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

NOVEMBER 9, 2015 VIA WEBINAR only – to register go to:

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### Agenda

(All times are subject to possible adjustment)

1:00 PM

#### Advisory Council Business

- Welcome, introductions and agenda review – Rick DeVactor, Sanctuary Advisory Council Chair; Sarah Fangman, Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary (GRNMS) Superintendent
- Approve August 2015 meeting summary (council action) – Rick DeVactor
- Membership subcommittee report (possible council action) – Mona Behl  
*The question of establishing new seats, including alternates, had been raised and discussed at the August meeting. A subcommittee to further explore options was created. The subcommittee met and developed recommendations for the council to consider.*
- BOEM Environmental Studies Plan letter – Mary Conley and Peter Auster
- National Sanctuary Advisory Council Summit – Becky Shortland  
*The summit has been scheduled for the week of January 10, 2016.*
- Council working groups:
  - Ecological Connectivity Working Group – Peter Auster  
*This working group convened on October 29, to begin gathering information on source areas that sustain or enhance the biodiversity of GRNMS.*
  - Law Enforcement Working Group  
*The Law Enforcement Working Group held its annual meeting on September 29. Outcomes will be discussed.*
- Next meeting – Becky Shortland  
*Suggested for February, in person, in conjunction with the annual Science Advisory Group (SAG) meeting.*

1:45 PM

#### Council Members' Report

- Speaker Corps – Michael Denmark
- U.S. Navy Atlantic Fleet Training and Testing – Jene Nissen
- Tennessee Aquarium Conservation Institute – Anna George
- NOAA Fisheries update – Rick DeVactor
- BOEM Committee on Ocean Energy Management – Peter Auster
- GRNMS information signs at boat ramps – Pat Geer

- Other

- 2:15 PM GRNMS Strategic Communications Plan – Sarah Fangman/Michelle Riley  
*This presentation and discussion, focused on the recreational fishing audience, is the second in a series of overviews of the plan.*
- 3:15 PM Break
- 3:30 PM The Nature Conservancy's ocean mapping project results – Mary Conley and Bob Crimian  
*Ocean mapping helps inform the community about where our natural resources are and who is using them. The Nature Conservancy's mapping project looks at migratory animals such as dolphins, whales and sea turtles, as well as our seagrasses and wetlands. It maps important coastal natural habitats and discovers what is living at the bottom of the ocean.*
- 4:15 PM Sanctuary and Foundation Report
- Photomosaic of Gray's Reef – Sarah Fangman
  - A Fishy Affair – Chris Hines
  - Gray's Reef Ocean Film Festival – Sarah Fangman and Chris Hines
  - Soundscape – Becky Shortland
  - Embark USS Dwight D. Eisenhower – Becky Shortland
  - Training opportunity: Planning & Facilitating Collaborative Processes – Sarah Fangman
- 4:45 PM Public Comment
- 5:00 PM Adjourn