

Marine Fisheries Advisory Council (MFAC) Membership

The purpose of the Advisory Panels is to provide input and advice to CRD regarding management of specific marine fisheries. It is the goal of the MFAC and Director to have equitable representation from the various sectors in proportions as listed below:

The Blue Crab Advisory Panel's (BCAP) membership will consist of 11 to 15 persons who are knowledgeable about Georgia's blue crab fishery:

- Maximum of eight licensed commercial crabbers/dealers, with at least one crabber from each geographic sector (North – Chatham/Bryan; Middle – Liberty/McIntosh; South – Glynn/Camden). Fishermen must have possessed a Georgia Resident Commercial Fishing license during the previous two years, have reported landings of crab, and must possess all other state and federal permits, as required.
- Minimum of two licensed recreational crabbers, who do not possess a commercial fishing license.
- One non-DNR scientist experienced with crustacean population dynamics and/or management and affiliated with a non-governmental organization or academic institution based in Georgia (ex-officio member).

The Finfish Advisory Panel's (FAP) membership will consist of no more than 12 persons who are knowledgeable about Georgia's saltwater finfish fisheries:

- Seven licensed recreational anglers - two each from the Northern and Southern coastal geographic sectors (North – Chatham/Bryan/Liberty; South – McIntosh/Glynn/Camden), two non-coastal at-large (reside in a non-coastal county), and one at-large (reside in any Georgia County). These individuals do not possess a commercial fishing license.
- Three licensed saltwater fishing guides - one from each sector (North – Chatham/Bryan/Liberty; South – McIntosh/Glynn/Camden; and at-large – reside in any GA county). The guides must have possessed a Georgia Resident Saltwater Fishing Guide license for the previous two years and possess all other state and federal permits, as required.
- One licensed commercial fisherman – Fisherman must have possessed a Georgia Resident Commercial Fishing license during the previous two years, have reported landings of finfish, and must possess all other state and federal permits, as required.
- One non-DNR scientist experienced with saltwater fish population dynamics and/or management and affiliated with a non-governmental organization or academic institution based in Georgia (ex-officio member).

The Shrimp Advisory Panel's (SAP) membership will consist of 11 to 15 persons who are knowledgeable about Georgia's shrimp fisheries:

- Maximum of five commercial food shrimp trawlers, with at least one from each geographic sector (North – Chatham/Bryan; Middle – Liberty/McIntosh; South – Glynn/Camden).
- Maximum of two commercial castnetters.
- Minimum of one commercial bait shrimp fishermen/dealer.
- Minimum of one commercial food shrimp dealer associated with a seafood processing facility.
- Commercial fishermen must have possessed a Georgia Resident Commercial Fishing license

during the previous two years, have reported landings of shrimp, and must possess all other state and federal permits, as required.

- Minimum of two licensed recreational shrimpers, who do not possess a commercial fishing license.
- One non-DNR scientist experienced with crustacean population dynamics and/or management and affiliated with a non-governmental organization or academic institution based in Georgia (ex-officio member).

The Shellfish and Mariculture Advisory Panel's (SMAP) membership will consist of 11 to 15 persons who are knowledgeable about Georgia's shellfish and mariculture fisheries:

- Maximum of four certified shellfish dealers.
- Maximum of four licensed master harvesters.
- Minimum of two licensed recreational shellfish harvesters or coastal county residents.
- One non-DNR scientist experienced with shellfish science and affiliated with a non-governmental organization or academic institution based in Georgia (ex-officio member).
- One Department of Agriculture food safety officer (ex-officio member).
- One private, commercial, in-state shellfish hatchery or nursery operator.
- One related business owner such as a restaurateur.