



# New England Fishery Management Council

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## NEFMC Bids Farewell to One Member, Welcomes Another

The New England Fishery Management Council is bidding farewell to Mary Beth Tooley of Maine and welcoming a new face to the Council table – Maine Department of Marine Resources (DMR) Commissioner Patrick Keliher.

On June 28, 2017, the Secretary of Commerce announced that three New England Council members, whose terms were scheduled to expire, had been reappointed to serve for another three years effective August 12, 2017.

- Peter Kendall of New Hampshire was appointed to his third term on the Council;
- Elizabeth “Libby” Etrie of Massachusetts was appointed to a second term; and
- John Pappalardo of Massachusetts was appointed to a second term.

Terry Stockwell of Maine was appointed to fill the seat being vacated by Tooley, who had served three consecutive terms. Stockwell is the Council’s vice chairman and previously served as the state of Maine’s designated fisheries official to the Council. In June, however, Stockwell retired from state service following a 21-year career at DMR, and he now is beginning his first term as a secretarial appointee.

Pat Keliher has headed DMR since 2011 and will assume the official state seat at the Council table. He has been active in the Council process over the years and has attended numerous meetings. He is well known and respected among Council members and stakeholders alike. Council members serve three-year terms and can be reappointed to three consecutive terms – a total of nine years – either in a state-specific “obligatory” seat or an “at-large” regional seat. All four 2017 New England Council appointments were for at-large seats.

### **Council Honors Tooley, Stockwell, King**

Since the New England Council was not scheduled to meet during the month of August, it took time during its June meeting in Portland, ME to pay tribute to Tooley, Stockwell, and Howard King, the Mid-Atlantic Council’s liaison to New England who was completing a third term on his own Council.



*Howard King, left, with Mary Beth Tooley and Terry Stockwell.  
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New England Council Chairman Dr. John Quinn recounted the numerous contributions that Mary Beth Tooley had made over her nine years of service on the Council.

“Your steadfast focus was remarkable, not just for scallops and herring – two species of high interest to you – but for all Council actions,” Chairman Quinn said. “You had a gift for incrementally forging consensus on extremely difficult issues. You remained gracious and measured in the face of controversy and routinely brought a needed dose of reality to the table with your in-depth understanding of the day-to-day operations of both the scallop and herring fisheries.”

Dr. Quinn said the Scallop Committee especially benefited from Tooley’s skills during the five years she served as committee chair. He added, “Your effective leadership was immensely respected by all involved.”

At the time of the June meeting, the Council was aware that Maine Gov. Paul LePage had nominated Terry Stockwell to fill the seat being vacated by Tooley, although final secretarial appointments had yet to be announced. Still, Dr. Quinn said the Council wanted to thank Stockwell for all he had done to date.

In addition to sitting on and heading up numerous Council committees, Stockwell was elected Council vice chairman in 2012 and then served as chair for three years beginning in 2013.



*NEFMC Atlantic Herring Plan Coordinator Deirdre Boelke, left, with Mary Beth Tooley and Atlantic Scallop Plan Coordinator Jonathon Peros. Tooley was recognized by Council Chairman Dr. John Quinn for, among other things, the manner in which she “readily engaged and encouraged staff members in their work.” – NEFMC photo*

“You have been an exemplary leader, and your comradery and jovial demeanor have helped us get through some long days,” said Dr. Quinn of Stockwell. “Your relationships with industry members and familiarity with their vessels, homeports, and families helped humanize our fishery management process.”

In honor of Howard King, Chairman Quinn said, “I want to express my thanks for the time you devoted to helping us better understand issues of importance to the Mid-Atlantic Council. As a liaison between your Council and ours, you routinely provided valuable insight into the evolution of Mid-Atlantic management actions, whether for squid, surf clams and ocean quahogs, river herring, summer flounder, scup, or other species. You helped foster an air of openness between our Councils.”

## Meet Our Council Members

- Short biographical sketches containing Council member background and highlights can be found at: [http://s3.amazonaws.com/nefmc.org/Council-member-bios\\_Aug.-11-2017\\_final2.pdf](http://s3.amazonaws.com/nefmc.org/Council-member-bios_Aug.-11-2017_final2.pdf).
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