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Volunteers Wanted: R.I. CRMC Fishermen's Advisory Board

The R.I. Coastal Resources Management Council is seeking volunteers to constitute a Fishermen's Advisory Board (FAB).

The CRMC's FAB is created under the authority of the Ocean Special Area Management Plan (Ocean SAMP, or OSAMP). The FAB advises the CRMC in the agency's review of activities occurring in marine waters, such as, but not limited to, the siting, construction of, and potential adverse impacts resulting from, offshore projects and activities on commercial and recreational fisheries, as well as other uses of the state's marine waters.

In addition to the FAB's advisory role, the FAB may aid the agency in developing and implementing a research agenda to further the agency's understanding of the OSAMP area. The FAB may also assist in identifying and proposing new areas with unique or fragile physical features, important natural habitats, or areas of high natural productivity for designation by the Council as Areas of Particular Concern or Areas Designated for Preservation.

Presently, the CRMC is beginning the review of the renewable energy project South Coast Wind, which is seeking to locate its offshore export cable in Rhode Island state waters including the Sakonnet River and Mount Hope Bay. Additionally, the CRMC may be undertaking reviews of several other offshore renewable energy projects which will require FAB involvement.

See the following websites for additional information on these projects and the OSAMP:

- SouthCoast Wind: <http://www.crmc.ri.gov/windenergy/southcoast.html>
- Starboard (Bay State) Wind: <http://www.crmc.ri.gov/windenergy/baystatewind.html>
- Vineyard Wind Northeast: <https://www.boem.gov/renewable-energy/state-activities/vineyard-northeast>
- OSAMP: <http://www.crmc.ri.gov/samps.html>

To that end, the CRMC is seeking volunteers to constitute a Fishermen's Advisory Board.

In accordance with the Ocean SAMP (§ 11.3.E), the Fishermen's Advisory Board may be comprised of up to twenty (20) members, which include the following:

1. Up to two (2) members representing each of the following six Rhode Island fisheries: bottom trawling; scallop dredging; gillnetting; lobstering; party and charter boat fishing; and recreational angling;

2. Up to two (2) members representing Rhode Island seafood processing facilities;
and
3. Up to six (6) members, who are Massachusetts fishermen who fish in the Ocean SAMP area to include four commercial fishermen and two recreational fishermen.

If interested please contact Jeff Willis, Executive Director, Coastal Resources Management Council, Stedman Government Center, 4808 Tower Hill Road, Wakefield, RI, 02879, cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov.

RE: CRMC's Fishermen's Advisory Board

From Jeff Willis <jwillis@crmc.ri.gov>

Date Mon 3/3/2025 12:56 PM

To langzlow@icloud.com <langzlow@icloud.com>; John Walker <johnnywalka51@yahoo.com>; isaiah alvarez <idalvarez4@gmail.com>; jsh.harrington@gmail.com <jsh.harrington@gmail.com>; banksww1@gmail.com <banksww1@gmail.com>; Jeff Grant <jeffgrant1619@gmail.com>; adam@americanmussel.com <adam@americanmussel.com>

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Thanks and be well,
Jeff

*Jeffrey M. Willis, Executive Director
RI Coastal Resources Management Council
www.crmc.ri.gov*

From: Jeff Willis <jwillis@crmc.ri.gov>

Sent: Friday, February 28, 2025 4:43 PM

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Good Afternoon FAB Members. We're writing to keep you in the loop on the latest developments regarding your ratification with the CRMC as well as upcoming meetings on the SouthCoast Wind matter.

First, at our April 8th CRMC meeting, we plan on having our Council ratify you all as the CRMC's Fishermen's Advisory Board, a required step by the Ocean SAMP. We don't expect that you need to attend the meeting, but you are of course more than welcome to. Please let us know if you'd like to attend.

Second, we'd like to meet with you again, this time to specifically address the SouthCoast Wind (SCW) Project application, with just staff and the FAB. We'll discuss the issues most relevant to the impacts of bringing their export cable into state waters, in this case the Sakonnet River and Mt. Hope Bay. We'll discuss impacts to the Bay bottom from the burial of the cable, as well as begin the conversation on impacts to other activities such as fishing and the resources that support fishing. Again, this meeting will be just with staff.

