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## GRAY'S REEF NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY - ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

### APRIL 30, 2019

UGA's Skidaway Institute of Oceanography, 10 Ocean Science Circle Savannah, Georgia 31411.  
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#### Agenda

(All times are subject to possible adjustment)

- 10:00 AM      **Advisory Council Business**
- Welcome, introductions and agenda review – Michael Denmark, Sanctuary Advisory Council (SAC) Chair; Becky Shortland, Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary (GRNMS) Acting Superintendent
  - GRNMS superintendent position update – Becky Shortland
  - New and outgoing members – Elliott Lam  
*Welcome new members and thank outgoing members. New members sign up for Advisory Council 101/review of roles and responsibilities of SAC members*
  - Approve October 2018 meeting summary (council action) – Michael Denmark
  - Recreational Fishing Working Group Chair selection (council action) – Michael Denmark
- 10:30 AM      **Follow up items from previous meetings:**
- Visitor Use
    - Dr. Danielle Schwarzmann, ONMS economist and Dr. Robert Burns, University of West Virginia (U WVA)  
*Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS) has contracted with U WVA to explore and evaluate new methodologies for clearer and accurate visitor use information. Dr. Schwarzmann and Dr. Burns and his U WVA team will present on that project.*
    - Matt Kendall, NOAA National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science (NCCOS)  
*The National Marine Sanctuaries Foundation has funded a project with NCCOS to develop geospatial mapping and story maps of GRNMS visitation and statistics.*
- 11:45 AM      **Follow up items from previous meetings (continued):**
- Status of seismic testing and offshore oil and gas exploration
  - Rapid MPR/SAC Action Plan – Elliott Lam  
*GRNMS staff share findings from the internal Rapid Management Plan Review and discuss how these findings may form the basis of the SAC Action Plan.*
- 12:30 PM      **Lunch Break**
- 1:00 PM      **Council Working Groups**
- Science Advisory Group – Dr. Peter Auster and Kim Roberson  
*The Science Advisory Group (a working group of the council) meets annually to review research and monitoring results and plan future projects. The group is meeting on April 29 and will report out to the council.*
  - Law Enforcement Working Group
  - Ecological Connectivity Working Group

- 2:00 PM      **Council Members' Report**
- NOAA Fisheries Report – Rick DeVictor
  - The Nature Conservancy's recreational angler engagement project – Bob Crimian
- 2:30 PM      **GRNMS Report**
- Soundscapes  
*A presentation of the project (Navy/SURTASS) to characterize soundscapes in sanctuaries with an emphasis on the acoustic monitoring plan for GRNMS – Jenni Stanley*
- 3:15 PM      Break
- 3:30 PM      **GRNMS Foundation update** – Luke Roberson, MATE Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) competition
- 3:45 PM      **Next meetings** (suggested webinar to review SAC Action Plan; in-person meeting late summer/early fall)
- 4:00 PM      **Public comment**
- 4:15 PM      **Adjourn**