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Good morning, Mike,

I'm reaching out on behalf of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Committee on Economics and Social Sciences (CESS). The CESS steers the integration of socioeconomic data into fisheries management by guiding the Commission's Policy Board and the ACCSP in developing methodologies and sections within fishery management plans that reflect economic and social dimensions.

The CESS is composed of social and economic fisheries scientists from across the 15 states that the Commission represents. We aim to have one rep from each state and our most recent MA rep, Dan Georgiana has recently retired. He nominated you to take his place due to your years of experience on the NEFMC SSC. Normally, this position is officially appointed by the MA Commissioner so I've run your nomination by Dan McKiernan, and he has agreed that you would be a great fit for this role.

If you'd like to discuss more about what being on the CESS entails, you can find out more [here](#). We usually meet online 3-4 times a year and in terms of workload, the Commission mostly acts as an advisory board for the species management boards and occasionally has some larger project that are undertaken on a voluntary basis.

I'd be happy to chat more about this if you have any questions.

Best,  
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