Lastly, once that meeting happens, we will hold a meeting with the SouthCoast Wind development team and have them present to you their Project, or the part that is proposed for state waters. This meeting is a required step in the review of their application. The meeting has not been scheduled but we are looking to hold it in-person, likely at the URI Narragansett Bay Campus, South Ferry Road, Narragansett.

Thank you again for your time and energies on this and future renewable energy projects. Stay tuned for more updates and follow-up meetings as we progress through the SCW project review process.

As always, any questions whatsoever please do not hesitate to contact me or Kevin Sloan.

Thanks,
Jeff

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Sent: Friday, March 7, 2025 4:03 PM

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Just a follow-up email from our meeting last night. And a thank you for your time. I know some of you had technical issues so if you have any questions for us, please feel free to send them our way.

We'll be reaching out to some of you separately to discuss representation and to discuss a next meeting, which as we mentioned will focus on the Project we have under state review right now, the South Coast Wind Project.

For right now please hold tight; but we will be in touch soon.

Thanks,
Jeff

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FAB MEMBERS'
INTERESTS/BACKGROUND

RE: CRMC's Fishermen's Advisory Board

From Jeff Willis <jwillis@crmc.ri.gov>
Date Tue 3/4/2025 8:39 AM
To Adam <adam@americanmussel.com>
Cc Justin Skenyon <jskenyon@crmc.ri.gov>; Kevin Sloan <ksloan@crmc.ri.gov>

ADAM SILKES

Thanks Adam – appreciate the availability for this week but with schedules what they are this week we'll meet with you when you return. Please enjoy your vacation!

Thanks,
Jeff

From: Adam <adam@americanmussel.com>
Sent: Monday, March 3, 2025 3:17 PM
To: Jeff Willis <jwillis@crmc.ri.gov>
Cc: 'Justin Skenyon' <jskenyon@crmc.ri.gov>; Kevin Sloan <ksloan@crmc.ri.gov>
Subject: RE: CRMC's Fishermen's Advisory Board

Hi Jeff,
Thanks for the mail. No worries, keep me in the loop for the first meeting time/day I may be able to make it depending on my schedule. If not when I return for sure.
I can make myself available tomorrow all day until 3pm, Wednesday all day/eve and Thursday morning. I can also do Friday if need be too depending on the time of everything.
Thanks,
Adam

From: Jeff Willis <jwillis@crmc.ri.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 3, 2025 12:32 PM
To: Adam <adam@americanmussel.com>
Cc: 'Justin Skenyon' <jskenyon@crmc.ri.gov>; Kevin Sloan <ksloan@crmc.ri.gov>
Subject: RE: CRMC's Fishermen's Advisory Board

Adam – thank you. With the responses we have gotten, we're doing some juggling to setup a meeting. Do you mind if we meet with you separately after your family vacation?

We need an organizational meeting ahead of us bringing the FAB's membership to our Council for ratification at its March 25th meeting. And unfortunately, we have a couple of FAB members who will be out of town when you return, so holding a meeting that week is not available. Therefore that leaves this week. I hope you are good with it, but we will meet with the other members of the FAB later this week and then we'll setup a time to meet with you separately after you return.

Family comes first. I hope that is acceptable with you.

Thanks,
Jeff

Fwd: CRMC Fishermen's Advisory Board (FAB)

From James Boyd <jrboyd130@gmail.com>

Date Thu 2/27/2025 4:31 PM

To Jeff Willis <jwillis@crmc.ri.gov>

Cc Michael Mcgiveney <mclamdigger@aol.com>; Jeff Grant <jeffgrant1619@gmail.com>



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ATT11801;

Hello Jeff,

Good to see you and other CRMC staff in the office yesterday. As we discussed, the **RI Shellfisherman's Association (RISA)** can provide representation on the CRMC Fishermen's Advisory Board. **Jeff Grant** will be a primary member. He has a long history on the Bay and is involved in multiple fisheries, including bottom trawling, fish traps and shellfishing, among other fisheries. **Mike McGiveney** will be the alternate member for when Jeff is unable to attend a FAB meeting. And you are familiar with Mike, as he been the RISA President for over 30 years and was a member of the Joint Quahog Commission last year.

