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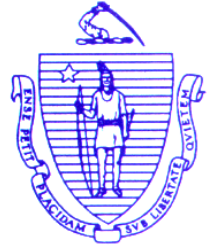
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Applications Sought for New England Fishery Management Council

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is seeking interested individuals for nomination to an open seat 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 fishery resources of New England. Qualified female and minority candidates are encouraged to apply.

The seat that will be open to nominations is one at-large seat formerly held by Thomas Dempsey of Massachusetts. Mr. Dempsey resigned his seat, therefore the Commonwealth is seeking interested candidates to complete Mr. Dempsey's term, which ends August 10, 2017.

Qualified individuals interested in being considered for nomination to the Council should contact Samantha Andrews by phone 617-626-1564 or email Samantha.N.Andrews@state.ma.us to request the nomination application kit. All applications are due by the end of day on **Monday, December 1, 2014**. As part of the application process, the Commonwealth will also conduct an initial background review.

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. For further information on the Council and the Council process, please visit www.nefmc.org.