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### **NOAA's Fisheries Service Encourages Applicants for Advisory Panel** *Please Submit Applications by July 21*

NOAA's Fisheries Service is seeking applicants for the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee, the only federal advisory panel charged with advising the Secretary of Commerce on living marine resource issues that are the responsibility of the Department of Commerce.

"We encourage interested members of the public to consider serving on the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee," said Jim Balsiger, acting assistant administrator for NOAA's Fisheries Service. "We rely on this important panel for inspiration and advice as we make decisions for the management and conservation of all our living marine resources and their habitats."

MAFAC members draw on their expertise to evaluate and recommend priorities and needed changes in national programs. The members represent a wide spectrum of fisheries interests, environmental, academic, state, tribal, consumer and other related national concerns.

Candidates will be selected by the Secretary of Commerce based on their expertise in work relating to the management of living marine resources and their ability to actively participate in two annual meetings. More than half of the current 21 voting members will finish their terms this October. Applicants who are chosen as members will serve for a term of three years and no more than two consecutive terms if reappointed. Terms will commence in October 2008.

Nominations must be received by July 21, 2008. They should be sent to Mark Holliday, executive director, MAFAC, Office of Policy, NMFS F-14451, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. For additional information please contact Mark Holliday at 301-713-2239 x120 or by e-mail: [Mark.Holliday@noaa.gov](mailto:Mark.Holliday@noaa.gov).

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