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New England Fishery Management Council Appointments Announced

Last week, the US Department of Commerce announced appointments to regional fishery management councils, including the New England Fishery Management Council (NEFMC). Jackie Odell, Executive Director at the Northeast Seafood Coalition, was reappointed to a Massachusetts at-large seat, a position she has held since 2023. Kirby Aarsheim Apjohn joined the NEFMC as a new member, filling the MA at-large seat recently vacated by John Pappalardo of the Cape Cod Commercial Fishermen's Alliance. After 20 years serving on the NEFMC, five of which he served as chair, Pappalardo was termed out and ineligible for reappointment. During his time on the Council, Pappalardo advocated for long-term sustainability, ecosystem-based fisheries management, and enhanced science, and represented Cape Cod fishermen interests.

The NEFMC is one of eight regional fishery management councils that collaboratively manage the nation's marine fishery resources. Members serve three-year terms and work alongside partners in Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Connecticut, as well as federal partners. [Find the full announcement here.](#)