

**GRAY'S REEF NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY  
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING  
Wednesday, October 26, 2022, 12:30 – 5:35 PM**

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**Agenda**

(All times are subject to possible adjustment)

**12:00 PM Council Member Early Check-In to Test Connections, Video, and Audio**

**12:30 AM Remote Meeting Administration – Scott Kathey [5 min]**

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**12:35 PM Advisory Council Administrative Business [40 min]**

- Welcome, introductions and agenda review – Peter Auster, Chair
- Roll Call & Quorum Determination – Lauren Stefaniak, Vice-Chair
- Recognition of departing council members Monique Gordon (K-12 Education), Bob Crimian (Conservation), LT James Bruce (USCG), Allison Rychtanek (USCG), and Graham Gaines (Sea Grant) – Auster
- Welcome to incoming council members Ralph Ainger (Citizen-At-Large), Hermina Glass-Hill (Conservation), Natalie Helbling (K-12 Education), Russell Kent (Conservation), Brock Woodson (Research\_Non-Living Resources), Shelley Krueger (Sea Grant), and LTJG Rachel Bair (USCG) - Auster
- COUNCIL ACTION – Edit & Approve March 24, 2022 Sanctuary Advisory Council (SAC) meeting summary by consensus – Auster/Stefaniak
- COUNCIL ACTION – Approve a quarterly SAC meeting schedule for 2023 by consensus – Auster/Stefaniak
- Notice of system-wide Advisory Council Chairs virtual meeting, November 9, 2022 – Auster
- Executive Committee call for nominees for SAC Executive Officer (a council officer position) in advance of a scheduled election at the next SAC meeting – Auster/Kathey
- Update on re-establishment of in-person SAC meetings in 2023 – Kathey
- Reminder that any SAC member can propose agenda items, and a brief review of the process for doing so – Kathey

- 1:15 PM Superintendent's Report – Stan Rogers [65 min]**  
*SAC member questions are welcome during presentation of the superintendent's report.*
- Emily Little hired as GRNMS Education & Outreach Coordinator in July
  - Outcome of October 15 “Ocean Discovery Center” dedication ceremony and subsequent open house events in downtown Savannah
  - New funding for GRNMS through the Inflation Reduction Act signed Aug 16, 2022
  - New GRNMS research vessel acquisition update
  - GRNMS FY2023 priorities
  - GRNMS scientific research/monitoring – new annual planning protocols
  - 2022 NOAA Ship NANCY FOSTER research expedition to GRNMS – outcomes
  - GRNMS Condition Report - update and timeline
  - GRNMS Management Plan Review update and timeline
  - GRNMS proposal to convert the SAC Fishing Industry seat to a Tourism seat & why
  - Update on “ONMS Likeness Agreement” revisions and relevance to SAC members
  - Reserved time for any final SAC member questions about the above items
- 2:20 PM Break [15 min]**
- 2:35 PM Letter re: ONMS Likeness/Copyright Release Form – Lauren Stefaniak [30 min]**
- Discussion and potential corporate modification of a draft council letter to NOAA’s Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS) regarding the current likeness/copyright release forms used by ONMS to secure permission from SAC members for use of their likeness and other personal information for public outreach purposes. The forms also include provisions regarding council member presentation of copyrighted materials during the course of SAC business.
  - COUNCIL ACTION – Motion and discussion to approve & send a final letter to ONMS Director John Armor regarding the current likeness/copyright release form used by ONMS for SAC-related business.
- 3:05 PM SAC Working Group & Subcommittee Administration [55 min]**
- Brief review of working group and subcommittee purposes and distinctions – Kathey
  - COUNCIL ACTION – Motion and discussion to formally disband the Law Enforcement Working Group since it currently has no actionable assignment from the SAC – Auster
  - 30X30 Working Group Update – Presentation of working group *terms of reference*, current membership, and next steps – Rick DeVictor, working group chair
  - Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) Subcommittee - Brief update on the status of the subcommittee; future SAC action to clarify subcommittee objectives, end products and timelines; and the need for additional subcommittee volunteers – Auster
- 4:00 PM 2023 SAC Priorities & Work Plan – Peter Auster [10 min]**
- Briefing on the need to develop SAC priority objectives for 2023 and the proposed process for development of an annual SAC work plan to pursue those priorities – Auster
- 4:10 PM Break [10 min]**
- 4:20 PM Public Comment and Potential SAC Member Discussion – Peter Auster [15 min]**
- 4:35 PM SAC Member Comments (primary members only) [55 min]**
- 3 minutes per member
  - Opportunity to comment on any item on this agenda, suggest future agenda topics, present ideas, share perspectives from member’s represented community or agency, etc..
- 5:30 PM Closing Remarks – Peter Auster [5 min]**
- 5:35 PM Adjourn**

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