon.davis@state.ma.us)) by **February 1, 2013**. Applicants will then be required to complete a comprehensive nomination kit that will be provided by *Marine Fisheries* and includes a philosophy statement and financial disclosure statement. Additionally, the Commonwealth will conduct an initial background review. For further information on the Council and the Council process, please visit [www.nefmc.org](http://www.nefmc.org).