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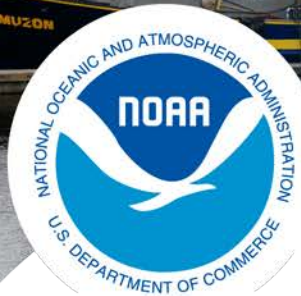
Commissioner Appointments for RFMOs

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Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC)



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Requirement: The Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Convention Implementation Act (2007) provides that the U.S. shall be represented in WCPFC by five Commissioners appointed to serve at the pleasure of the President. Commissioners shall include an officer or employee of the Department of Commerce, a member of the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council and a member of the Pacific Fishery Management Council.

Current Commissioners:

Sam Rauch- Federal (alternate)

Michael Goto- Non-Federal WPFMC

Dorothy Lowman- Non-Federal PFMC

Timothy Jones- Non Federal

G. Kenney Alameda- Non Federal



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South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organization (SPRFMO)

Requirement: The Ensuring Public Access to Fisheries Act provides that the U.S. shall be represented on the Commission by not more than three Commissioners. In making each appointment, the President shall select a Commissioner from among individuals who are knowledgeable or experienced concerning fishery resources in the South Pacific Ocean. At least one of the Commissioners shall be an officer or employee of the Department of Commerce; the Department of State; or the Coast Guard; and the chairperson or designee of the WPFMC.

Current Commissioners:

Michael Tosatto- Federal (alternate)

Pending Appointment:

Christinna Lutu-Sanchez- Non Federal WPFMC



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North Pacific Fisheries Commission (NPFC)

Requirements: The U.S. shall be represented on the NPFC by five Commissioners who will serve at the pleasure of the President. Two of the Commissioners shall be an officer or employee of the Department of Commerce; the Department of State; or the Coast Guard. Three of the Commissioners shall be the Chair (or designee) from the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (1), Pacific Fishery Management Council (1) and Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (1).

Current Commissioners:

Glenn Merrill- Federal (alternate)

Pending Appointments:

John Gourley- Non Federal WPFMC

Dan Hull- Non Federal NPFMC

Richard Lincoln- Non Federal PFMC

Open Appointment:

Federal



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Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO)

Requirement: Per the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Convention Act at least one Commissioner must be appointed from among representatives of the commercial fishing industry; one (but no more than one) is an official of the U.S. Government; and one is a voting member of the New England Fishery Management Council (other than the U.S. Government rep). Appointments made by NOAA Administrator and terms may not exceed 4 years.

Current Commissioners:

Dr. Michael Sissenwine- Non Federal NEFMC (expires April 2019)

Pending Appointments:

Mike Pentony- Federal
Commercial Industry Rep



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International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT)

Requirement: The Atlantic Tunas Convention Act provides that not more than one Commissioner shall be a salaried employee of any State of political subdivision or of the Federal Government. Of the two non-Government Commissioners, one shall have knowledge and experience regarding commercial fishing and one regarding recreational fishing in the Atlantic, Gulf, or Caribbean. Non-Government Commissioners are not eligible to serve more than two consecutive 3-year terms. Appointed by the President.

Current Commissioners:

John Henderschedt- Federal (alternate)

Eugenio Pineriro Solar- Non-Federal (expires Sept 2019)

Raymond Bogan- Non Federal (expires Feb 2019)



Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC)

Requirement: According to the Tuna Convention Act, the U.S. shall be represented by four Commissioners selected by the President. One shall be an officer of the Department of Commerce. Not more than two may be appointed who reside in a State other than a State whose vessels maintain a substantial fishery in the area of the Convention.

Current Commissioners:

Ryan Wulff- Federal (alternate)

Dr. Bill Fox- Non Federal

Ed Weissman- Non Federal

Michael Thompson- Non Federal (alternate)



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International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC)

Requirement: The United States shall be represented on the Commission by three Commissioners appointed by the President serving a term not to exceed 2 years, but eligible for reappointment. One shall be an official of NOAA, and two shall be knowledgeable or experienced concerning the Northern Pacific halibut fishery, with one a resident of Alaska and the other a nonresident of Alaska. Of the three commissioners, one shall be a voting member of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council.

Current Commissioners:

Jim Balsiger- Federal (alternate) (expires May 2018)

Linda Behnken- Non Federal AK Resident (alternate) (expires Aug 2018)

Robert Alverson- Non Federal Non-AK Resident (alternate) (expires Aug 2018)