



New England Fishery Management Council

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New England Council Reelects Dr. John Quinn as Chair and Terry Stockwell as Vice Chair for Another Term

At the start of its September 24-27, 2018 meeting in Plymouth, MA, the New England Fishery Management Council reelected Dr. John Quinn of Massachusetts and Terry Stockwell of Maine to serve as Council chair and vice chair for another term. The two ran unopposed and were ushered in unanimously.

This marks Dr. Quinn's third consecutive year as chairman. Prior to that, he served three years as Council vice chair under Stockwell. The two switched leadership positions during 2016 but continued to work together as a team to direct the Council's management and policy initiatives.

"I appreciate the confidence the Council has shown in me over the past couple of years," said Dr. Quinn. "I look forward to doing more good work with all of our Council members and stakeholders."

Dr. Quinn recently was promoted to Assistant Dean of Public Interest Law and External Relations at the University of Massachusetts (UMass) School of Law. He is a former member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, where he spent 18 years serving on numerous important committees. He also represented many fishing interests while practicing law in private practice for over two decades in New Bedford before joining UMass.

Vice Chairman Stockwell is in the middle of his first term on the Council as a secretarial appointee. He previously served as the state of Maine's designated fisheries official to the Council but retired from state service in June of 2017 following a 21-year career at the Maine Department of Marine Resources (DMR).

Executive Committee

In their roles as Council chair and vice chair, both Dr. Quinn and Terry Stockwell serve on the Executive Committee. The committee oversees the Council budget, appoints advisory panel members, addresses numerous administrative matters, and provides Council leadership and direction on numerous policy matters. The committee works closely with the Council's executive director.



*Council Vice Chairman Terry Stockwell, left, and Chairman Dr. John Quinn.
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The Council elected three other members to complete the Executive Committee slate for the 2018-2019 Council year: **Doug Grout**, chief of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department's Marine Division, was elected to serve his sixth consecutive term on the Executive Committee; **Terry Alexander** of Maine was elected to serve his third consecutive term on the committee; and **Eric Reid** of Rhode Island was elected to serve his first term on the committee.

REAPPOINTMENTS: Five members were reappointed to the Council this summer and took the oath of office during the September meeting. Appointees are allowed to serve three consecutive three-year terms before being required to step down.

The reappointed members are: **Terry Alexander** of Maine, 3rd term; **Vincent Balzano** of Maine, 3rd term; **Dr. Matt McKenzie** of Connecticut, 3rd term; **Dr. John Quinn** of Massachusetts, 3rd term; and **Eric Reid** of Rhode Island, 2nd term.

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*New England Fishery Management Council 2018-2019 members. **Front row** from left to right: Terry Alexander (ME), Vincent Balzano (ME), Scott Olszewski (RI), Council Chairman Dr. John Quinn (MA), Rick Bellavance (RI), Eric Reid (RI), Dr. Mike Sissenwine (MA), Doug Grout (NH), Dr. Jim Weinberg (non-voting, NEFSC), Elizabeth "Libby" Etrie (MA).*

***Middle row:** John Pappalardo (MA), Dr. Matt McKenzie (CT), Peter Aarrestad (CT), Capt. Kevin King (U.S. Coast Guard representative, non-voting), Meredith Mendelson (ME, proxy for Patrick Keliher), Melanie Griffin (MA, proxy for Dr. David Pierce), Council Vice Chairman Terry Stockwell (ME), Mark Godfroy (NH).*

***Back row:** Dr. Jon Hare (NEFSC Director, non-voting), Peter Hughes (Mid-Atlantic Council liaison, non-voting), Mike Pentony (GARFO Regional Administrator, voting). Missing, Peter Kendall (NH). – NEFMC photo*