

GRAY'S REEF NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Ocean Discovery Center
340 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Savannah, Georgia
Wednesday, October 18, 2023, 10:00 AM – 4:40 PM

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

10:00 AM Remote Meeting Protocols Review – Scott Kathey [5 min]

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ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

10:05 AM Administrative Items – Lauren Stefaniak, Vice Chair [40 min]

- Welcome and agenda review
- Roll Call & Quorum Determination – Russell Kent, Executive Officer
- **COUNCIL ACTION** – Edit & Approve July 18, 2023 Sanctuary Advisory Council (SAC) meeting summary by general consent.
- **COUNCIL ACTION** – Edit & Approve Sanctuary Advisory Council (SAC) 2024 quarterly meeting dates by general consent.
- **COUNCIL ACTION** - Advisory Council Chair and Vice Chair elections.
- Update: Recruitment for Living Resources Research seat on the SAC

REPORTS

10:45 AM 30 X 30 Subcommittee Update – Rick DeVictor [10 min]

10:55 AM **Briefing: Atlantic Fleet Training and Testing (AFTT) Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS) 4th Phase – Jaime Gormley (US Fleet Forces Command, United States Navy)** **[45 min]**

- Presentation on proposed future US Navy training and testing activities in the Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico and applicability to GRNMS.
- An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) evaluates potential impacts and alternatives of a proposed activity to aid decisionmakers in project planning and execution.

11:40 AM **National SAC Chairs Summit De-brief – Scott Kathey** **[15 min]**

11:55 AM **Superintendent’s Report – Stan Rogers** **[45 min]**
SAC member questions are welcome during presentation of the superintendent’s report.

- Update on sanctuary conservation and management activities.

12:40 PM **LUNCH BREAK** **[90 min]**

OLD BUSINESS

2:10 PM **COUNCIL ACTION: MOTION to form a SAC Public Engagement Subcommittee or Working Group to develop an engagement strategy to advance public awareness of and connection to GNRMS through their SAC representative, implement at least one activity during CY2024, and report to the SAC on outcomes and future strategy.** **[20 min]**

- Selection of sub-unit chair by SAC chair, solicitation for members, and charge to develop “terms of reference” for subsequent approval by the SAC.

2:30 PM **COUNCIL ACTION: MOTION to form a Citizen Science Subcommittee or Working Group to investigate citizen science opportunities within GRNMS and submit findings and recommendations to the SAC.** **[20 min]**

- Selection of sub-unit chair by SAC chair, solicitation for members, and charge to develop “terms of reference” for subsequent approval by the SAC.

2:50 PM **COUNCIL ACTION: MOTION to form a Synergy Working Group to explore effective means of collaboration among the SAC, sanctuary, and GRNMS Foundation Chapter for the purpose of building synergistic support for sanctuary programs and needs.** **[20 min]**

- Selection of sub-unit chair by SAC chair, solicitation for members, and charge to develop “terms of reference” for subsequent approval by the SAC.

NEW BUSINESS

3:10 PM **GRNMS Advisory Council Charter - Mid-Cycle Amendments** **[10 min]**

- Convert Fishing Industry seat to Tourism seat
- Remove “Living Resource” and “Non-Living Resource” distinctions from SAC research seats
- Revise SAC member meeting attendance standards to address virtual participation
- Any changes proposed by SAC members and submitted to the chair by January 1, 2024.

3:20 PM **Public Comment and Potential SAC Member Dialogue** **[15 min]**

3:35 PM **SAC Member Comments (primary members only)** **[60 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.

4:35 PM **Closing Remarks – Lauren Stefaniak** **[5 min]**

4:40 PM **Adjourn**

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