



GRAY'S REEF NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY - ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 12, 2019

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; Stan Rogers, Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary (GRNMS) (15 min.)
There are a number of introductions for new SAC and staff members (see list on p. 3).
- Approve April 2019 meeting summary (council action) – Michael Denmark (2 min.)
- 2020 SAC officers and update on vacant seats – Becky Shortland & Michael Denmark (3 min.)
- SAC Action Plan (council action) – Scott Noakes (35 min.)
Since the April 2019 SAC meeting a subcommittee of members has been working with staff to develop the 2020-2022 SAC Action Plan. The draft plan will be presented for discussion and possible approval.
- Diversity and inclusion – Mona Behl (15 min.)
The 2016 GRNMS SAC Charter was amended to include "GRNMS strives to make its advisory council diverse and inclusive, composed of members who are representative of the communities they represent." The proposed SAC Action Plan includes an activity directed to this intention.
- Special topic – diving at GRNMS – Joseph Glenn (45 min.)
- NOAA draft Science and Technology Focus Area Strategies – Scott Noakes (15 min.)

12:30 PM

Ongoing topic updates:

- Visitor Use - Dr. Matt Kendall, NOAA National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science (NCCOS)
Update on the National Marine Sanctuaries Foundation-funded project to develop geospatial mapping and story maps of GRNMS visitation and statistics. (15 min.)

12:45 PM

Lunch Break

GRNMS Sanctuary Advisory Council – 20 Years

The GRNMS Sanctuary Advisory Council was established in 1999. This will be a brief look back at the players and all the council has accomplished in 20 years.

- 1:30 PM **Council Working Groups**
- Recreational Fishing and TNC Angler Engagement – Bob Crimian (15 min.)
The Recreational Fishing Working Group (a working group of the council) was established to increase efforts to enhance our relationship and dialogue with recreational fishing interests. In addition, The Nature Conservancy received a grant from the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation to conduct an angler engagement project.
 - Law Enforcement – LT James Bruce, Capt. Chris Hodge, Ben Hughes (10 min.)
 - Upcoming working group meetings (law enforcement, science advisory, ecological connectivity) – Michael Denmark (5 min.)
- 2:00 PM **Council Members' Report**
- Mission Blue Hope Spot – Simona Perry (10 min.)
 - NOAA Fisheries Report – Rick DeVactor (10 min.)
 - Sea Grant Fellowship – Mona Behl (10 min.)
- 2:30 PM Break
- 2:45 PM **GRNMS Report**
- Superintendent's remarks – Stan Rogers (5 min.)
 - GRNMS Expo – Michelle Riley, GRNMS Communications & Outreach Coordinator (30 min)
 - Research Area Five-Year Report – Kim Roberson (15 min.)
- 3:35` PM **Foundation and Chapter update –**
- 3:45 PM **Next meetings –** spring and fall week windows
- 4:00 PM **Public comment**
- 4:15 PM **Adjourn**

Introductions:

- Stan Rogers, GRNMS Superintendent
- LT James Bruce (USCG SAC member replace Warren Fair)
- Kathy Knowlton, Fisheries Management & Programmatic Support, GA DNR, Coastal Resources Division (alternate to Carolyn Belcher)
- Capt. Chris Hodge, GADNR, GADNR Law Enforcement Division, replacing Capt. Bob Lynn
- Clayton Loudon, GRNMS Marine Operations Coordinator
- LTJG Justin Miyano, GRNMS NOAA Corps Officer replacing LT Marybeth Head
- Ben Prueitt, GRNMS Outreach and Social Media Coordinattor
- Kris Howard, GRNMS Georgia Sea Grant Fellow
- Alison Soss, GRNMS Geospatial Analyst
- Matt Kuzemchak, filling GRNMS Resource Protection Coordinator position into spring 2020, NOAA's Leadership Competency Development Program (LCDP)
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