



**Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Fishing and Boating Services
Application for Membership on the
Adaptation and Resilience Fishery Management Plan Workgroup**

Background: The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (department) has been awarded a Climate Resilient Fisheries Engagement Grant by Blue Convergence Fund. In the coming years, the department will develop a fishery management plan for state-managed fisheries to address the impacts of environmental change (e.g., warming temperature, sea level rise, precipitation, ocean acidification). Before submitting your application, it would be helpful for you to review the project overview available at blueconvergence.org/project/malagari-maryland/.

Purpose: Connect the department with a regional network of climate professionals, scientific experts, and fishing community members to 1) exchange existing climate and fisheries data and industry knowledge, and 2) collaboratively develop a climate resilient fishery management plan (FMP) for state-managed fisheries. While the FMP covers all Maryland waters, this project will focus on tidal fisheries while complementing ongoing nontidal planning efforts.

Workgroup Member Commitments:

- **Timeline:** Spring 2026 - Spring 2027.
- **Meetings:** Meetings will be facilitated by a third-party professional who has experience with Maryland fisheries.
 - Attend and participate in 4 workgroup meetings to be held monthly in 2026.
 - We expect each meeting to last 2 hours. We can adjust the timing and location as needed.
 - We expect the first meeting to be in person scheduled between June 22 - 24, 2026. The second meeting will be hybrid. The third and fourth meetings will be virtual.
 - Additional virtual meetings will be scheduled as needed to discuss and refine FMP content.
- **Additional Tasks:**
 - Represent the diverse perspectives of interested and impacted parties in Maryland's fisheries.
 - Collaborate with department staff and the workgroup to help draft and edit language for the FMP.
 - Review the draft FMP and provide feedback.
- **Compensation:** Workgroup members are eligible to be reimbursed for mileage in attending up to 2 in-person meetings. Participation in the workgroup is voluntary and honorary and does not give rise to any remuneration.

Desired Qualifications:

- Any person aged at least 18 years domiciled in Maryland or neighboring jurisdictions within the Chesapeake Bay Watershed
- Any person wishing to participate in the department's efforts in developing adaptation and resilience strategies for managing Maryland's fisheries
- Any representative of associations, federations, or groups that, by their objectives or constitution, have an interest in the long-term resilience of Maryland's fisheries in response to environmental and climate changes

Desired Representation:

- Diverse geographies across the Chesapeake Bay and Atlantic coast
- Recreational and commercial fisheries
- Scientific expertise in climate change and fisheries ecosystems in the Mid-Atlantic region
- Special interests in climate resilience and ecosystem conservation

If you have questions, please contact Amanda Malagari at amanda.malagari@maryland.gov.



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INSTRUCTIONS

We must receive your application no later than 11:59 p.m. on May 13, 2026. Please complete all information on this page by print or type. Return your completed application to Amanda Malagari at amanda.malagari@maryland.gov

*Fields with stars are required.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant Name (Last, First)*: _____ Phone*: _____

Email*: _____

Affiliation (NA if none)*: _____

What is the geographic focus of your work or fishing activity? (select all that apply)*

Chesapeake Bay Atlantic Coast

What is your area of expertise? (select all that apply)*

Commercial Fishing Recreational Fishing Science or Academia
Special Interest Group Management Other _____

Please provide a brief description of any past experience addressing adaptation and resilience in fisheries.*

Why are you interested in joining the workgroup?*

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Gender: _____

Age: 18-29 30-49 50-79 80+

Race (select all that apply):

American Indian or Alaska Native Asian Black or African American Hispanic or Latino
Pacific Islander or Native Hawaiian White Unknown/Decline to state