



Advisory Council Applications Sought

Seeking Recreation Fishing Representatives 5 June 2020

The Responsible Offshore Science Alliance (ROSA) is seeking applications for recreational fishing 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 Council will be comprised of up to forty (40) individuals representing commercial fishing, recreational fishing, state governments, federal agencies, and offshore wind developers. Up to six (6) of those seats will provide representation for recreational fishing interests.

The Council will meet twice a year, in-person or on-line. In addition, subcommittees and work groups will work between full Council meetings to develop and hone research needs and priorities. Members will serve for three (3) years and members can be reappointed for up to three (3) consecutive terms. In the first round of membership, members will be staggered in 2 and 3 year terms to ensure organizational continuity as members terms end. Fishermen's representatives' travel expenses will be reimbursed at federal per diem rates.

- ROSA will accept applications up until 15 July 2020. The on-line application is available at rosascience.org. Electronic or scanned applications may be emailed to AdvisoryCouncil@rosascience.org. The applications may also be printed, filled out, and mailed to ROSA at: PO Box 159, Oakhurst, New Jersey, 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 approved by the Board, will review the applications and make recommendations to the ROSA Board for final affirmation.
- Selections are expected to be announced by late Summer 2020.

The following are key criteria for the nominations.

- Required: **Represent** for-hire captains, recreational fishermen and private boats, associations or recreational fishing publications
- 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 (individuals needing assistance for travel 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 participation on a fisheries management committee or board or on a fishery management organization, be that state or federal.
- Strongly preferred is a **scientific or technical background**, expertise, or experience of some kind (i.e. cooperative research);
- The ability to solicit input from other industry members is preferred, i.e. applicants will be members or leaders **of associations, groups, or alliances** that include numerous recreational fishermen and have established means of communication.

ROSA will select approximately six (6) recreational fishing interests, with two each selected from: 1) New England (ME, NH, MA, RI, CT); 2) Northern Mid-Atlantic (NY, NJ, DE); and, 3) Southern Mid-Atlantic (MD, VA, NC). Nominees may be subject to review for recent marine resource or safety violations.

Draft Code of Conduct for the Responsible Offshore Science Alliance (ROSA) Advisory Council

Draft until Final Approval by the ROSA Board

As a member or alternate of the ROSA Advisory Council, I agree to abide by the following Code of Conduct.

1. Members will support the **mission and goals** of ROSA which is 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.
2. Members will support **science**, for the purposes of ROSA, broadly defined as those technical and scientific endeavors that may include: hypothesis-centered study designs; developing common monitoring or data reporting protocols; advancing or improving regional monitoring networks and modeling; promoting best practices in various methodologies; conducting literature and study reviews; conducting meta-studies; collecting, organizing, and sharing data; and other tasks.
3. Members will support the scoping, procurement and oversight of scientific research that seeks to maximize **regional collaboration, evidence-based inquiry, sound and quality science, and transparency of data**.
4. Members shall abide by all U.S. statutes and regulations regarding **anti-trust behavior**, including not using ROSA as a forum to disclose pricing to competitors, allocating market shares or customers, and any other actions that would be deemed non-competitive.
5. Members are eligible to apply for ROSA-administered funds but shall **recuse themselves** from any particular decision or action that would directly financially benefit them or their organization.
6. Members shall **not discriminate** on the basis of race, age, color, sex, national origin, physical or mental disability, or religion. Harassment or intimidation of a member, staff, or participant in ROSA because of that person's race, age, color, sex, national origin, physical or mental disability, or religion is specifically prohibited. Intimidation includes abusive, foul or threatening language or behavior.
7. Members shall participate **regularly and actively** in its activities and support the effort through in-kind or financial resources.

8. Members will conduct Council meetings **in public**.
9. Members will **express their own views** rather than speaking for others at the table, will not speak on behalf of or for ROSA as a whole, and will strive to support the mission and work of ROSA in agency filings, public statements, media inquiries, and other such activities.
10. Members will strive to **work collaboratively**, act respectfully, and avoid making personal attacks or issuing statements blaming others for specific actions or outcomes.
11. Members will **avoid grandstanding and digressions** in order to allow others a chance to speak and deliberations to advance.
12. Members will make every effort to **stay on track** with meeting agendas, annual work plans, and other process guidance in order to move deliberations forward and advance the mission and goals of ROSA.
13. The Executive Director, in close consultation with the ROSA Advisory Council Executive Committee, can determine that an Advisory Council member **should be removed for just cause**. Just cause includes, but is not limited to, an advisory panel member who has committed a crime, has severe violations of related permits or licenses, has harassed a member or staff per discrimination categories noted above, or refuses to adhere to proper decorum by failing to show respect for other Council members or staff, as evidenced by frequent rude and disruptive behavior and/or an unwillingness to refrain from abusive treatment of others.