



GRAY'S REEF NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY - ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 4, 2018

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; Lisa Wooninck, Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary (GRNMS) Acting Superintendent
 - Approve July 2018 meeting summary (council action)
 - SAC seat vacancies in 2018-19
 - Appreciation for outgoing members
- 10:30 AM **Follow up items from previous meetings:**
- Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) and review *A brief update on the status of release of the PEIS.*
 - Post-hurricane assessment: GRNMS approach - Structural damage, silting, and water quality *At the request of SAC members, Florida Keys NMS Superintendent gave a presentation on post-hurricane Irma assessment and recovery. This item will be a follow up to the topic and discussion of a potential approach/plan for GRNMS.*
 - SAC Action Plan *The plan is a product of a 2017 SAC questionnaire and was intended to drive SAC activities now and in the future. This item is to briefly revisit the plan and seek guidance from SAC members.*
- 12:00 PM **Lunch Break AND group picture**
- 1:00 PM **Council Working Groups**
Regular updates on working group activities as needed
- Law Enforcement Working Group
 - Recreational Fishing Working Group
 - Visitor Use
- 1:30 PM **Council Members' Report**
- 1:45 PM **GRNMS Report**
- Annual Research Cruises *GRNMS staff will review activities from the annual research cruise. In addition, Dr. Peter Auster will show some highlights from his work with 360-degree virtual reality cameras from a separate cruise in the sanctuary.*
 - Acoustic monitoring (tentative) *Hydrophones have been deployed seasonally in GRNMS to capture natural & manmade sounds. This item is to report results.*
- 3:00 PM Break
- 3:15 PM **Foundation update**
- *A Fishy Affair*
- 3:30 PM **Next meetings –**
- Proposal to change meeting format and schedule *The SAC meetings have been two in-person meetings per year with two 2-hour webinars between each in-person meeting = 6 meetings per year. The webinars have been marginally successful in terms of engagement. This item is to discuss options.*
- 3:45 PM **Public comment**
- 4:00 PM **Adjourn**