



## 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://coastalga.dnr.org/au/map>

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### 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	<p><u>Gray's Reef Draft Management Plan, continued</u>  <i>-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.</i></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><i><u>Suggested group 1</u> (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.</i></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><i><u>Suggested group 2</u> (Action Plans II &amp; III – Increase awareness of, and support for, Gray's Reef &amp; Advance collaborative and coordinated management): Clark Alexander, Tim Goodale, Anna George, Warren Hupman, Venetia Butler, Doug Lewis; staff George Sedberry.</i></p>
12:00 PM	Break for lunch
1:45 PM	<p><u>Gray's Reef Draft Management Plan, continued</u>  <i>-Council members will reconvene as a full group to report on discussions and recommendations.</i></p>
2:45 PM	<p><u>Superintendent's report</u> – George Sedberry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ONMS Campaign  <i>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.</i></li> <li>○ ONMS Site Evaluation List update  <i>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.</i></li> <li>○ Friends group for Gray's Reef</li> <li>○ Programs report – <i>Note: There will not be a programs report this quarter.</i></li> </ul>
3:15PM	<p><u>Law enforcement working group</u> – Capt. Doug Lewis, LTJG Jason Holstead  <i>-Partner updates</i></p>
3:30 PM	<u>Public comment</u>
4:00 PM	<u>Adjourn</u>