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NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

VACANT SEATS	INCUMBENTS¹
At-Large	Elizabeth Etrie – MA – C[^]
At-Large	John Pappalardo – MA - C
At-Large	Daniel Salerno – NH - C
At-Large	Alan Tracy – ME - O

STATE	OBLIGATORY NOMINEES	AT-LARGE NOMINEES
MASSACHUSETTS	N/A	John Pappalardo* Jackie Odell Willy Goldsmith Eric Larsen
NEW HAMPSHIRE	N/A	Daniel Salerno* Jayson Driscoll Ellen Goethel
MAINE	N/A	Alan Tracy* Dana Hammond Daniel “Alex” Todd
RHODE ISLAND	N/A	Greg Mataronas Spencer Bode Andrew Dangelo
CONNECTICUT	N/A	No Submission

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MID-ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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Obligatory	Francis D. Hemilright – NC – C[^]
Obligatory	Earl “Sonny” Gwin – MD – C
Obligatory	Michelle Duval – PA – O
Obligatory	Paul Risi – NY – R
At-Large	Danny Farnham – NY – C

STATE	OBLIGATORY NOMINEES	AT-LARGE NOMINEES
NORTH CAROLINA	Jess Hawkins Thomas Newman Robert Ruhle	No Submission
MARYLAND	Earl “Sonny” Gwin* David Blazer Robert Tworowski	No Submission
PENNSYLVANIA	Michelle Duval* Derek Eberly Jeremy Hancher	No Submission
NEW YORK	Paul Risi* Patrick Augustine Charles Witek	Danny Farnham* George Jackman James O'Brien
DELAWARE	N/A	No Submission
NEW JERSEY	N/A	No Submission
VIRGINIA	N/A	No Submission

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SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

VACANT SEATS	INCUMBENTS¹
At-Large	William “Chester” Brewer – FL – R[^]
At-Large	Kerry Marhefka – SC – C

STATE	OBLIGATORY NOMINEES	AT-LARGE NOMINEES
FLORIDA	N/A	Robert Spottswood, Jr Gerald “Brock” Pecknold Mark Carter
SOUTH CAROLINA	N/A	Anthony Constant Stephen Goldfinch Kerry Marhefka*
NORTH CAROLINA	N/A	No Submission
GEORGIA	N/A	No Submission

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CARIBBEAN FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

VACANT SEATS	INCUMBENTS¹
Obligatory	Marcos Hanke – PR – R[^]

STATE	OBLIGATORY NOMINEES	AT-LARGE NOMINEES
PUERTO RICO	PENDING	N/A
USVI	N/A	N/A

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GULF OF MEXICO FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

VACANT SEATS	INCUMBENTS¹
At-Large	Gregory Stunz – TX – O[^]
At-Large	Robert Shipp – AL – O
At-Large	Phillip Dyskow – FL – R

STATE	OBLIGATORY NOMINEES	AT-LARGE NOMINEES
TEXAS	N/A	Kesley Banks Douglass Boyd Brenda Ballard
ALABAMA	N/A	Anthony Overton Charles “Chuck” Wilson David Walker
FLORIDA	N/A	William “Chester” Brewer Stephen Heese Ed Walker
LOUISIANA	N/A	Haley Bittermann Ryan Prewitt Harlon Pearce
MISSISSIPPI	N/A	No Submission

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PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

VACANT SEATS	INCUMBENTS¹
Obligatory	Aldrich “Butch” Smith – WA – R
At-Large	Bradley Pettinger – OR – C

STATE	OBLIGATORY NOMINEES	AT-LARGE NOMINEES
WASHINGTON	Aldrich “Butch” Smith* Larry Phillips David Johnson	No Submission
OREGON	N/A	Bradley Pettinger* Walter Chuck Robert Dolton Stephen Smith
CALIFORNIA	N/A	No Submission
IDAHO	N/A	No Submission
TRIBAL	N/A	N/A

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NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

VACANT SEATS		INCUMBENTS¹
Obligatory		Simon Kinneen – AK – C[^]
Obligatory		Kenneth Down – WA – C
STATE	OBLIGATORY NOMINEES	AT-LARGE NOMINEES
ALASKA	Ryuichi “Rudy” Tsukada Samuel Rabung Tom Taube	N/A
WASHINGTON	Kenneth Down* Rebecca Gisclair Jamie Goen	N/A

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WESTERN PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

VACANT SEATS	INCUMBENTS¹
Obligatory	John Gourley – CNMI – O[^]
At-Large	Roger Dang – HI – C
At-Large	Frederick “McGrew” Rice – HI** – R

***In 2020, Fredrick Rice, a Hawaii resident, was nominated by CNMI for an At-Large seat. This year, he was nominated by the Governor of Hawaii.*

STATE	OBLIGATORY NOMINEES	AT-LARGE NOMINEES
CNMI	Heinz Hofschneider Joaquin Villagomez Gene Weaver	Pedro Itibus Wayne Pangelinan Cecilio Raiukiulipiy
HAWAII	N/A	Roger Dang* John Kaneko Eric Kingma Pelika Andrade Frederick “McGrew” Rice* Ed Watamura
GUAM	N/A	No Submission
AMERICAN SAMOA	N/A	No Submission

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