**New Jersey Marine Fisheries Council**

**Executive Committee Meeting Summary**

**June 16, 2021**

The Executive Committee met via webinar to review several recent applications to Council advisory panels. Staff noted that all applications had been sent to the full Council for review, with a few comments received from Council members. Applications had also been forwarded to Law Enforcement to check for recent violations that might affect a decision. None of the applicants had received any violations in recent years. Individual applications were reviewed and discussed with the following determinations.

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| **Name** | **New or renewal** | **Approved** | **Decline** | **Reason** |
| John Achille | New | Striped Bass |  |  |
| Allen Bonstead | New | Blue Crab/Conch, Bluefish, Striped Bass, Summer Flounder REC, Winter Flounder |  |  |
| Gregory Cudnik | New | Artificial Reef, Bluefish, Striped Bass, Tautog | Summer Flounder REC |  |
| Vincent DelGozzo | New | Artificial Reef, Black Sea Bass/Scup REC, Summer Flounder REC, Striped Bass, Weakfish |  |  |
| Jerry DiPerri Jr. | New | Bluefish, Enforcement, Summer Flounder REC, Striped Bass, Weakfish |  |  |
| Frank Florio | New | Shad/River Herring, Shark/Spiny Dogfish, Sturgeon |  |  |
| Edward Goldman | New | Bluefish, Striped Bass, Weakfish | Summer Flounder REC |  |
| John Lewis | New | Artificial Reef |  |  |
| Mike Murphy | New | Artificial Reef |  |  |
| Nabir Nash | New | Black Sea Bass/Scup REC, Enforcement | Executive, Regulatory | Exec/Reg Membership open to MFC only |
| Karen Noe | New | Artificial Reef, Enforcement | Executive, Regulatory | Exec/Reg Membership open to MFC only |
| Adam Nowalsky | Renewal, New | Artificial Reef, Offshore Wind, |  |  |
| Keith Taboada | New | Artificial Reef, Enforcement, Menhaden | Summer Flounder REC, Executive, Regulatory | Exec/Reg Membership open to MFC only |
| Brett Taylor | New | Artificial Reef, Bluefish, Enforcement, Striped Bass, Tautog | Summer Flounder REC |  |
| Douglas Taylor |  |  | Artificial Reef, Bluefish, Menhaden, Striped Bass | Current term not yet expired |
| Wayne Thomas | New | Artificial Reef, Striped Bass, Winter Flounder | Summer Flounder REC |  |
| Louis Tocci | New | Blue Crab/Conch, Summer Flounder COMM, Weakfish, Winter Flounder | Summer Flounder REC |  |
| Harvey Yenkinson | New | Artificial Reef, Black Drum | Summer Flounder REC |  |

The number of applicants for Summer Flounder REC advisors exceeded the maximum number permitted on a panel. Final decisions between applicants were based on factors such as affiliated organizations, counties, and sectors in order to evenly distribute representation. The Executive and Regulatory advisors are only open to members of the Marine Fisheries Council. The Committee urges advisors with expired memberships to submit renewal applications.

Final discussion was regarding consideration of increasing fines for striped bass violations.  The Committee requested that staff do some research on fees from other states, etc.  That information will be provided to the Executive Committee, who will develop a set of alternatives to be distributed for public comment through the new public comment email account. Alternatives and results of the public comment will be provided to the Striped Bass Committee, followed by the Executive Committee, and finally to the full Council for review.

**Committee recommendation:** Approve appointments to the advisory panels as noted above.