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Applications Sought for Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

The Commonwealth of Virginia is seeking qualified individuals for nominations to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (www.mafmc.org). Candidates shall be knowledgeable of and experience in the fishery resources of the Mid-Atlantic (New York to North Carolina), either through the commercial fishing industry, recreational fishing industry, management, and conservation of marine resources, or through other relevant experience. Interest and applications from women, people of color, and individual's representative of historically underserved communities are encouraged.

One obligatory seat is open for nomination of a Virginia candidate and is currently held by:

- Mr. Skip Feller of Virginia (eligible for renomination)

The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council is one of eight regional councils that manage most of our nation's marine fisheries seaward of state territorial waters. Responsibilities include the development of fishery management plans that are submitted to the National Marine Fisheries Service and the Secretary of Commerce for approval and implementation. A Council appointment is for a 3-year term during which members are expected to engage in approximately six (6) Council meeting weeks, as well as serve on several fishery management plan-specific committees that meet, throughout the year. Nominees must be willing and able, barring unforeseen circumstances, to make the commitment to fully participate in Council business and related activities for the duration of the term.

Qualified individuals interested in being considered for nomination by the Governor should contact Joseph Grist, Deputy Chief of Fisheries (Research and Surveys Unit) at joseph.grist@mrc.virginia.gov. Nomination application kits will be made available upon request and are due to the Marine Resources Commission, c/o Joseph Grist, by close of business Friday, February 9, 2024.