



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL OCEAN SERVICE
Office of National Marine Sanctuaries
Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary
10 Ocean Science Circle
Savannah, Georgia 31411

September 20, 2021

Dear Friend of Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary:

We are currently accepting applications to fill five vacant seats on our sanctuary advisory council.

The Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council was established to ensure continued public participation in the management of the sanctuary. The volunteer advisory council was established in 1999 to provide recommendations about sanctuary management and operations to the sanctuary superintendent.

Enclosed is our sanctuary advisory council application kit, which includes an application form, information about council seat descriptions and expectations, and a copy of the council charter. Council members serve 3-year terms, except for Citizen-at-Large members, who serve 2-year terms. General information about the sanctuary is available at <https://graysreef.noaa.gov/>.

Please note that if you have been a federally registered lobbyist in the two-year period before your potential appointment date to the council, you will not be eligible to serve as a member of a sanctuary advisory council. If you have any questions about this restriction, contact Scott Kathey by phone at (912) 598-2381 or by email at scott.kathey@noaa.gov.

Completed applications should be submitted to Scott Kathey by email or by traditional mail sent to NOAA GRNMS, 10 Ocean Science Circle, Savannah, GA 31411 by November 3, 2021. Applications will first be reviewed by the Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council Executive Committee, which will make recommendations to the sanctuary superintendent. A primary candidate and an alternate will be chosen, and officially notified of their selection. Applicants who are not selected will also be notified of the final results.

If at any point after submitting your application, you determine you will not be able to serve on the council, please notify Scott Kathey at (912) 598-2381 and/or scott.kathey@noaa.gov. Also, feel free to contact Scott if you have any questions about the sanctuary, the council or the council member selection process.

Sincerely,

Stan Rogers
Superintendent
Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary
NOAA / National Ocean Service
Office of National Marine Sanctuaries

Enclosures:

Advisory Council Application Form

Advisory Council Open Seat Descriptions & Expectations 2021

Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council Charter