

By Mr. Dolan of Ipswich, petition of John F. Dolan for establishing an advisory council within the Division of Marine Fisheries and the Division of Law Enforcement of the Department of Natural Resources. Natural Resources.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Two.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ADVISORY COUNCIL WITHIN THE DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES AND THE DIVISION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 21 of the General Laws is hereby amended
2 by inserting after section 5 the following new section: —
3 *Section 5A. Advisory Council; Appointment, Terms; Salary;*
4 *Expenses; Meetings.* — There shall be established within the
5 division of marine fisheries and in conjunction with the division
6 of law enforcement of the department of natural resources an
7 advisory council to the said divisions which shall be appointed
8 by the governor with the advice and consent of the council
9 which shall consist of seven members. Said advisory council
10 shall consist of one person who shall represent the lobster fishery,
11 one such member to represent the commercial fishing industry
12 from the standpoint of a vessel owner, one such member to
13 represent the commercial fishing industry from the standpoint
14 of a plant owner or producer of fisheries products, one such
15 member to represent the commercial fishing industry from the
16 standpoint of the labor group or labor representative, one such
17 member to represent the shellfish industry, one such person to
18 represent the interests of the sports-fishing activities and one
19 such member to represent the underwater divers associations
20 or the skindiving activities, so called. Appointments shall be

21 for a term of three years and until successors are appointed and
22 qualified, and no such person shall be eligible to serve more
23 than two successive terms. Vacancies upon death, resignation
24 or other removal shall be filled in the same manner as the original
25 appointments. The members of the advisory council shall not
26 hold any other office of state employment and shall receive no
27 compensation for their services, but said advisory council shall
28 be allowed actual expenses not to exceed one thousand dollars
29 for each fiscal year. The advisory council shall render to the
30 directors of the division of marine fisheries and the division of
31 law enforcement information and advice concerning the effects
32 of the General Laws upon the various segments of the marine
33 fisheries, and similar information and advice which may be
34 found useful in co-ordinating the operation of said divisions.
35 The advisory council shall hold regular meetings with the direc-
36 tors of the aforementioned divisions and with the commissioner
37 of the department of natural resources, or his duly authorized
38 representative, and may hold special meetings and public hear-
39 ings regarding the marine fisheries at such times and places
40 within the state as may, from time to time, be deemed advisable
41 for the best interests of the marine fisheries. At its first organ-
42 izational meeting, the council may elect one of its members as
43 chairman and one as vice chairman and clerk, and their suc-
44 cessors may be chosen accordingly. Said advisory council shall
45 keep, as far as possible, accurate records of their meetings and
46 hearings, and shall tender, annually, unless requested by the
47 commissioner of natural resources at more recent intervals, a
48 full report to the directors of the aforementioned divisions and
49 to the commissioner, of their findings and recommendations
50 which shall be considered a public record and to be made avail-
51 able, upon request, from any person engaged in any fishery
52 activity and to any member of any governing agency within the
53 commonwealth.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.