



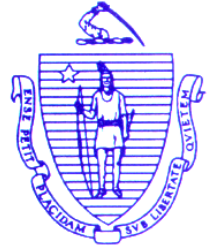
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### **Marine Fisheries Advisory**

## **GOVERNOR PATRICK SUBMITS STATE'S NOMINATIONS FOR NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

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Governor Patrick has submitted four individuals as nominees for two at-large seats on the New England Fishery Management Council. In January, the Division of Marine Fisheries initiated a solicitation for candidates to the Council and received complete applications from seven interested persons.

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.

The two open seats are currently held by Francis Blount, Jr. of Rhode Island, who is completing a second term and Colin "Rip" Cunningham, Jr. of Massachusetts, who is completing a third consecutive term and is thus ineligible for re-nomination to a fourth consecutive term.

Final selections for these seats are made by the Secretary of Commerce and are expected to be announced this summer.

The letter submitted to the National Marine Fisheries Service can be found at the following link:  
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For further information on the Council and the Council process, please visit [www.nefmc.org](http://www.nefmc.org).