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Greetings:

The terms of two members holding seats on the New England Fishery Management Council will expire on August 10, 2015. One of the seats is Rhode Island's obligatory seat, currently held by David Preble, who is completing his third and final term and is not eligible for re-appointment. The other seat is an at-large seat, currently held by Vincent Balzano from Maine, who is completing his first term and is eligible for re-appointment. No at-large seat is obligated to any particular state.

The appointments to the Council are made by the Secretary of Commerce, based on recommendations from each state's Governor. On behalf of Governor Raimondo, DEM Director Janet Coit will coordinate the application process and submit the application packages to the Governor for review. On behalf of Director Coit, I am hereby soliciting candidates from Rhode Island for the two Council seats.

Timing is critical, as the Governor must submit her nomination letter and the completed applications to the Secretary by March 15, 2015. Accordingly, anyone who wishes to be considered as a candidate must submit a letter of interest, along with a completed Nomination Application Kit, and any letters of recommendation, by Wednesday, February 25, 2015. The information may be sent via email to [Robert.Ballou@dem.ri.gov](mailto:Robert.Ballou@dem.ri.gov); or via snail mail or hand delivery to Robert Ballou, DEM-Director's Office, 235 Promenade St., Providence, RI 02908. All of the information will be immediately forwarded to Director Coit, who will then coordinate with Governor Raimondo.

The Nomination Application Kit is available at:

[http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/reg\\_svcs/Councils/CouncilNomination.htm](http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/reg_svcs/Councils/CouncilNomination.htm).

For more information, you may call me directly at 401-222-4700, ext. 4420

Thank you,

Robert Ballou  
Robert Ballou,  
Assistant to the Director

cc: Janet Coit, Director