

**GRAY'S REEF NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY  
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING  
November 8, 2021, 10:00 AM - 12:55 PM**

Via GoToWebinar

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**Agenda**

(All times are subject to possible adjustment)

9:30 AM **Council Member Early Check-In to Test Connections, Video, and Audio**

10:00 AM **Remote Meeting Administration - Scott Kathey (5 min.)**

- Panelists - please make use of your webcam if possible.
- Panelists are requested to activate the mute function when not speaking, and will therefore need to turn off the mute function before speaking.
- Participants who are not panelists will be unable to share their webcam, will join in listen only mode, and should use the "Raise Hand" feature to indicate their desire to speak during the public comment segment of the agenda.
- Questions and comments can be submitted at any time in the chat box. They will be read aloud and addressed during the public comment segment of the agenda.
- No audio or video record of this meeting will be created.

10:05 AM **Advisory Council Business (15 min.)**

- Welcome, introductions and agenda review – Michael Denmark, Sanctuary Advisory Council (SAC) Chair
- Roll Call - Mona Behl, SAC Secretary
- Recognition of departing council members Suzanne VanParreren and Scott Noakes, and welcome to new USCG Alternate, Allison Rychtanek, Sea Grant Alternate, Graham Gaines, and Sapelo Island NERR Primary, Rachel Guy - Michael Denmark
- Receive member suggested edits to the August 2021 meeting summary – Michael Denmark

10:20 AM **GRNMS Advisory Council Officer Election (40 min.)**

- Rules & Procedures for election of officers (chair, vice-chair, & secretary) - Michael Denmark
  - Required quorum for voting - at least 10 voting and non-voting council members present.
  - Both voting and non-voting council members may nominate individuals for council officer positions, may vote during officer elections, and may serve as a council officer.
  - Primary members can nominate themselves for an office.
  - Alternates cannot be nominated for officer positions.
  - Alternates may nominate and vote during an election only when the alternate is filling the seat in the absence of the primary member.
  - Nominees should be available and willing to complete a 2-year term.
  - Members who will not be present at the time of the election may submit their vote in writing to the sanctuary superintendent prior to the meeting.

- Election for all positions is by majority vote of all primary council members (except sanctuary superintendents).
- New officers will begin their terms January 1, 2022.
- Officer nominations from the floor, if no written nominations are submitted for an officer position through Nov 5 - Michael Denmark
- Opportunity for nominees to address the council (3 minutes each)
- Secret ballot election - electronic voting instructions - Scott Kathey
  - Primary council members or their alternates vote (but not both)
  - Each member sends an email to [scott.kathey@noaa.gov](mailto:scott.kathey@noaa.gov) with a nominee's name for each officer position (e.g. Chair: Sandy Beeche, Vice Chair: Wyatt Shark, etc.)
  - Each member checks for an email reply confirming receipt of their vote

- 11:00 AM **Superintendent's Report - Stan Rogers (30 min.)**
- New GRNMS Advisory Council charter and final approved changes
  - SAC member recruitment update
  - Findings: Analysis of economic impacts of the 2011 Research Area designation
  - Visitor Center and new vessel updates
  - SAC member question & answer period
- 11:30 AM **Report of election results - Scott Kathey (5 min)**
- 11:35 AM **Break (30 min.)**
- 12:05 PM **2021 GRNMS Science Summary & Research Expeditions (15 min.) - Kim Roberson**
- SAC member question & answer period
- 12:20 PM **30x30 Subcommittee Report (10 min.)**
- Update on subcommittee deliberations
- 12:30 PM **Individual SAC Member Updates (10 min.)**
- Sea Grant report of new multi-state representation protocol
  - Fisheries update
  - Enforcement update
- 12:40 PM **Public Comment - Michael Denmark (5 min.)**
- 12:45 PM **Selection of Next SAC Meeting Date and Time - Michael Denmark (5 min.)**
- Recommended first week of February
- 12:50 PM **Closing Remarks - Michael Denmark (5 min.)**
- 12:55 PM **Adjourn**

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