



# NORTH PACIFIC RESEARCH BOARD

*"Building a clear understanding of the North Pacific, Bering Sea, and Arctic Ocean ecosystems that enables effective management and sustainable use of marine resources."*

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## The North Pacific Research Board Seeks Nominations for its Advisory Panel to represent the Arctic Application deadline December 16, 2021

The North Pacific Research Board seeks nominations and self-nominations to fill a seat on its Advisory Panel, representing the Arctic Region. NPRB defines the Arctic region as areas encompassing the northern Bering Sea (60N), the Chukchi Sea, and the Beaufort Sea. The Board particularly welcomes candidates who live within the region. **The deadline for receipt of nomination materials is close of business, Thursday December 16, 2021.**

The Advisory Panel represents stakeholders, user groups, and other interested parties from regions within the Board's purview: the Gulf of Alaska, the Bering Sea, and the Arctic, and one at-large seat. Appointments are for three-year terms, with a maximum of two consecutive terms. **Nominees will be considered and appointed by the Board to begin their three-year term in April 2022.**

Advisory Panel members advise the Board on accomplishing its overall mission of funding a high-caliber, comprehensive research program that will: 1) improve our understanding of the Gulf of Alaska, Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands, and Arctic Ocean ecosystems and their fisheries, and 2) help to sustain and enhance marine resources. For more information see <http://www.nprb.org/nprb/about-us/advisory-panel>. As an Advisory Panel member, you will be assisting the Board in their decisions to direct grant funds to the highest priority marine research projects in the waters surrounding Alaska. On an annual basis the Board recommends several million dollars in grant funds for this research. Advisory Panel members play a key role in the overall decision-making process for NPRB.

The Board believes it is important to incorporate meaningful community involvement throughout its science program, from planning to oversight and review. The Advisory Panel has a significant advice-giving role, with active involvement in setting research priorities and defining questions, as well as highlighting proposals with special stakeholder relevance. To this end, nominations are sought from individuals with practical knowledge and experience in one or more of these large marine ecosystems.

The Advisory Panel meets twice each year in Anchorage (April and September). While there is no pay involved with serving on the Advisory Panel, the Board covers expenses for travel, food, and lodging for members to attend panel meetings, and to attend the Alaska Marine Science Symposium, held in January each year in Anchorage.

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The Board will consider the following when deciding on appointments to the Advisory Panel:

- Candidates should have a demonstrated ability to be objective in considering research activities and science planning;
- Candidates should be of top quality and caliber and be committed to full and active participation for each meeting during their term;
- Candidates should be considered because of the experience they bring to the Board rather than their political clout or connection;
- Candidates should be active, involved members of their local community, occupation, or community of interest to ensure the best and most pertinent input into the Board and likewise should be responsible and diligent in reporting on Board activities back to their communities.

**The deadline for receipt of nomination materials is close of business, Thursday, December 16, 2021.**

Nominations and self-nominations may be submitted to the Board by email to

[Kayla.Wagenfehr@nprb.org](mailto:Kayla.Wagenfehr@nprb.org), or by regular mail to:

Nominations Committee  
North Pacific Research Board  
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**Nominations and self-nominations must include:**

- A brief resume of not more than three pages; and
- Full contact information including phone number and email address.

**Optional but preferred:**

- Up to three letters of reference may be submitted by the deadline.

Please note:

- Attendance at panel meetings is critical to NPRB's success. Nominees and self-nominees are asked to take a close look at their calendars to see if the typical Advisory Panel meeting schedule is compatible with theirs. The Advisory Panel typically meets the third week of April and the second or third week of September every year.
- Conflict of Interest Policy. The Board and its panels follow conflict of interest procedures (available [here](#)) during the proposal selection process, requiring recusals and disclosures on individual proposals. Nominees and self-nominees are strongly encouraged to review the policy before putting their names forward. For more information, contact the Executive Director, Lynn Palensky ([Lynn.Palensky@nprb.org](mailto:Lynn.Palensky@nprb.org)).

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