



GRAY'S REEF NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY - ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 3, 2016

UGA's Skidaway Institute of Oceanography, 10 Ocean Science Circle Savannah, Georgia 31411.
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Agenda

(All times are subject to possible adjustment)

10:00 AM **Advisory Council Business**

- Welcome, introductions and agenda review – Rick DeVictor, Sanctuary Advisory Council Chair; Sarah Fangman, Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary (GRNMS) Superintendent
- Approve November 2015 meeting summaries (council action) – Rick DeVictor
- GRNMS Sanctuary Advisory Council Charter – Becky Shortland
The Charter was revised in 2011 for five years and should be reviewed and revised as needed in 2016.
- Sanctuary Advisory Council officers (council action) – Rick DeVictor
Council members will appoint/reappoint the Chair, Vice-chair and Secretary
- Special recognition – Rick DeVictor and Sarah Fangman
- National Sanctuary Advisory Council Summit – Rick DeVictor and Becky Shortland
A report of the high points from the annual National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council Summit held January 12-14 in Annapolis, MD.

10:50 PM Council Members' Report

- Artificial Reefs: A comparison of food production methods in the US and a proposal for investment in the future of seafood – Tim Tarver
GRNMS is facilitating this discussion on artificial reefs in Georgia at the request of Sanctuary Advisory Council member Tim Tarver. It should be noted that by facilitating this discussion, GRNMS is not endorsing any position relative to artificial reefs, nor considering adding artificial reefs within GRNMS.
- GRNMS 101 – Michael Denmark
Michael will present the generic GRNMS PowerPoint for use by a corps of trained volunteer speakers.

12:15 PM **Lunch Break**

1:00 PM Council Members' Report, continued

- Use of descending devices for catch and release – Warren Hupman, Steve Gittings
Warren will demonstrate use of this device that aids survival of reef fishes caught and in need of release. Steve Gittings will show pictures of another device being used.

1:30 PM Council working groups:

- Ecological Connectivity Working Group – Peter Auster
An update on the working group's activities

- Science Advisory Group – Peter Auster
The Science Advisory Group met on March 2. This report will recap the highlights of this annual meeting.
- Law Enforcement Working Group – Sgt. Mark Carson, LT David Clifford, Becky Shortland
Working group members report on activities from the past quarter with a focus on visitor use information.
- New working groups – Sarah Fangman
A subcommittee to further explore options to increase engagement was created and reported during the November 2015 webinar. GRNMS staff agreed to further explore the purposes and possible “terms of reference” for recreational fishing, conservation and education/outreach working groups. Staff will report on their progress to date.

2:45 PM Break

- 3:00 PM Council Members' Report, continued
- NOAA Fisheries Service Report – Rick DeVictor
 - National Fishing Seminar – Kevin Mitchell
 - Sapelo Island NERR – 40th Anniversary

- 3:15 PM **GRNMS Report**
- Foundation update – Chris Hines
 - ONMS Leadership Team meeting in Savannah – Sarah Fangman
 - Resource Protection Program evaluation – Becky Shortland
 - Council member support – Michelle Riley
 - Hydrophone results – Becky Shortland
 - GRNMS Volunteer of the Year – Sarah Fangman

3:45 PM GRNMS Strategic Communications Plan – Michelle Riley
This presentation and discussion, focused on the audience defined as the Savannah Community, is the third in a series of overviews of the plan.

4:15 PM Next meeting – Becky Shortland
Suggest two 2-hour webinars between now and summer (late April and end of June?); topics could include fishery management policy and science; the next strategic communications plan audience; various working group updates and council members' reports; other topics that arise during this meeting.

4:20 PM **Public comment**

4:30 PM **Adjourn**