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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce E. Tarr

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to establish the Marine Fisheries Research Council.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Bruce E. Tarr	*First Essex and Middlesex*
Donald H. Wong	*9th Essex*
Viriato M. deMacedo	*Plymouth and Barnstable*
Ann-Margaret Ferrante	*5th Essex*
Robert L. Hedlund	*Plymouth and Norfolk*
Donald F. Humason, Jr.	*Second Hampden and Hampshire*
Antonio F. D. Cabral	*13th Bristol*

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 475) of Bruce E. Tarr, Donald H. Wong, Viriato M. deMacedo, Robert L. Hedlund and other members of the General Court for legislation to establish the Marine Fisheries Research Council. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)

An Act to establish the Marine Fisheries Research Council.

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

There is hereby established, within the Massachusetts Marine Fisheries Institute, the Marine Fisheries Research Council, whose purpose shall be to conduct analysis and research relevant to the management by the federal and state governments of commercial and recreational fishing.

Said council shall consist of the Director of the Division of Marine Fisheries, who shall act as its chair, the Chancellor of the University of Dartmouth, a representative of each Massachusetts institution of higher learning participating in the research work of the council, and members representing commercial and recreation fishing as follows: 1 representing commercial ground-fishing by trawling, 1 representing commercial ground-fishing by gillnet, 1 representing commercial ground-fishing by hook, 1 representing recreational fishing by vessel, 1 representing recreational fishing conducted from shore, and 2 representatives of environmental organizations.

12 The council shall solicit the participation of the Massachusetts institutions of higher
13 learning and research organizations, and shall coordinate their efforts to conduct research
14 projects as directed by the council, and which seek to maximize collaborating and interaction
15 with those in commercial and recreational fisheries in the Commonwealth so as to produce
16 relevant, timely, and credible research to inform fisheries management by the state and federal
17 governments.