



## New England Fishery Management Council

**Dr. John Quinn**, Assistant Dean of Public Interest Law and External Relations and Special Assistant to the Chancellor for Government Relations at the University of Massachusetts (UMass) School of Law, began his first term on the New England Council in 2012 as the obligatory member from Massachusetts. He is a former member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, where he held positions on several important committees during his 18-year tenure and co-sponsored a number of fisheries-related bills. He provided testimony on behalf of the industry in several venues and was a member of the New Bedford Mayor's Task Force on Fisheries. Dr. Quinn also represented various fishing interests when he practiced law at the firm of Harvey B. Mickelson & Associates from 1989-1992, as well as in his own law practice from 1994-2010. He holds a B.A. in economics from UMass Dartmouth, a J.D. from Suffolk University Law School, a M.P.Adm. from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, and a Ph.D. in public policy from the University of Massachusetts, Boston. Dr. Quinn was selected as UMass Dartmouth's 2016 CARE recipient, earning the "Chancellor's Award Recognizing Excellence in Service." On Aug. 1, 2017, he testified before the Senate Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard on Magnuson-Stevens Act reauthorization on behalf of the nation's eight Regional Fishery Management Councils. Dr. Quinn was elected in 2013 to serve as Council vice chair, a post he held for three years before being elected chairman. This is his fifth consecutive year serving as the Council's chair.

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**Eric Reid** is a fisheries consultant based in North Kingstown, Rhode Island. He has a long history in seafood processing and previously owned and operated his own business, Deep Sea Fish of Rhode Island, for 11 years. In addition, he worked for numerous other companies over the years, including Seafreeze Shoreside Inc., Seafresh USA, and The Town Dock, as well as in various plants in Gloucester and New Bedford. Over his 46-year career in commercial and recreational fisheries, Eric has been actively engaged in all facets of the industry. He first worked as a deckhand on for-hire vessels. He then became licensed and sailed as captain while attending the University of Rhode Island, where he graduated in 1981 with an A.S. degree in Fisheries and Marine Technology. Next, he began working as a commercial fisherman – both on deck and at the helm – on bottom trawl and longline vessels operating out of ports in Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and New Jersey. After 10 years of experience on the water, he redirected his focus to shoreside processing. Eric served as past president of both the Rhode Island Seafood Council and the American Seafood Institute. He also was a founding member of both the East Coast Fisheries Association and the New England Seafood Producers Association. Eric serves as the New England Council’s liaison to the Mid-Atlantic Council and represents the New England Council on several Mid-Atlantic Council committees. He is on the board of directors of RODA, the Responsible Offshore Development Alliance, and serves as the alliance’s treasurer. He recently was appointed to serve as a U.S. Commissioner to the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO). This is his second year serving as the Council’s vice chairman.

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**Michael Pentony** is the Regional Administrator for NOAA Fisheries' Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office (GARFO). He stepped into this position on January 22, 2018, replacing John Bullard, who retired. Mike has been with the agency since 2002, working in a number of capacities. Most recently, he served as Assistant Regional Administrator for the Sustainable Fisheries Division, a post he held from 2014 until becoming Regional Administrator. In that capacity, he oversaw all aspects of 14 management plans under the wings of both the New England and Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Councils. Prior to 2014, he served for 12 years as a team supervisor for the Sustainable Fisheries Division. Before joining NOAA Fisheries, he worked for four years as a policy analyst for the New England Council, primarily on issues related to habitat, marine protected areas, and the Atlantic deep-sea red crab fishery. Mike has a B.S. in engineering from Duke University and a M.S. in environmental management from Duke's Nicholas School of the Environment. He spent six years as an officer in the U.S. Air Force between earning his college and graduate degrees. These days, as GARFO Regional Administrator, Mike oversees approximately 200 staff members who are based at GARFO's main office in Gloucester, Massachusetts and in field offices in Maine, New Jersey, Maryland, and Virginia. GARFO's jurisdiction spans from Maine to Cape Hatteras and includes the Great Lakes. It also covers rivers and estuaries within this range.

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**Patrick Keliher** is Commissioner of the Maine Department of Marine Resources (DMR). He spent several months in 2011 serving as Acting Deputy Commissioner before becoming Commissioner, which in Maine is a Cabinet-level appointment. He previously served as Director of DMR's Bureau of Sea Run Fisheries and Habitat. Before joining DMR, Pat was a self-employed Registered Maine Guide, then Executive Director of the Coastal Conservation Association of Maine, then Executive Director of the Coastal Conservation Association for Greater New England, and then Executive Director of the Maine Atlantic Salmon Commission. He currently is Chair of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission and Chair of the Land for Maine's Future Board of Directors. He also serves on the Maine Lobster Marketing Collaborative Board and the Atlantic Salmon Framework Management Board. Pat has won numerous awards, including, most recently, the University of Maine's Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center Distinguished Marine Policy Fellowship for his work in marine resources policy development. He also has received awards from the U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, among others, and was presented with the 2001 Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment Visionary Award.

