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### **Mid-Atlantic Council Seeking Applications for Interim Advisory Panel Members**

*Applications Due by February 10, 2017*

The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council is soliciting applications from qualified individuals to serve on several advisory panels that currently have vacancies. Advisory panels provide information and recommendations to the Council during the development of fishery management actions. One of the chief responsibilities of advisory panels is the development of annual Fishery Performance Reports, which provide the Council and SSC with information on why catches may have fluctuated from year to year.

Advisory panels are composed of individuals with diverse experience and interest in Mid-Atlantic fisheries. Members include commercial fishermen, recreational anglers, for-hire operators, dealers, scientists, environmentalists, and other interested members of the public. Most advisory panels meet 1 – 2 times per year. Members are compensated for travel and per diem expenses for advisory panel meetings. Individuals appointed under this notice would serve on an interim basis and could re-apply during the next general application window in early 2018.

The Council is accepting applications for the following advisory panels:

- Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish (1 vacancy)
- Spiny Dogfish (2 vacancies)
- Surfclam/Ocean Quahog (1 vacancy)

Anyone interested in serving on one of these advisory panels may apply online or download an application at [www.mafmc.org/forms/advisory-panel-application](http://www.mafmc.org/forms/advisory-panel-application). Applications can also be obtained by calling the Council office at (877) 446-2362 or emailing [jasaunders@mafmc.org](mailto:jasaunders@mafmc.org). Completed applications should be submitted using one of the following methods:

- *Online* using the form at the web address above;
- *Mail* to Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901;
- *Email* to [jasaunders@mafmc.org](mailto:jasaunders@mafmc.org); or
- *Fax* to (302) 674-5399.

Please include “ADVISORY PANEL” in the subject of your fax or email.

**Completed applications must be received by February 10, 2017.**