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

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 occupation or other experience, scientific expertise or training must be knowledgeable and experienced in ways related to fishery resources of New England ." Two seats will be open to nominations:

a MA obligatory seat currently held by Rodney M. Avila of New Bedford , MA ; and
an at-large seat currently held by Dana B. Rice of Maine.

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.

Qualified individuals interested in being considered for nomination to the Council should contact Shannon Davis at (617) 626-1621 or e-mail shannon.davis@state.ma.us by January 31, 2009 . Nominees must complete a comprehensive application that will be provided by *Marine Fisheries* and includes a philosophy statement and financial disclosure statement. For further information on the Council and the Council process, please visit www.nefmc.org.