

*Council Size and Terms:*

The MBEAC will be comprised of at least 19 members (9 private sector members and at least 10 federal members). The newly appointed members will serve a two-year term and may be reappointed. If a member vacates the MBEAC before the end of the two-year term, a replacement member may be appointed to fill the unexpired term.

The membership of the Council should include expertise and viewpoints that reflect the breadth of the Council's responsibilities. MBDA is mindful that committees work best when there is a mix of viewpoints brought about through diverse experiences in different areas of the committee's responsibility by members of diverse races, genders, business and industry sectors, and cultural backgrounds. This notice will be widely distributed to encourage a diverse applicant pool.

*Qualifications and Selection Criteria*

*Expertise and Experience:* Members should possess significant expertise and experience in areas relevant to the growth and development of MBEs and the business ecosystem, such as business development, entrepreneurship, finance, policy advocacy, or related fields. Members should have insights into barriers to entrepreneurship and business growth and ways to overcome those barriers. Relevant fields include but are not limited to, access to traditional and alternative capital, public and private sector procurement, and global markets. Members should also have the ability to provide insight into relevant data, research, and policy alternatives. The selection process will prioritize relevant individuals who have demonstrated a strong track record of success in their respective fields.

*Commitment to Minority Business Development:* Members should have a demonstrated commitment to advancing the social and economic life of MBEs. This can be evidenced through past involvement in initiatives, projects, or policy advocacy aimed at supporting and empowering MBEs.

*Sector Representation:* Private Sector members will be selected from diverse backgrounds, including academia and think tanks, companies of varying sizes, chambers of commerce, financial entities, labor and trade associations, non-profit organizations, and stakeholders involved in MBE growth and development.

*Geographic Representation:* MBDA will consider geographic diversity in selecting members to ensure regional representation and capture expertise

regarding the unique challenges and opportunities faced by MBEs in different parts of the country.

*Collaborative and Teamwork Skills:* Members should demonstrate the ability to work collaboratively in a team environment. This includes effective communication, problem-solving, and the ability to build consensus among diverse stakeholders.

*Ability to Serve:* Members must be able and willing to dedicate the necessary time and effort to fulfill their responsibilities effectively. They should have the availability to attend meetings, actively participate in Council activities, and contribute constructively to discussions and decision-making processes.

*Independence and Impartiality:* Applicants for Special Government Employee (SGE) membership positions must be impartial and independent, capable of providing objective advice and guidance must not have conflicts of interest that could compromise their ability to act in the best interest of MBEs.

**Privacy Act Statement**

The collection, maintenance, and disclosure of this information is governed by the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a). The Department of Commerce is authorized to collect this information pursuant to authorities that include, but are not limited to, Title V, sections 100501 through 100503 of the Minority Business Development Act of 2021, Public Law 117–58 (Nov. 15, 2021), and in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (FACA), 5 U.S.C. Chapter 10. The principal purpose for which the Department will use the information is to assist in choosing private sector members of the MBEAC. Information received will be maintained in a Privacy Act system of records, COMMERCE/DEPT–11, entitled “Candidates for Membership, Members, and Former Members of Department of Commerce Advisory Committees.” A notice describing that system, including a complete set of routine disclosures, has been published both in the **Federal Register** and on the Department's website at: <https://osec.doc.gov/opog/PrivacyAct/SORNs/dept-11.html>. Although providing this information is voluntary, an individual cannot be

considered for membership without an application submission.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Nominations to the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for nominations.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) seeks nominations to fill vacancies on the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee (MAFAC or Committee). MAFAC is responsible to advise the Secretary, NOAA, and NMFS on all matters concerning living marine resources that are the responsibility of the Department of Commerce. The Committee makes recommendations to assist in the development and implementation of departmental regulations, policies, and programs critical to the mission and goals of NMFS. Nominations are encouraged from all individuals involved with or representing interests affected by NMFS actions in managing living marine resources. Nominees should possess demonstrable expertise in a field related to the management of living marine resources and be able to fulfill the time commitment required for two annual meetings and year-round subcommittee work. Individuals serve for a term of 3 years for no more than two consecutive terms if re-appointed. NMFS seeks qualified nominees to fill pending vacancies.

