



GRAY'S REEF NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING – FEBRUARY 27, 2014

Skidaway Institute of Oceanography, 10 Ocean Science Circle Savannah, Georgia 31411, Library Auditorium.
Directions: <http://www.skio.usg.edu/?p=aboutus/geninfo/directions>

Agenda

(All times are subject to possible adjustment)

10:00 AM Welcome, introductions and agenda review – Rick DeVactor, Sanctuary Advisory Council Chair; George Sedberry, Acting Sanctuary Superintendent

Approve December 2013 meeting summaries (council action)
Select Science Advisory Group Chair (council action)

10:15 AM Listening to our Sanctuaries: Understanding and Reducing the Impacts of Underwater Noise in 14 Special Places – Dr. Leila Hatch, Marine Ecologist, ONMS Stellwagen Bank NMS

This presentation will discuss NOAA's interest in broadening the agency's management goals and actions to address the conservation of acoustic habitat quality in addition to the minimization of adverse physical and behavioral impacts to specific species. Preliminary thoughts on ocean noise issues most pertinent to Gray's Reef will be offered to spur further discussion with the site's Sanctuary Advisory Council and Science Advisory Group.

12:00 Noon Lunch break

12:30 PM GRNMS draft management plan and proposed rule – Becky Shortland
This will be a brief report regarding public comment on the proposed new management plan and rule, and next steps.

12:45 PM Science Advisory Group Report – Peter Auster, working group chair, Sarah Fangman
This will be a report on science activities over the past year with emphasis on results from the Research Area.

2:00 PM Education & Outreach Assessment Working Group Report – Amy Rath

2:30 PM Law Enforcement Working Group Report – Capt. Doug Lewis, LT Mike Mastrianni

2:45 PM Superintendent's report – George Sedberry
o GRNMS budget, personnel & facilities update

- Resource protection
 - Proposed loggerhead sea turtle critical habitat
- ONMS Business Advisory Council - ONMS has created the Sanctuary System Business Advisory Council (BAC), the first ever program-focused advisory council. The BAC was created to provide advice and recommendations to the Director regarding the relationship of the ONMS with the ocean business community.
<http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/management/bac/welcome.html>

- SAFMC update - R. DeVactor

4:00 PM

Public Comment

4:15 PM

Next meeting (May/June?) and meeting agenda – Becky Shortland
-National Marine Sanctuaries Act and consultation provisions
-Possible September retreat

4:30 PM

Adjourn