



NORTH PACIFIC RESEARCH BOARD

"Building a clear understanding of the North Pacific, Bering Sea, and Arctic Ocean ecosystems that enables effective management and sustainable use of marine resources."

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The North Pacific Research Board Seeks Nominations for Fishing Industry Representative **Deadline to apply: August 1, 2024**

The North Pacific Research Board is seeking nominations to fill the seat on the Board that represents the interests of the fishing industry. The fishing industry seat is nominated by the Board and subject to approval and appointment by the Secretary of Commerce. This is a three-year term that would commence once the appointment is made by the Secretary of Commerce, after October 2024.

The North Pacific Research Board (NPRB) was created by Congress to recommend marine research activities to the U.S. Secretary of Commerce, to be supported by earnings of the Environmental Improvement and Restoration Fund. NPRB promotes a comprehensive science program of the highest caliber to provide a better understanding of the North Pacific, Bering Sea, and Arctic Ocean ecosystems and their fisheries. The Board gives priority to cooperative research projects that are designed to address pressing fishery management or marine ecosystem information needs.

Enabling legislation defines the membership of NPRB to include ten ex-officio members representing various agencies and organizations, nine members that are nominated by the governors of the states of Alaska, Washington, and Oregon, and one member nominated by the Board itself and appointed by the Secretary of Commerce. This member represents fishing interests, is appointed for a non-renewable three-year term, and serves on the NPRB Executive Committee.

The Board meets twice each year, generally in April and September. In the annual round of activities, Board members determine the content and amount of funding available for annual requests for proposals (RFPs) as well as design and select integrated ecosystem research programs, long-term monitoring programs, and graduate student research awards. The Board is assisted by a Science Panel, an Advisory Panel, and a small staff. While there is no pay associated with serving on the Board, expenses for travel, food, and lodging are covered.

The following criteria will be used by the Board in making a selection from among nominees for the fishing industry seat:

1. Knowledge or experience regarding commercial fishing, processing, or marketing of fish in one or more commercial fisheries off Alaska;

2. Knowledge of or experience in management, conservation, and stewardship of natural resources, including related interactions with industry, government bodies, academic institutions, and public agencies;
3. Experience in a state or regional organization whose members participate in an Alaska fishery;
4. Experience serving as a member of the Alaska Board of Fisheries, North Pacific Fishery Management Council, NPRB, or their associated committees;
5. Knowledge or experience regarding marine research organizations and activities off Alaska; and
6. Minimum potential for conflict of interest in funding decisions of the Board.

The deadline for receipt of nomination materials is Thursday, August 1, 2024. Nominations and self-nominations may be submitted to the Board by email to lily.frey@nprb.org, or by regular mail to:

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Please include a resume of not more than three pages, and full contact information including phone number and email address. Up to three letters of reference or support may be submitted by the deadline. Please visit the Board's web site at <http://www.nprb.org> for more information about the Board and its activities. The Board and all its panels follow strict [conflict of interest](#) procedures during the proposal selection process. Implications of this policy should be considered when making nominations.