



GRAY'S REEF NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY - ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING – AUGUST 19, 2015
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Agenda

(All times are subject to possible adjustment)

10:30 AM

Advisory Council Business

- Welcome, introductions and agenda review – Rick DeVictor, Sanctuary Advisory Council Chair; Sarah Fangman, Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary (GRNMS) Superintendent
- Approve May 2015 meeting summary (council action) – Rick DeVictor
- Advisory Council seats: recruitments and discussion of new seats (possible council action) – Becky Shortland, GRNMS Resource Protection Coordinator
Several seats are being recruited as of August 14 – K-12 education, sport fishing, conservation, charter/commercial fishing, non-living resources research; closing date for applications is September 30. The question of establishing new seats, including alternates, has also been raised and council discussion is requested on this point.
- National Sanctuary Advisory Council Summit – Becky Shortland
Each year the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries hosts a gathering of all sanctuary advisory council chairs in an effort to further ongoing communications and information exchange among advisory councils and with staff.
- Council working groups:
 - Ecological Connectivity Working Group – Sarah Fangman
This new working group will begin convening in the fall. The task of the working group will be discussed.
 - Law Enforcement Working Group
The Law Enforcement Working Group is scheduled to hold its annual meeting on September 29.
- Next meeting – Becky Shortland
Suggested for week of November 2 or 9 as a webinar; may feature a presentation on The Nature Conservancy's participatory mapping and ocean planning projects.

11:30 AM

Follow up from May BOEM presentation (possible council action) - Mary Conley
Following the presentation from the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's Dr. Brad Blythe on proposed oil and gas leasing, there was interest expressed by current and former council members for additional bottom mapping and questions about how priorities in BOEM's research program are developed. It was noted that bottom mapping is lower on that priority list or BOEM. The sanctuary advisory council may discuss a follow up action.

- 12:15 Noon Break for lunch
- 1:00 PM Council members' report
This session is a time for reporting on news of GRNMS interest and how members are reaching out to their constituents and/or being involved in other ways to support the sanctuary.
- Soundscape equipment – Jene Nissen and Scott Noakes
 - Dive charters – Warren Hupman
 - Outreach support – Michael Denmark
 - “A Fishy Affair” – Suzanne VanParreren
 - Other items?
 - Reflections on August 2014 Retreat – Sarah Fangman
 - Recognitions – Sarah Fangman and Rick DeVictor
- 2:00 PM Sanctuary report
- E&O/Communications plan – Sarah Fangman

 - Follow up report on leatherback incident – Jared Halonen
- 3:00 PM Break
- 3:15 PM Sanctuary report, continued
- The Not-Foster cruise – Peter Auster

 - Survey: social values of ecosystem services – Alison Scott
- 3:45 PM Gray's Reef NMS Foundation report – Chris Hines, Executive Director
- 4:15 PM Public comment
- 4:30 PM Adjourn