Jeff and Mike will be expecting an email from you regarding the FAB. Thank you.

Best regards - Jim

James Boyd
jrboyd130@gmail.com

Begin forwarded message:

From: James Boyd <jrboyd130@gmail.com>

Subject: CRMC Fishermen's Advisory Board (FAB)

Date: February 26, 2025 at 7:58:50 PM EST

To: Michael Mcgiveney <mclamdigger@aol.com>, Jeff Grant <jeffgrant1619@gmail.com>

Hi Mike and Jeff,

I was in Wakefield for an appointment yesterday morning and stopped in the CRMC office and spoke with Executive Director Jeff Willis. I told him that RISA will participate in the FAB, especially given that SouthCoast Wind (and potentially another future project) plans to install OSW export cables within RI waters and potential impacts to shellfish resources. As we discussed at the recent RISA Board meeting, the CRMC is putting the FAB back together with new guidelines and protocols to make it much less contentious than past FAB meetings. Jeff was pleased to know that the shellfish industry can participate.

If I recall correctly, the two of you indicated that you would be willing to serve on the FAB (Jeff as primary and Mike as alternate), provided Jeff could avoid issues with any potential conflicts. Jeff and I discussed the issue and he did not see any problem with Jeff serving on the FAB. He suggested that given Jeff's contractor business, another FAB member could suggest any need for shellfish surveys and Jeff could abstain from voting on a matter where the FAB would recommend that the OSW developer would need to hire a shellfish survey contractor.

Jeff said that he would like to get FAB members confirmed by the Council in the coming weeks and hold an initial meeting. Thereafter, a FAB meeting with SouthCoast Wind would be held this spring. As I mentioned, given the current federal administration it is unlikely that other OSW projects will be promoted or move forward for the next several years.

Let me know please if you're still willing to serve on the FAB and I'll get you connected with Jeff Willis at CRMC. Thank you.

Jim



FW: FAB Volunteers

From Cstaff1 <cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov>

Date Wed 1/29/2025 8:17 AM

To Jeff Willis <jwillis@crmc.ri.gov>; Ben Goetsch <bgoetsch@crmc.ri.gov>

Cc Cstaff <cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov>

ISAIAH ALVAREZ

Please see below.

Brittany Spurlock
Assistant Administrative Officer
Coastal Resources Management Council
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-----Original Message-----

From: isaiah alvarez <idalvarez4@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2025 6:36 PM

To: cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov

Subject: FAB Volunteers

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Thanks,

Isaiah Alvarez

401.575.6188=

Re: FAB Volunteers

From isaiah alvarez <idalvarez4@gmail.com>

Date Fri 2/14/2025 9:12 PM

To Jeff Willis <jwillis@crmc.ri.gov>

Mr. Willis,

Yes, as my background isn't in oceanography or marine biology, I simply am a Rhode Island resident who cares deeply for the success of this state. I have begun to become an outdoorsman, and adore our coast. So if I can play a positive role in ensuring our waters, are clean, healthy, and our fishing industry is rock solid for future generations, I would be more than happy to do so.

Thank you,
Isaiah Alvarez

> On Feb 14, 2025, at 12:18 PM, Jeff Willis <jwillis@crmc.ri.gov> wrote:

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> Dear Mr. Alvarez - thank you for contacting CRMC and offering to be a part of the Fisherman's Advisory Board, an important advisory group to help the agency better understand the inter-connected issues of activities occurring and proposed for the offshore environment, including but certainly not limited to the impacts resulting from offshore projects on commercial and recreational fisheries, as well as other uses of the state's marine waters.

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> We have received interest from several applicants and are in the process of reviewing them. As to your interest, would you please send us additional background beyond your stated email on your wish to represent the FAB? Once we review that we will contact you to let you know the status and how we will proceed.

