



## NEWS

### Secretary of Commerce Appoints Four New Committee Members to NOAA's Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee

(October 20, 2014) Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker has announced the appointment of four new advisors to NOAA's Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee, bringing the group's membership to the full complement of 21. The Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee, or MAFAC, advises the Secretary of Commerce on all living marine resource matters that are the responsibility of the Department of Commerce.

The new members are:

**Terri Lei Beideman** of Forked River, New Jersey

**Heather Brandon** of Juneau, Alaska

**Mike Okoniewski** of Woodland, Washington

**Peter Shelley** of Marblehead, Massachusetts

Congratulations to our newly appointed nominees! To read more about our new members [click here](#).

### Nominations sought for two new Task Forces of the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee

#### Applications accepted through November 17, 2014.

(October 16, 2014) The Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee (MAFAC) is seeking nominations for two new task forces that are being established to support its advisory work for the Secretary of Commerce on all living marine resource matters that are the responsibility of the Department of Commerce. One task force will focus on **climate and marine resources issues** and the other on **aquaculture issues**.

For more information on MAFAC Task Forces and how to submit a nomination [click here](#).

Details on the ideal qualifications and potential work descriptions for the two new Task Forces can be found through these links:

[Climate and Marine Resources Task Force](#)

[Aquaculture Task Force](#)

For more information please contact: **Executive Director of MAFAC** or 301-427-8034.

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

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. MAFAC members draw on their expertise and other appropriate sources, such as the National Marine Fisheries Service, to evaluate and recommend priorities and needed changes in national programs which includes the ongoing reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens, Endangered Species, and Marine Mammal Protection Acts. The members represent a wide spectrum of fisheries interests, environmental, academic, State, Tribal, consumer, and other related national interests.

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

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