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**Terry Alexander** has been a Maine fisherman for over 40 years. After fishing with his father as a youngster, he became a full-time deckhand onboard a trawler at age 16 and was hired as a fishing boat captain at 22. He purchased his own boat in 1990 and later had the well-known 62-foot trawler *Jocka* built to his specifications. Terry has been a pioneer in cooperative fisheries research, working on landmark projects such as the Nordmore grate to reduce the bycatch of juvenile groundfish in the northern shrimp fishery and the Massachusetts-led industry-based cod survey. He was a founding member and former president of the Sustainable Harvest Sector and previously served on the Federal Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee. He is a current member of Associated Fisheries of Maine and represents the Council on the Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Team.  
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**Vincent M. Balzano** was appointed to the Council in 2012 as an at-large member from the state of Maine. A third generation fisherman, he has been involved in the industry for over 27 years and owns/operates the F/V North Star. He also owns the F/V Northern Lights, which targets scallops and menhaden. Prior to his Council appointment, Vincent served as an active and long-time member of the the New England Council's Groundfish, Whiting, and Habitat Advisory Panels. He has been a proponent of and participant in many cooperative fisheries research projects. His work with scientific partners, including the Maine Department of Marine Resources, the University of New Hampshire, Wells Estuarine Research Reserve, and the Gulf of Maine Research Institute, has focused on bycatch reduction in the groundfish, whiting, and northern shrimp fisheries in the Gulf of Maine.

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**Alan Tracy** is the owner and CEO of Vessel Services, Inc., which is located on the Portland Fish Pier. Vessel Services supplies fuel, ice, and gear to the fishing industry and is instrumental as a shoreside support business on the working waterfront of Maine's largest fishing port. Alan is a licensed attorney. He is actively engaged in city planning and political activities related to the Portland waterfront. These responsibilities include overseeing the city-owned Portland Fish Pier. The pier is home to both Vessel Services and the Portland Fish Exchange, which is the city's non-profit seafood display auction. The pier also provides berthing for the majority of the state's offshore groundfish fleet. Alan received a B.A in history from Providence College, a M.Ed from the University of Mississippi, and a J.D. from the Connecticut School of Law.  
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**Mark Godfroy** is the owner and captain of two party boats — the *Lady Tracey Ann II* and the *Lady Courtney Alexa* — that operate out of Seabrook, New Hampshire as part of the fleet at Eastman's Docks. Mark has been a charter/party boat captain since 1997. He is a charter member of the Gulf of Maine Charter and Recreational Fishing Association and, prior to his appointment to the New England Council, served as a recreational advisor to the Council. Mark is a strong advocate of proactive management and better data collection in the recreational fishery. He has a B.A. in business from the University of Massachusetts.  
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**Daniel Salerno** is the manager of two groundfish sectors – Northeast Fishing Sector XI, known as the New Hampshire Sector, and Northeast Fishing Sector V, referred to as the Rhode Island/Long Island day-boat sector. He has been involved with sector management since its broad-scale implementation in 2010. He also has been actively engaged in marine science and biology through his education, work, and research since 1992. Daniel has worked directly with the commercial fishing industry in various capacities as a mate on a fishing vessel, fisheries biologist, research technician, collaborative research associate, and, currently, as a sector manager and independent fisheries scientist. He is a supporter of conservation and management of living marine resources based on sound science that balances the biological needs of the resources and the social and economic needs of the fishing industries that rely on those resources. Daniel has a B.S. in marine biology from Long Island University – Southampton and a M.S. in marine biology from the University of Massachusetts – Dartmouth.

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**Melanie Griffin** is a fishery policy analyst for the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF). She has been the division's designee on the New England Fishery Management Council since 2010 and the lead DMF representative on both the Groundfish Committee and Atlantic Sea Scallop Committee. She now serves as the state's principal representative for all full Council meetings. Melanie has led DMF's federal groundfish disaster aid programs on multiple levels. In earlier years, she served as DMF's proxy on the Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council and coordinated the division's work on state and federal legislative issues. She has a M.S. in Marine Science and Technology from the University of Massachusetts-Boston and a B.A. in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, coupled with a minor in Marine Biology, from Cornell University. At the start of her career, Melanie spent time as a research assistant at the University of Washington's Friday Harbor Laboratories and as an intern at Mote Marine Laboratory in Sarasota, FL.