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> Should you have any questions whatsoever, please contact me.

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FW: SAMP Fisheries Advisory Board

From Cstaff1 <cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov>
Date Mon 2/10/2025 9:46 AM
To Jeff Willis <jwillis@crmc.ri.gov>
Cc Cstaff <cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov>

WAYNE BANKS

-----Original Message-----

From: Wayne Banks <banksww1@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 8, 2025 12:36 PM
To: Willis Jeff <cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov>
Subject: SAMP Fisheries Advisory Board

Jeff,

I read an article in the Jamestown Press soliciting applicants for the subject board and would like to apply. I just finished nine years serving on the Jamestown Harbor Commission. During my last four years on the Commission I served as Chairman. My collateral duties on the Harbor Commission included leading sub committees involved with coastal facilities development and Gould Island restoration. I also served as the commercial fishing liaison on the Harbor Commission and worked extensively with several local aquaculture farmers. I have been and continue to be an avid recreational fisherman. I have degrees in both geology and geophysics and work experience with Amoco Production as an exploration geophysicist in the areas of offshore Texas and Louisiana. I also have 27 years experience with the US Navy focused on undersea warfare and mission analysis.

Wayne Banks
Jamestown RI=

RE: CRMC Fishermen's Advisory Board

From Jeff Willis <jwillis@crmc.ri.gov>

Date Fri 2/28/2025 1:33 PM

To John Walker <johnnywalka51@yahoo.com>

Cc Kevin Sloan (ksloan@crmc.ri.gov) <ksloan@crmc.ri.gov>; Fred Roy <fredroy2012@gmail.com>

JOHN WALKER

John - my name is Jeff Willis and as you are aware Fred has told us that you are interested in serving on the Fishermen's Advisory Board and would be a great addition to it. Thank you. And if Fred says so, well our mutual respect for him surely speaks volumes here.

To that end I'll be sending out an email later today to all the FAB members to attend an organizational meeting, hopefully as early as next week (it would a Zoom). It'll lay out some basic information that we will be sharing with you all, with some more details on what we need to do with establishing a FAB. It needn't be a heavy lift, but we'll explain all that at the organizational meeting.

However, in the meantime, feel free to call me anytime to discuss this, or as mentioned in Fred's email, the issue you have with some wetland impacts in your neighborhood.

Again, I look forward to meeting you as a member of the FAB.

Thanks and looking forward to meeting you.

Jeff

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-----Original Message-----

From: Fred Roy <fredroy2012@gmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, February 15, 2025 9:09 AM

To: Jeff Willis <jwillis@crmc.ri.gov>

Cc: Lisa Turner <lturner@crmc.ri.gov>; John Walker <johnnywalka51@yahoo.com>

Subject: CRMC Fishermen's Advisory Board

Jeff, Lisa:

In the cc is John Walker.

John and I spoke last evening. He is interested in serving on the board. He will reach out to you soon.

John is very passionate about the environment, is native of Newport born and bred. He makes a living fishing in the local waters and off shore.

Recently there has been some dumping near his house into some wetlands. He got involved in this and I believe CRMC is also involved in some way.

He can tell you in his own words the details.

As I said before John served on 24 person advisory committee for the Waterfront Commission when we were creating the HMP draft. I learned a lot from him and feel he could contribute insight that would be valuable to the

future of the fishing industry.

Talk soon.

Fred

Sent from my iPhone=

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From cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov <cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov>

Date Mon 2/17/2025 8:30 AM

To Jeff Willis <jwillis@crmc.ri.gov>; Lisa Turner <lturner@crmc.ri.gov>; Laura Miguel <lmiguel@crmc.ri.gov>

STEVEN LANGLEY

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Sent: Saturday, February 15, 2025 3:19 PM

