

New England Fishery Management Council

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Council Reelects Dr. John Quinn as Chair, Eric Reid as Vice Chair; Welcomes Two New Members – Daniel Salerno and Alan Tracy

The New England Fishery Management Council today reelected Dr. John Quinn of Massachusetts and Eric Reid of Rhode Island to serve as chairman and vice chairman, respectively, for another year in the Council's two top leadership positions.

This is Dr. Quinn's fifth consecutive year in the chairman's post. He is the Assistant Dean of Public Interest Law and External Relations at the University of Massachusetts (UMass) School of Law. He also is the Special Assistant to the Chancellor for Government Relations at the UMass School of Law. Prior to becoming

Council chairman, Dr. Quinn served as vice chair for three years. He joined the Council in 2012 with a long history of legislative, legal, and fishing industry experience as a former member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives for 18 years and as a practicing attorney, first at an outside law firm from 1989-1992 and then through his own firm from 1994-2010. During these tenures, he spent a considerable amount of time working on fisheries issues, which led him to be well prepared for his extensive responsibilities as Council chairman.

This is Eric Reid's second year as Council vice chairman. He works at Seafreeze Shoreside Inc., a large, full-service seafood processing facility in Galilee, Rhode Island. He previously owned and operated his own business, Deep Sea Fish of Rhode Island, for 11 years before joining Seafreeze in 2013. Eric has a long history in seafood processing in several of New England's largest fishing ports, and in his early career, he spent time on both commercial and recreational fishing vessels. He currently is a U.S. Commissioner to the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization.

Executive Committee

The Council's Executive Committee is made up of the Council chair, vice chair, and three elected members. To fill out the slate this year, the Council elected **Elizabeth "Libby" Etrie** of Massachusetts and **Terry Alexander of Maine**, both of whom are returning members to the Executive Committee, and **Melanie Griffin** of Massachusetts, who will be serving her first year on the committee.



Council Chairman Dr. John Quinn. - NEFMC photo



Council Vice Chairman Eric Reid. – NEFMC photo



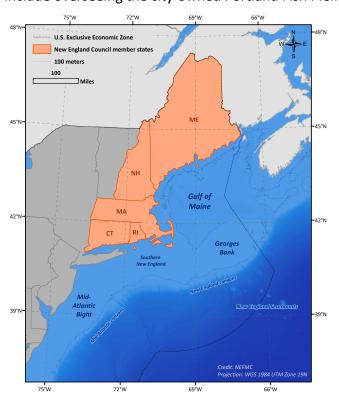
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The Executive Committee oversees the Council budget, appoints advisory panel members, addresses administrative matters, and provides Council leadership and direction on numerous policy matters. The committee works closely with the Council's executive director and meets prior to each Council meeting.

NEW MEMBERS: The Council welcomed two new members to its table – Daniel Salerno and Alan Tracy.

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. He replaces Peter Kendall of New Hampshire, who served three consecutive three-year terms on the Council and was not eligible for reappointment

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



The New England Fishery Management Council's member states are Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island. The Council has 18 voting members and four non-voting members.

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 replaces long-time Council member Terry Stockwell of Maine.

Daniel Salerno and Alan Tracy were sworn in as new Council members by NOAA Fisheries Regional Administrator Mike Pentony at the start of the Council's September 29-October 1, 2020 webinar meeting.

Libby Etrie and John Pappalardo, both of Massachusetts, were each reappointed to the Council to serve a third three-year term. They also took the oath of office as read by the regional administrator.

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Read their <u>bios HERE</u> and visit the Council members webpage.