

Governor Charlie Crist has nominated for the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council the individuals listed below for the at-large seat, held by **Julie Morris**:

1. Lawrence "Larry" Abele – Scientific/Other
2. Gary S. Colecchio – Charter Fishing
3. Martin Fisher – Commercial Fishing
4. Jerry M. Smalley – Recreational Fishing

Lawrence "Larry" Abele is provost and executive vice president for Academic Affairs at Florida State University. Dr. Abele is a professor of Biological Sciences and previously served as chairman of that department. He has a strong personal and professional interest in marine ecology including fisheries. Most of his professional work has involved extensive field research throughout the Gulf of Mexico, both near shore and offshore. Dr. Abele is a member of Crustacean Society and American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Gary S. Colecchio is the Southwest Florida Office Manager for Cardno TBE, Inc. Mr. Colecchio is a United States Coast Guard Master Mariner, fishing guide and conservationist. For over 32 years, he has made a career in coastal and environmental engineering, and water resources science in Florida. He is the Southwest Regional Director of the Florida Guides Association and a longtime member of the Coastal Conservation Association and National Association of Charterboat Operators.

Martin Fisher is owner of Rising Sun Fisheries, Inc., and owns, maintains and operates three Gulf commercial fishing vessels. He provides retail and wholesale fresh seafood products throughout Florida and the Gulf Coast. Mr. Fisher has developed a meaningful dialogue between the fishery council and the commercial fishing community.

Jerry M. Smalley is vice president and real estate developer of The Sofran Group. Mr. Smalley is an environmental person who believes that the main priority should be to preserve and protect our natural resources, especially our fisheries. He is an avid recreational fisherman and will work to protect the vital resources of Florida.

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