**DATES:** Nominations must be emailed on or before Friday, December 15, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Nominations should be sent to Katie (Denman) Zanowicz, MAFAC Assistant, NMFS Office of Policy, by email: [katie.denman@noaa.gov](mailto:katie.denman@noaa.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Katie Zanowicz, MAFAC Assistant; (301) 427–8034; email: [katie.denman@noaa.gov](mailto:katie.denman@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** MAFAC was approved by the Secretary on December 28, 1970, and subsequently

chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, on February 17, 1971. The Committee meets twice a year, and holds supplementary meetings when necessary, as determined by NMFS or the Committee Chair. MAFAC is comprised of 15 to 21 individuals. Members are highly qualified, diverse individuals with experience in commercial, recreational, aquaculture, and non-commercial fisheries and businesses; seafood industry, including processing, marketing, restaurants and related industries; marine, ecosystems, or protected resources management and conservation; and human dimensions or social sciences associated with living marine resources and working waterfronts. Members may be from tribes or indigenous groups, environmental organizations, academia, consumer groups, and other living marine resource interest groups from all U.S. geographical regions, including the Western Pacific and Caribbean. NMFS strives to ensure MAFAC members represent a diversity of individuals and interests.

A MAFAC member cannot be a Federal employee; a state official, their designee, or an appointed member of a regional fishery management council; registered Federal lobbyist; or agent of a foreign principal. Selected candidates must pass a security check and submit a financial disclosure form. Membership is voluntary and, except for reimbursable travel and related expenses, service is without pay.

Each nomination must include the nominee's name, address, telephone number, and email address; a cover letter describing the nominee's interest in serving on the Committee and qualifications; and their curriculum vitae or resume. Up to three letters of support may be submitted. Self-nominations will be accepted.

Nominations should be sent to Katie Zanowicz (see **ADDRESSES**) and must be received by Friday, December 15, 2023. The full text of the Committee Charter and its current membership can be viewed at the NMFS web page at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/partners/marine-fisheries-advisory-committee-charter>.

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**Heidi Lovett,**

*Acting Designated Federal Officer, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Membership of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Performance Review Board**

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

**ACTION:** Notice of membership of the 2023 NOAA Performance Review Board.

**SUMMARY:** NOAA announces the appointment of members who will serve on the 2023 NOAA Performance Review Board (PRB). The NOAA PRB is responsible for reviewing performance appraisals and ratings of Senior Executive Service (SES), Senior Level (SL), and Scientific and Professional (ST) members and making written recommendations to the appointing authority on retention and compensation matters, including performance-based pay adjustments, awarding of bonuses, and reviewing recommendations for potential Presidential Rank Award nominees. The appointment of members to the NOAA PRB will be for a period of 2 years.

**DATES:** The effective date of service of the 10 appointees to the NOAA Performance Review Board is October 23-27, 2023.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Charles A. McLeod, Human Resources Specialist, Executive Resources Division, Office of Human Capital Services, NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, 301-628-1883 or [Charles.mcleod@noaa.gov](mailto:Charles.mcleod@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The names and positions of the members for the 2023 NOAA PRB are set forth below:

- Juliana Blackwell, Chair: Director, Office of National Geodetic Survey, National Ocean Service, NOAA
- Michelle McClure, Vice-Chair: Director, Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory, NOAA
- James St. Pierre: Acting Director, Information Technology Laboratory, National Institute of Standards and Technology
- Jonathan Hare: Science and Research Director, Northeast Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA
- Timothy Greten: Director, Office of Facilities, National Weather Service, NOAA
- Deirdre Jones: Chief Administrative Officer, NOAA

- Makeda Okolo: Director, Office of Legislative & Intergovernmental Affairs, NOAA
- Elsayed Talaat: Office of Projects, Partnerships and Analysis, National Environmental Satellite, Data and Information Service, NOAA
- Kevin Kimball: Chief of Staff, National Institute of Standards and Technology
- Kenneth Harding: Chief Operating Officer, National Weather Service, NOAA
- Bruce Pitts: Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, NOAA
- Jennifer Mahoney: Director, Global Systems Laboratory, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, NOAA
- Timothy Walsh: Director, Joint Polar Satellite Systems, National Environmental Satellite, Data and Information Service, NOAA
- Karen Hyun, Chief of Staff, NOAA

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review Workshops Advisory Panel**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice; nominations for shark stock assessment Advisory Panel.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS solicits nominations for the Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR) Workshops Advisory Panel, also known as the "SEDAR Pool." The SEDAR Pool is comprised of a group of individuals who may be selected to consider data and advise NMFS regarding the scientific information including, but not limited to, data and models used in stock assessments for oceanic sharks in the Atlantic Ocean, Gulf of Mexico, and Caribbean Sea. Nominations are being sought for 5-year appointments (2024-2029). Individuals with definable interests in the recreational and commercial fishing and related industries, environmental community, academia, and non-governmental