



New England Fishery Management Council

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Council Seeks Applicants for Two Vacancies on Scallop AP

The New England Fishery Management Council is soliciting applicants to fill two vacancies on its Scallop Advisory Panel (AP). These are midterm appointments that will run through December 2022. The application deadline is **Friday, January 15, 2021**.

Advisory panel members reflect a wide range of expertise covering different gear types, user groups, geographic locations, and social and economic perspectives.

“We’re looking for applicants who understand the scallop fishery and are ready to commit to an active role on the AP,” said Council Executive Director Tom Nies. “We recognize that being an AP member can be challenging and sometimes time-demanding, but the Council benefits from the expertise of its AP members and genuinely appreciates their involvement in the development of our actions.”

- Details about the role and responsibilities of advisory panels can be found in the [AP Policy](#) in the Council’s Operations Handbook. Here is the [announcement](#) and the [online application form](#).



– Virginia Institute of Marine Science photo

If you prefer, the Council can email or mail you a copy of the form. Contact Joan O’Leary at (978) 465-0492 ext. 101, joleary@nefmc.org with your request.

- **NOTE:** If you applied to serve on the Scallop AP within the last year and want to be reconsidered, you do not need to reapply as long as you have no changes to your application. However, please call or email Joan O’Leary at the number and address above to let the Council know you’re still interested.
- All nominees are subject to an additional level of review by NOAA’s Office of Law Enforcement and may be declined because of a marine resource violation.
- Advisors will be reimbursed for travel expenses.
- The Council’s Executive Committee has final approval over new advisory panel members.

Interested in Becoming a Scallop Advisor?
Everything You Need to Know to Apply
is Available [HERE](#).