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Seeking New Members for MPA Federal Advisory Committee

NOAA is seeking nominations to fill ten vacancies on the Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee for 2014. The Committee advises the Departments of Commerce and the Interior on the development and implementation of a national system of marine protected areas to connect and strengthen the nation's MPA programs. In particular, nominations for representatives of ocean industries, commercial and recreational fishing, Tribal and/or Pacific Islanders, State coastal or ocean agencies, natural and social science, cultural resource management, non-consumptive uses and conservation interests are sought by June 16, 2014 (deadline extended).

Nominations should provide: (1) The nominee's full name, title, institutional affiliation, and contact information; (2) the nominee's area(s) of expertise; (3) a short description of his/her qualifications relative to the kinds of advice being solicited, and (4) a resume or CV not to exceed four pages in length. Nominations may choose to include letters of support (no more than three) describing the nominee's qualifications and interest in serving on the Committee. Self-nominations are accepted, and emailed nominations are preferred.

Nominations should be sent to:

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[Click here](#) for more details.

Current Membership

The 20 MPA Federal Advisory Committee members include representatives from different geographic regions, including the Great Lakes and U.S. territories. They represent a wide variety of interests including resource management (state, territory, and tribal), science (economics, anthropology, and marine sciences), policy (environmental and social), and industry (commercial and recreational fishing, oil and gas production, shipping and ports, and recreation and tourism).

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Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee

Next Meetings:
June 12 & 17, 2014 Afternoon
Teleconferences
September 23 - 25, 2014
Washington, DC Area

Meeting Summaries

- December 2013**
Silver Spring, Maryland
- May 2013**
Washington, DC
- January 2013**
Teleconference
- October 2012**
Silver Spring, Maryland
- August 2012**
Teleconference
- May 2012**
Seattle, Washington
- February 2012**
Teleconference

NEWS

Nominations sought for open positions on the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee. Nominations accepted through July 7, 2014.

(May 23, 2014) The Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee (MAFAC) advises the Secretary of Commerce on all living marine resource matters that are the responsibility of the Department of Commerce. The Committee draws on its members' expertise and other sources to evaluate and make recommendations to the Secretary and NOAA on the development and implementation of Department regulations, policies, and programs critical to the mission and goals of the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS).

MAFAC members represent a wide spectrum of fisheries, protected resources, and marine habitat interests; environmental, academic, tribal, consumer, and other related national interests. Nominees should possess demonstrable expertise in a field related to the management of living marine resources and be able to fulfill the time commitments required for two annual meetings and between-meeting subcommittee work. Individuals serve for a term of three years for no more than two consecutive terms, if re-appointed.

The committee functions solely as an advisory body (complying fully with the Federal Advisory Committee Act) who reports to the Secretary.

Full nomination instructions and guidelines are detailed in the [Federal Register notice](#).

For more information please contact: [Executive Director, MAFAC](#)

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For more information contact:
[Executive Director, MAFAC](#)

- October 2011**
Washington, DC
- June 2011**
Teleconference
- May 2011**
Key West, Florida
- March 2011**
Teleconference
- October 2010**
Annapolis, Maryland
- August 2010**
Teleconference
- June 2010**
Juneau, Alaska
- February 2010**
Honolulu, Hawaii
- November 2009**
Silver Spring, Maryland
- August 2009**
Teleconference
- May 2009**
Monterey, California
- November 2008**
New Orleans, Louisiana
- July 2008**
New York, New York
- December 2007**
St. Pete Beach, Florida
- June 2007**
Washington, D.C.
- July 2006**
Seattle, Washington
- February 2006**
Dania Beach, Florida
- June 2005**
Washington, DC
- January 2005**

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March 2013 - MAFAC Seafood Certification Recommendations -Open for Public Comment

April 2013- New MAFAC Member from Hawaii Appointed

February 2013 - NOAA Announces 9 New Appointments to the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee's Recreational Fisheries Working Group

January 2013 - MAFAC Seeking to Fill One Vacancy

August 2012 - Secretary of Commerce Appoints Two New Committee Members to NOAA's Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee; Reappoints Four Members

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March 2012 -) Secretary of Commerce Appoints 7 New Advisors to NOAA's Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee

Honolulu, Hawaii

August 2004
Juneau, Alaska

December 2003
New York, New York

May 2003
San Diego, California

January 2003
Washington, D.C.

May 2002
Portland, Maine

November 2001
U.S. Virgin Islands

April 2001
Orange Beach, Alabama

November 2000
East Elmhurst, New York

April 2000
Charleston, South Carolina

October 1999
Washington, D.C.

March 1999
La Jolla, California

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