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**Dr. Michael P. Sissenwine**, who was appointed to the Council in 2013, is a retired marine scientist with appointments as a Visiting Scholar at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution and as an Adjunct Professor at the University of Massachusetts School for Marine Science and Technology. He has been a consultant with numerous projects worldwide. He also served for five years on the NEFMC's Scientific and Statistical Committee before becoming a Council member. He is a U.S. Commissioner to the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO) and a member of the Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT). He was President of the International Council for Exploration of the Sea (ICES) from 2003-2006, followed by additional service as the Chairman of the ICES Advisory Committee for several years. Dr. Sissenwine served as Director of Scientific Programs and Chief Science Advisor for the National Marine Fisheries Service until June 2005. In this capacity, he directed more than 25 laboratories and approximately 1,500 staff. He also led National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration programs, funded at a total of roughly \$1 billion annually, in support of the Agency's stewardship mission. From 1996-2002, Dr. Sissenwine served as Director of the Northeast Fisheries Science Center, an institution comprised of five laboratories and 300 staffers. He has served on numerous regional, national, and international scientific groups advising on fisheries and marine ecosystems. He received a B.S. in mathematics from the University of Massachusetts in Amherst and a Ph.D. in oceanography from the University of Rhode Island.

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**Elizabeth “Libby” Etrie** is the Program Director of the Northeast Sector Service Network (NESSN), a Northeast Groundfish Sector membership organization that serves as a neutral service provider for specific administrative and operational support services for its Member Sectors. Libby works with 6 groundfish sectors on ways to achieve economies of scale for service contracts, quota monitoring, operations plans, and other sector requirements while closely communicating with the Network’s board of directors and individual sectors. She also coordinates the Network’s activities with the Northeast Seafood Coalition – a sister organization that represents individual groundfish fishermen – on initiatives aimed at making the sector management system more efficient and preserving an economically viable groundfish industry. Prior to joining NESSN, Libby was the Southern Sector Coordinator for the Gulf of Maine Research Institute’s Sector Extension Program, where she provided technical support to 13 of the 17 New England Groundfish Sectors that were authorized to start operating May 1, 2010. In 2007, Libby was a Knauss Sea Grant Fellow in Washington D.C., where she was hosted by the Department of State, Bureau of Oceans International Environmental and Scientific Affairs Office of Marine Conservation. While a Knauss Fellow, Libby’s portfolio included work involving: port state measures to deter Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) fishing activities; the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO); the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT); and derelict fishing gear in the Wider Caribbean. Libby holds a B.S. in computer information technology from Husson College School of Business. She earned her J.D. at Rogers Williams University School of Law in Bristol, Rhode Island and went through the Marine Affairs Program at the University of Rhode Island. She is admitted to practice law in Massachusetts. 3<sup>rd</sup> Term expires 8/10/23

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**John Pappalardo** is CEO of the Cape Cod Commercial Fishermen's Alliance. He served as the organization's Policy Director for a decade before assuming the CEO position in 2010. He also helped build the Cape Cod Commercial Hook Fishermen's Association, the predecessor to the Alliance, in 1999. John was a member of the New England Council from 2002-2011 and served as Council Chairman five of those years. During that time, he helped guide the Council through the implementation of the newly amended Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as well as the region's first two catch share programs. He was reappointed to the Council on January 6, 2015 to fill a mid-year vacancy and has remained on the Council since then. Among other responsibilities, he is deeply involved in the Council's work on ecosystem-based fishery management. A native New Englander, John came to Cape Cod after completing a B.A. at Seton Hall University. While working as a commercial fisherman and clammer, he became interested in the plight of the region's small-boat fishing industry and was determined to advocate for its future. He has spent his career working to protect the traditions of Cape Cod's oldest industry and to create new opportunities for the next generation of fishermen. John spent 13 years on the Massachusetts Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission and also spent time on the National Organics Safety Board. He currently serves on the Joint Oceans Commission Initiative and the Cape Cod Blue Economy Foundation.  
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**Scott Olszewski** has been with the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management's Division of Marine Fisheries since 1995, first as a biologist and, beginning in 2015, as a supervisor, assisting with the administration of the agency's \$4.1 million marine fisheries program. He became the division's Deputy Chief in early 2018. He received his B.S. in Fisheries from the University of Rhode Island in 1994 and began his career with the Division conducting lobster and horseshoe crab research. He has been the principal investigator of the State's coastal trawl survey since 2006. Scott has participated on many technical committees and currently is a member of both the ASMFC Lobster Plan Development Team and the Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Team. He has served as the Rhode Island Director's designee to the Council since 2018.

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