Section 1. Article nine of Erie County local law number one of nineteen hundred sixty, as amended, constituting the Erie county administrative code, is hereby amended to by adding thereto a new section 9.07 to read as follows:

9.07 Fisheries advisory board. There shall be within the department a fisheries advisory board, consisting of twelve members. The county executive shall make the appointments for eight positions, the chairman of the Erie county legislature shall make the appointment for one position, the enrolled members of each of the two political parties which have the greatest number of members seated in the Erie county legislature shall by majority vote make the appointment each for one position, and the Chairperson of the Legislature's Energy & Environment Committee shall make the appointment for one member, and all such appointments shall be subject to confirmation by the Erie county legislature. Members shall be appointed to terms of three years, except that of the members first appointed, four be appointed to terms expiring the thirty-first day of December nineteen hundred ninety-seven, four shall be appointed to terms expiring the thirty-first day of December nineteen hundred ninety-eight, and four shall be appointed to terms expiring the thirty-first day of December nineteen hundred ninety-nine. The chairman of the Erie county legislature shall make the appointment to designate one of the four members which next become vacant by expiration of the original term after approval of this local law, which shall then and thereafter be the position to be appointed by the chairman of the Erie county legislature, with the appointee serving for a term of three years. The members of the Erie county legislature shall make the appointments to designate the two members which next become vacant by expiration of the original term after approval of this local law, which shall then and thereafter be the positions to be appointed by the members of the Erie county legislature, with each appointee serving for a term of three years. The Chairperson of the Erie county Legislature's Energy & Environment Committee shall
make the appointment to designate the member which next becomes vacant by expiration of the original term after approval of this local law, which shall then and thereafter be the position to be appointed by the Chairperson of the Erie county Legislature’s Energy & Environment Committee, with the appointee serving for a term of three years. Members shall be residents of the county of Erie, and shall include representatives of sports and recreational fishing, and of the various fields of marine and aquatic sciences. The board shall advise the department on matters concerning protection, development and access to fisheries, upon related issues, and upon such additional matters as may be requested by the commissioner or by the county executive. No later than the first day of December in each year, the board shall deliver to the county executive an annual report summarizing the board's activities over the preceding twelve months.

Section 2. This local law shall take effect immediately.