



GRAY'S REEF NMS – ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING – NOVEMBER 16, 2012

Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Coastal Resources Division, Susan Shipman Education Building, One Conservation Way, Brunswick, GA 31520. Directions: <http://coastalqadnr.org/au/map>

Agenda

(All times are subject to possible adjustment)

- 10:00 AM Welcome, introductions and agenda review – Danny Gleason, Sanctuary Advisory Council Chair; George Sedberry, Sanctuary Superintendent
- 10:15 AM Council business – Danny Gleason
- Approve August 2012 meeting summary (Council action)
 - Council vice-chair and secretary (Council action)
 - Council members should be prepared to nominate and select a new vice-chair and secretary at this meeting.*
 - Council membership (Council action possible) – Venetia Butler
 - Since the August meeting, there have been discussions of adding a non-voting government seat for the U.S. Navy. Venetia Butler will make a recommendation from the executive committee (a.k.a. membership/charter subcommittee).*
 - Membership/charter Subcommittee*
 - Gray's Reef is currently advertising for the second citizen-at-large seat. Input is sought on the kinds of expertise the council may want to add through this seat.*
 - Council member biographies and photos for website: Due April 1, 2013 – George Sedberry
 - New ONMS policy is to provide biographies and photographs for all current advisory council members on the website. A good example to view can be found at <http://cordellbank.noaa.gov/council/members.html>*
 - Next meetings and meeting agenda – Becky Shortland
 - Jan/Feb – Skidaway (Savannah); overlap with Science Advisory Group*
- 11:00 AM Gray's Reef Draft Management Plan: Background and overview – George Sedberry
- Preparation for management plan revision (approximately every 5 years)
 - Engaged in review of the 2006 plan over past couple years including input from advisory council*
 - Condition report addendum*
 - Knowledge/attitudes/perceptions survey*
 - Scoping over the summer 2012; little involvement but topics included:*
 - *Weighted markers buoys*
 - *Lionfish*
 - *Public awareness*
 - *Continue marine debris prevention outreach*
 - *Expand GRNMS to include right whale critical habitat*
 - Draft action plans
 - Different approach – action-based v.s. program-based; more “user-friendly” document*
 - What do we want to achieve over the next 5-7 years?*
 - Weave research area action plans into new overall Gray's Reef plan*
 - Condition report as a foundation for Action Plan I*
 - Priorities (high, medium, low)*

- 11:15 AM Break
- 11:30 AM Gray's Reef Draft Management Plan, continued
 -Council members are asked to break into two groups for discussion of the action plans to provide advice and recommendations on the framework, format, content and priorities.
- Suggested group 1 (Action Plan I – Maintain or improve the condition of all sanctuary resources):
 Danny Gleason, Michael Denmark, Bill Cliett, Rick DeVictor, Mary Conley, Randy Rudd, Jason Holstead; staff Becky Shortland.
- Suggested group 2 (Action Plans II & III – Increase awareness of, and support for, Gray's Reef & Advance collaborative and coordinated management): Clark Alexander, Tim Goodale, Anna George, Warren Hupman, Venetia Butler, Doug Lewis; staff George Sedberry.
- 12:00 PM Break for lunch
- 1:45 PM Gray's Reef Draft Management Plan, continued
 -Council members will reconvene as a full group to report on discussions and recommendations.
- 2:45 PM Superintendent's report – George Sedberry
- o ONMS Campaign
 Update on the ONMS campaign to increase public awareness and support for national marine sanctuaries, including: the Sanctuaries Classic, a contest to encourage family activities in sanctuaries that ran through summer 2012 and is expected to run through next summer; the November 10 "fishing best practices" workshop; the 2012 National SAC Summit.
 - o ONMS Site Evaluation List update
 A letter of support for reactivation of the ONMS Site Evaluation List was sent to ONMS Director Dan Basta for transfer to NOAA and the Department of Commerce.
 - o Friends group for Gray's Reef
 - o Programs report – **Note: There will not be a programs report this quarter.**
- 3:15PM Law enforcement working group – Capt. Doug Lewis, LTJG Jason Holstead
 -Partner updates
- 3:30 PM Public comment
- 4:00 PM Adjourn