

Responsible Offshore Science Alliance (ROSA) Advisory Council

Seeking Commercial Fishing Representatives *10 June 2022*

The Responsible Offshore Science Alliance (ROSA) is seeking applications for commercial fishing representatives to fill vacant seats on the ROSA Advisory Council. ROSA's mission is to:

Provide for and advance regional research and monitoring of fisheries and offshore wind interactions in US state and federal waters through collaboration and cooperation in order to: 1) Increase salient and credible data on fisheries and wind development; and, 2) Increase understanding of the effects of wind energy development on fisheries and their coastal and ocean ecosystems.

The ROSA Advisory Council (AC) is comprised of approximately forty-five (45) individuals representing commercial fishing, recreational fishing, state governments, federal agencies, regional fishery management councils, and offshore wind developers. The AC provides strategic guidance for the organization and helps define priority focus areas for staff and council committees. Generally, the AC meets quarterly via on-line meetings, but in-person meetings may occur in the future. In addition, topic-specific committees work between full AC meetings to develop and hone research needs and priorities. Members will serve for three (3) years and members can be reappointed up to three (3) consecutive terms. If in-person meetings occur, fishermen representatives' travel expenses will be reimbursed at federal per diem rates.

- ROSA will accept applications up until 31 July 2022. The on-line application is available at rosascience.org. Electronic or scanned applications may be emailed to Info@rosascience.org with "Advisory Council" in the subject line. Printed applications can be mailed to ROSA at: PO Box 159, Oakhurst, NJ 07755. You may also obtain a printed copy by emailing ROSA's Executive Director, Lyndie Hice-Dunton at Lyndie@rosascience.org.
- Once all applications are received, ROSA, with assistance of a review panel of current commercial fishing AC representatives, will review the applications and make recommendations to the ROSA Board of Directors for final affirmation.
- Selections are expected to be announced by late Summer 2022.

The following are key criteria for the nominations.

- Required: Direct **financial stake** in the commercial fishing industry;
- Required: Working somewhere in the **ROSA-focused geography**, from North Carolina to Maine.

- Required: **Availability** and ability to commit the time and effort, including in-person and on-line meetings of the ROSA Advisory Council (plus additional time for intersessional work and meeting preparation)(travel costs will be covered at federal per diem rates);
- Required: Willingness to abide by the [ROSA Code of Conduct](#);
- Required: Track record of **collaboration** and working effectively with others. Preference for those with some collaboration experience in cooperative research and/or fishery council or commission experience;
- Strongly preferred is a **scientific or technical background**, expertise, or experience of some kind (i.e. cooperative research);

ROSA will consider the following criteria in selecting a balanced, diverse, and inclusive set of members from the commercial fishing industry.

- Geography, both home port and fishing grounds
- Target species
- Gear type
- Company or vessel size
- Current job function or role
- Shoreside and oceanside (processors as well as fishermen would be eligible)

Nominees may be subject to review for recent marine resource or safety violations.