

**GRAY'S REEF NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY  
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING (Webinar)  
Wednesday, January 11, 2023, 12:30 – 5:15 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 – Peter Auster, Chair [45 min]**

- Welcome and agenda review
- Roll Call & Quorum Determination – Scott Kathey
- COUNCIL ACTION – Edit & Approve October 26, 2022 Sanctuary Advisory Council (SAC) meeting summary by consensus
- COUNCIL ACTION – Amendment to 2023 SAC meeting schedule – SAC discussion and decision to assign virtual or in-person meeting formats to approved 2023 meeting dates
- COUNCIL ACTION – Nominations and voting (secret ballot) for SAC Executive Officer (a council officer position). Results will be reported as the last Administrative Business item.
- Report from nationwide Advisory Council Chairs virtual meeting held November 9, 2022
- Report of ONMS Director’s response to SAC letter of concern about Likeness & Copyright forms for use by SAC members
- 30X30 Working Group Update – Rick DeVictor
- COUNCIL ACTION - SAC logo – discussion & decision regarding SAC’s preferred process for developing/selecting a GRNMS advisory council logo

**1:20 PM COUNCIL ACTION – Discussion and potential SAC recommendation to convert the SAC Fishing Industry seat to a Tourism seat [20 min]**

GRNMS has recruited for the Charter/Commercial Fishing seat (re-defined as the Fishing Industry seat) three separate times since 2018 (Spring 2018, Summer 2020, Spring 2022) and, despite concerted outreach efforts, has received zero applications. The Ocean Discovery

Center provides a new opportunity to advance GRNMS and marine conservation messaging to the 14 million annual visitors to Savannah through collaborative efforts with tourism entities.

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| <b>1:40 PM</b> | <b>Superintendent's Report – Stan Rogers</b> [20 min]<br><i>SAC member questions are welcome during presentation of the superintendent's report.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Update on sanctuary conservation and management activities.</li></ul>   |
| <b>2:00 PM</b> | <b>Gray's Reef Nat'l Marine Sanctuary Foundation Update – Jody Patterson</b> [10 min]  |
| <b>2:10 PM</b> | <b>Break</b> [10 min]  |
| <b>2:20 PM</b> | <b>Mooring Buoys at GRNMS – Peter Auster/Michelle Taliercio</b> [30 min] <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Discussion and potential council recommendation regarding the general concept of installing and maintaining mooring buoys at GRNMS for public use.</li><li>○ COUNCIL ACTION – Possible SAC recommendation to the superintendent regarding concept of installation and maintenance of mooring buoys at GRNMS for public use.</li></ul> |
| <b>2:50 PM</b> | <b>Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) – Peter Auster</b> [20 min] <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Discussion – Ideas for engaging diverse communities in SAC objectives and activities.</li></ul>  |
| <b>3:10 PM</b> | <b>Citizen Science at GRNMS – Peter Auster</b> [20 min] <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Discussion – Opportunities to engage with citizen science focused on GRNMS.</li></ul>  |
| <b>3:30 PM</b> | <b>Break</b> [10 min]  |
| <b>3:40 PM</b> | <b>2023 SAC Priorities – Peter Auster</b> [20 min] <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Discussion of 2023 topics of interest/concern to SAC constituents/partner agencies regarding GRNMS or regional marine issues related to sanctuary management goals.</li></ul>   |
| <b>4:00 PM</b> | <b>Public Comment and Potential SAC Member Discussion – Peter Auster</b> [15 min]  |
| <b>4:15 PM</b> | <b>SAC Member Comments (primary members only)</b> [55 min] <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ 3 minutes per member</li><li>○ 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..</li></ul>  |
| <b>5:10 PM</b> | <b>Closing Remarks – Peter Auster</b> [5 min]  |
| <b>5:15 PM</b> | <b>Adjourn</b>   |

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