

**§6087. Seaweed Fisheries Advisory Council**

**1. Appointment; composition.** The Seaweed Fisheries Advisory Council, established by Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 57-H and referred to in this section as "the council," consists of 7 members appointed by the commissioner as follows:

- A. Two members who process seaweed or hold either a seaweed permit or seaweed buyer's license; [PL 2017, c. 52, §2 (NEW).]
- B. Two members who are seaweed aquaculture lease holders or their designees; [PL 2017, c. 52, §2 (NEW).]
- C. One member of the scientific community; [PL 2017, c. 52, §2 (NEW).]
- D. One member who harvests seaweed; and [PL 2017, c. 52, §2 (NEW).]
- E. One member of the public. [PL 2017, c. 52, §2 (NEW).]

The commissioner shall make appointments so that the composition of the council reflects the diversity of the State's seaweed operations.

[PL 2017, c. 52, §2 (NEW).]

**2. Purpose.** The council shall:

A. Make recommendations to the commissioner on all matters concerning the health of the seaweed resource, its ecosystem and the industry it supports; and [RR 2017, c. 1, §4 (COR).]

B. Make recommendations to the commissioner regarding expenditures from the Seaweed Management Fund as described in section 6806. [PL 2017, c. 52, §2 (NEW).]

[RR 2017, c. 1, §4 (COR).]

**3. Term.** The term of a member appointed to the council is 3 years, except that a vacancy during an unexpired term must be filled in the same manner as for the original member for the unexpired portion of the member's term. A member may not serve more than 2 consecutive terms.

[PL 2017, c. 52, §2 (NEW).]

**4. Officers.** The officers of the council are the chair, vice-chair and secretary. The term of the officers is one year. The council shall elect a member of the council for each officer position at the first regular meeting of each year.

[PL 2017, c. 52, §2 (NEW).]

**5. Meeting.** The council shall meet at least once a year. It may also meet at other times at the call of the commissioner.

[PL 2017, c. 52, §2 (NEW).]

**SECTION HISTORY**

RR 2017, c. 1, §4 (COR). PL 2017, c. 52, §2 (NEW).

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