To: cstaff1@crmc.ri.gov

Subject: Fisherman's advisory board

I'm writing this letter in response to Jeff Willis's request. My name is Steven Langley. I am a 61 year old Bristol resident that has resided in RI for 56 years. Having spent most of my free time on or in Rhode Island waters, I am very familiar with our bay and surrounding areas, especially Sakonnet River and Mount Hope Bay. I have: boated, sailed, kayaked, surfed, swam, snorkeled, scuba dived, fished, spearfished, shellfished and enjoyed these waters most of my life. Having a RI recreational lobster permit for the last 14 years, has mostly been a successful experience. In 2023 I took my 23' boat out to Cox ledge to see for myself what was going on. I also spent a substantial amount of time, in prior years, fishing within sight of the sea bottom sonar mapping ship, mostly in Sakonnet River. Those experiences, plus a considerable amount of research has left me with a good understanding of offshore wind power in our waters. After reading several books on marine biology, oceanography and taking aquaculture classes at RWU, I have a good understanding and appreciation for the saltwater resources and ecosystem we have. A conservationists at heart, I try to have a non-bias, open-minded approach to all matters of importance. I spent five years in the CG, a good part at a small boat station on Cape Cod. What does volunteering for the fisherman's advisory board entail?

Sent from my iPad=

Fw: R.I. Fishermen's Advisory Board

From Kevin Sloan <ksloan@crmc.ri.gov>

Date Thu 4/3/2025 11:28 AM

To Jeff Willis <jwillis@crmc.ri.gov>

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From: Patrick F. Dowling, Jr <pfd@dblawnri.com>

Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2025 11:22 AM

To: Kevin Sloan <ksloan@crmc.ri.gov>; Justin Skenyon <jskenyon@crmc.ri.gov>

Subject: R.I. Fishermen's Advisory Board

Kevin and Justin,

I am reaching out in response to the article I read today noting the need for volunteers of the FAB. I am interested in applying with the only consideration on my end being the time commitment to insure it is workable with my employment and my priority commitment for attending my three children's sporting and school events.

As background, I am a lifelong RI resident and recreational fisherman. Since 1998, I have fished nearly exclusively salt water. I currently have my boat docked in Cranston and fish upper Narragansett Bay three days per week on average from May until November. I am very fortunate that the proximity of my boat to my Providence office allows me to start the day with a few hours on the water before work. I get out to Block Island as frequently as possible with friends who are docked in south county.

I hold a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Science and Management from URI. I graduated from Vermont Law School with a concentration in Environmental Law. I was the environmental articles editor for the Vermont Law Review. I wrote my law school note on the Fisheries Recovery Act of 2001 and the prospects of it improving the historic New England Ground Fishery. I completed two summer internships with the RI Attorney General's Office in their environmental unit.

Unfortunately, my professional career has not taken me into environmental law as my current focus is civil litigation.

If I am seen as a possible candidate for a position on the FAB, I would ask for a general estimate on the time commitment and further details on the application process.



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FW: CRMC Fishermen's Advisory Board Recruitment Announcement

From Lisa Turner <lturner@crmc.ri.gov>

Date Wed 1/29/2025 2:00 PM

To Jeff Willis <jwillis@crmc.ri.gov>; Kevin Sloan <ksloan@crmc.ri.gov>

JENNIFER
SCAPPATURA-HARRINGTON

 2 attachments (324 KB)

CRMC - Fishermen's Advisory Board Solicitation for Volunteers.pdf; Untitled attachment 02551.htm;

Please see email below.

Cordially,

Lisa Turner

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From: Jennifer Harrington <jsh.harrington@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2025 1:51 PM

To: Lisa Turner <lturner@crmc.ri.gov>

Subject: Re: CRMC Fishermen's Advisory Board Recruitment Announcement

Hello Lisa and CRMC team,

As an aquaculture farm owner, involved fisherwoman in the local Rhode Island economy, waterfront property owner, recreational fisherman, voice of many commercial Rhode Island Draggars too busy to attend meetings,

I feel I would be a good addition to this board.

Would love to be involved to voice the opinion of many Point Judith commercial vessels as well as recreational Fisherman. If names need to be provided let me know.

