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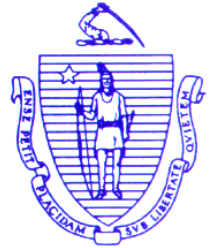
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### **Marine Fisheries Advisory**

## **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 include one Massachusetts obligatory seat currently held by John F. Quinn of Dartmouth (1<sup>st</sup> term) and one at-large seat currently held by Vincent M. Balzano of Maine (1<sup>st</sup> term). Both individuals are eligible for reappointment to a second term.

Qualified individuals interested in being considered for nomination to the Council should contact Nichola Meserve (617-626-1531, [nichola.meserve@state.ma.us](mailto:nichola.meserve@state.ma.us)) to request the nomination application kit. All applications will be due by the end of day on **Friday, February 20, 2015**. 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](http://www.nefmc.org).