



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**  
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

The Honorable Nikki Haley  
Governor of South Carolina  
Columbia, SC 29211

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Dear Governor Haley:

On behalf of Eileen Sobeck, Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, I am sending this advance reminder of the 2016 request for nominations to the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council. Nomination packages will be mailed to you in mid-January. Your nomination package (nomination letter and your nominees' completed application kits), providing a minimum of three qualified candidates for one State of South Carolina obligatory seat on the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, must be received on or before March 15, 2016.

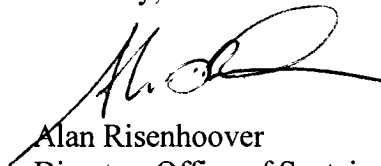
If you have a preferred nominee, or an order of priority of nominees, please include a written statement to that effect in your nomination letter.

The National Marine Fisheries Service has created a website to help you in compiling nomination lists for the annual appointments process. This website contains an overview of the Magnuson-Stevens Act requirements and the Nomination Application Kit to be completed by your nominees. Please see:

[http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/reg\\_svcs/Councils/CouncilNomination.htm](http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/reg_svcs/Councils/CouncilNomination.htm).

We expect the Secretary to announce the 2016 appointments on or about June 27, 2016. New members are scheduled to be seated on August 11, 2016. If you have any questions, contact Brian Fredieu at 301-427-8505, or e-mail [Council.Appointments@noaa.gov](mailto:Council.Appointments@noaa.gov).

Sincerely,



Alan Risenhoover  
Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries

Cc: Designated State Representative

