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Dear Marine Fisheries Stakeholders and Interested Parties:

The New Jersey Marine Fisheries Council (Council) is looking for qualified candidates to serve as advisors to the Council's species-specific Committees. If you are interested in becoming more involved with the fishery management process in New Jersey, we are accepting applications for advisory positions to be reviewed by Council. The application is available online at https://www.nj.gov/dep/fgw/pdf/mfc_advisor_app.pdf. Advisors play a key role in deciding fishing regulations and policy in New Jersey, so the Council has developed some guidelines for their appointment and participation, including:

- Advisors serve a three-year term and may apply for renewal at the end of their term (no automatic renewal).
- Advisors must be actively engaged in the harvesting or processing of, or knowledgeable or interested in the conservation and management of, the commercial or recreational fisheries to be managed.
- Advisors are expected to make every effort to attend all meetings.
- Advisors are encouraged to speak with constituents in their area/port, organization, or fishery (ex. for-hire, commercial trawler) and provide input from the community they represent at committee meetings and not just provide input from their own perspective.
- Advisors are expected to uphold the mission and responsibilities of the Council, with disciplinary consequences for advisors who receive fishing violations.
- Advisors' names, affiliation, and hometown will be posted on the Division website under the Marine Fisheries Council page for public information.

A complete description of the advisor guidelines is available in the New Jersey Marine Fisheries Council Administrative Guidelines document on the Council website (https://www.nj.gov/dep/fgw/pdf/marine/mfc_guidelines.pdf; updated 11/2018).

All advisor applications will be reviewed by the Council's Executive Committee, as well as the chair of the appropriate Council committee, before a final determination is made by the full Council.

Review criteria may include (but are not limited to) sector representation, regional (geographic) representation, fishing history/knowledge of key issues, enforcement history, and available advisor positions. The goal of the application and review process is to ensure that advisors to a given committee reflect the varied viewpoints of the fishery with respect to geographical, sector/gear, social, and economic standpoints.

Stakeholder participation is a key element of a successful management program. The Council depends on participation from advisors to guide committees in developing fishery policy and management options that meet the needs of our stakeholders while maintaining compliance with appropriate fishery management plans.

Thank you for your interest in New Jersey's marine fisheries. If you have any questions regarding the application or the Council Committee process, please contact the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife's Marine Fisheries Administration at 609-748-2020.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Richard Herb", written in a cursive style.

Richard Herb, Acting Chairman
NJ Marine Fisheries Council

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPLICATION

Please state below the committee(s) you wish to apply for, whether this is a new application or renewal, any associated affiliations/organizations you will be representing, and whether you have that organization's approval to represent them. Advisors are limited to serve on seven committees.

Committee	New	Renewal	Affiliated Organization Name	Authorized to Represent the Organization?
Artificial Reef				
Black Drum				
Bluefish				
BSB/Scup -comm				
BSB/Scup - rec				
Blue Crab/ Conch				
Eel				
Enforcement				
Fluke - comm				
Fluke - rec				
Gill Net				
Horseshoe Crab				
Lobster/ Jonah Crab				
Menhaden				
Offshore Wind				
Shad/ River Herring				
Shark/ Spiny Dog				
Striped Bass				
Sturgeon				
Tautog				
Weakfish				
Winter Flounder				

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

County: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Phone(s): Primary: _____ Secondary: _____

Email Address: _____

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Have you ever been found in violation of criminal federal/state fishery law/regulation or convicted of any felony or crime? No: ☐ If Yes - Specify below: ☐

Violation	Year

Do you hold any valid New Jersey or Federal fishing licenses or permits for marine waters? This would also include, but is not limited to, any commercial or recreational licenses/permits, recreational registration, Captain's license, etc. No: ☐ If Yes - Specify below: ☐

Home Port: _____ Primary geographic area fished: _____

Explain your interest in the committee(s) you are applying for: _____

Provide any relevant information (where applicable) that may be useful for evaluating this application. Include any organization(s) you are a member of that are not mentioned above.

Work Experience:

Volunteer Experience: _____

Academic/Research Experience: _____

Additional Information: _____

I certify that the information provided on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge, and made in good faith. I understand that if any of the information reported here is willingly false, I am subject to removal from my advisory position.

Signature

Date

Please submit applications to:

Nacote Creek Research Station
Marine Fisheries Administration - Advisor Application
PO Box 418
Port Republic, NJ 08241

Applications will be reviewed on an “as needed” basis, generally 1-2 times per year. You will be notified of the Council’s decision following the meeting in which the applications are reviewed.

NJMFC approval date _____

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