



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Council Seeks Applications for New River Herring and Shad Advisory Panel**

The Council is soliciting applications from qualified individuals to serve on its newly-formed river herring and shad advisory panel (AP). Advisors will assist in the development of management measures to support the conservation of river herring (alewives and blueback) and shad (American and hickory) populations.

A first-ever incidental catch cap for river herring and shad catch in the Atlantic mackerel fishery will be implemented in early this year. A Council River Herring and Shad Committee will oversee efforts to improve the information about how the catch cap should be set. The committee will also investigate other opportunities for the Council to engage in river herring and shad conservation. The advisory panel will provide stakeholder input to the Committee and the Council on these and other river herring and shad issues.

Members of the Council's eight advisory panels include commercial and recreational fishermen, dealers and processors, non-governmental organizations, scientists, and members of the public. Most of the Council's advisory panels meet 2-3 times per year. Members are compensated for travel and per diem expenses for all meetings. All interested stakeholders are encouraged to apply.

#### **APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

Advisory panel applications are available at <http://www.mafmc.org/forms/advisory-panel-application>. Applications can be submitted directly through the form on the website, or applicants may download a copy and submit it by mail, fax, or email to one of the addresses listed below.

**Mail:** 800 North State Street  
Suite 201  
Dover, DE 19901

**Email:** [info1@mafmc.org](mailto:info1@mafmc.org)  
Write "RH/S ADVISORY PANEL" in the subject line

**Fax:** (302) 674-5399  
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To have an application mailed to you, please call the Council office at (302) 674-2331.

**Applications must be received by 11:59 p.m. EST on February 28, 2014 to be eligible for consideration.**