Sincerely

Jennifer Scappatura-Harrington

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Fw: Fisheries Advisory Board

From Jeff Willis <jwillis@crmc.ri.gov>

Date Thu 4/3/2025 12:15 PM

To Jeff Willis <jwillis@crmc.ri.gov>

SPENCER BODE

From: **Justin Skenyon** <jskenyon@crmc.ri.gov>

Date: Fri, Mar 21, 2025 at 12:48 PM

Subject: Re: Fisheries Advisory Board

To: Spencer Bode <spencerbode17@gmail.com>

Cc: <ksloan@crmc.ri.gov>, <jskenyon@crmc.ri.gov>

Hello,

Thanks for taking my call, we will be sending more information along soon.

-Justin

On Fri, Mar 21, 2025 at 8:35 AM **Spencer Bode** <spencerbode17@gmail.com> wrote:

Good morning

I am the owner operator for **Narragansett Bay Sportfishing and Wickford Seafood Company**. I would like to participate. My cell is 508-264-2176. Call me anytime.

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Justin Wolf Skenyon
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Advisory Panel Nomination Form

This form is designed to help nominate Advisors to the Commission's Species Advisory Panels. The information on the returned form will be provided to the Commission's relevant species management board or section. Please answer the questions in the categories (All Nominees, Commercial Fisherman, Charter/Headboat Captain, Recreational Fisherman, Dealer/Processor, or Other Interested Parties) that pertain to the nominee's experience. If the nominee fits into more than one category, answer the questions for all categories that fit the situation. Also, please fill in the sections which pertain to All Nominees (pages 1 and 2). In addition, nominee signatures are required to verify the provided information (page 4), and Commissioner signatures are requested to verify Commissioner consensus (page 4). Please print and use a black pen.

JAMES RIGGS

Form submitted by: JAMES RIGGS State: 3-22-2025
(your name)

Name of Nominee: JAMES RIGGS

Address: [REDACTED]

City, State, Zip: [REDACTED]

Please provide the appropriate numbers where the nominee can be reached:

Phone (day): [REDACTED] Phone (evening): [REDACTED]

FAX: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

FOR ALL NOMINEES:

1. Please list, in order of preference, the Advisory Panel for which you are nominating the above person.

1. WINTER FLOUNDER
2. SUMMER FLOUNDER SCUP BSB
3. _____
4. _____

2. Has the nominee been found in violation of criminal or civil federal fishery law or regulation or convicted of any felony or crime over the last three years?

yes _____ no X

FOR CHARTER/HEADBOAT CAPTAINS:

1. How long has the nominee been employed in the charter/headboat business? _____ years
2. Is the nominee employed only in the charter/headboat industry? yes _____ no _____
If "no," please list other type(s) of business(es) and/occupation(s): _____

3. How many years has the nominee lived in the home port community? _____ years
If less than five years, please indicate the nominee's previous home port community.

FOR RECREATIONAL FISHERMEN:

1. How long has the nominee engaged in recreational fishing? 58 years
2. Is the nominee working, or has the nominee ever worked in any area related to the fishing industry? yes _____ no X
If "yes," please explain.

FOR SEAFOOD PROCESSORS & DEALERS:

1. How long has the nominee been employed in the business of seafood processing/dealing? _____ years
2. Is the nominee employed only in the business of seafood processing/dealing?
yes _____ no _____ If "no," please list other type(s) of business(es) and/or occupation(s): _____

How many years has the nominee lived in the home port community? 70 years

If less than five years, please indicate the nominee's previous home port community.

FOR OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:

1. How long has the nominee been interested in fishing and/or fisheries management? _____ years
2. Is the nominee employed in the fishing business or the field of fisheries management?
yes _____ no _____

If "no," please list other type(s) of business(es) and/or occupation(s):

~~Don't fill out this page~~

In the space provided below, please provide the Commission with any additional information which you feel would assist us in making choosing new Advisors. You may use as many pages as needed.

Nominee Signature: _____

Date: 3.22-2025

Name: _____

(please print)

JAMES RIGGS

COMMISSIONERS SIGN-OFF (not required for non-traditional stakeholders)

State Director

State Legislator

Governor's Appointee

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