



GRAY'S REEF NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY - ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING AND RETREAT – AUGUST 25-27, 2014 - Palm Key, Ridgeland, South Carolina <http://www.palmkey.com/>

Monday, August 25

- 6:00 PM Dinner and opening session
- Welcome from Palm Key – Judy Rigg

Tuesday, August 26

- 8:00 AM Breakfast

(All times are subject to possible adjustment)

9:00 AM Sanctuary Advisory Council Public Meeting

- Welcome, introductions and agenda review – Rick DeVictor, Sanctuary Advisory Council Chair; Sarah Fangman, Superintendent

9:15 AM Advisory Council Business – Rick DeVictor

- Approve May 2014 meeting summary (council action)
- Advisory council seat availability
- National sanctuary advisory council meeting
The 2014 National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council Summit was held in Galveston, Texas, June 2-4. Advisory Council Chair Rick DeVictor attended and will give an overview of the meeting and council actions.
- “Call to Action” (council action)
Council members are asked to review the “Call to Action” for discussion and possible vote. Background - Building on discussions at and progress since the 2012 National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council Summit, advisory council representatives and Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee members convened to craft a joint statement on the value of marine protected areas to recreation, tourism and coastal communities. The statement reflects a collective commitment to ensure proactive management of growing ocean recreation in these special places in order to sustain the natural and cultural assets that we treasure.

10:00 AM Sanctuary Report

- Special recognitions - Sarah Fangman
- Education and outreach projects – Jody Patterson and Amy Rath
- “Rover” development and testing – Todd Recicar
- 2014 research area monitoring and glider study – Sarah Fangman
- Sanctuary soundscapes and noise monitoring update – Becky Shortland and Scott Noakes
- Gray's Reef Foundation chapter – Sarah Fangman

- 10:30 AM Break
- 10:45 AM Sanctuary Report, continued
- 11:45 AM Public Comment – Rick DeVictor
- 12:00 Noon Adjourn Public Meeting - Lunch
- 1:00 PM Sanctuary Advisory Council Retreat – Sarah Fangman
- Review agenda and objectives
 - A word from the superintendent
- 1:30 PM Advisory Council and the GRNMS Revised Management Plan
- Quick review of the new management plan and regulations – Becky Shortland
 - Outcomes of the priority setting workshop – Mary Conley, Emily Kroutil, Scott Noakes; Amy Rath facilitator, Jody Patterson recorder
 - Setting the context for break out groups – Sarah Fangman
- 2:00 PM Break Out Groups – Brainstorming
- Session Objective: Exploration by SAC members in developing a framework for the establishment of working groups in order to provide guidance as Gray's Reef moves forward in each of these three areas:*
- Group One – Evaluating GRNMS current programs and identifying program gaps in light of the new management plan – Amy Rath facilitator, Debbie Meeks recorder; [Anna George](#), [Scott Noakes](#), [Christine Laporte](#), [Al Samuels](#), [Suzanne VanParreren](#)
 - Group Two – Identifying and evaluating the skills, knowledge and technical support required to effectively implement the management plan – Sarah Fangman facilitator, Jared Halonen recorder; [Michael Denmark](#), [Randy Rudd](#), [Emily Kroutil](#), [Pat Geer](#)
 - Group Three – Identification of priority areas with biophysical connectivity to GRNMS for consideration of further protection – Becky Shortland facilitator; Todd Recicar recorder; [Rick DeVictor](#), [Peter Auster](#), [Jene Nissen](#), [Mike Matrianni](#), [Mary Conley](#)
- 3:45 PM Wrap up from Day 1
(Note: break out groups prepare reports for 9AM Wednesday as needed (e.g., over dinner, breakfast, during evening).
- 4:00 PM Adjourn for the day
- 4:30 PM Recreation
- 7:30 PM Dinner

Wednesday, August 27

8:00 AM Breakfast

9:00 AM Break Out Group Presentations/Discussion

9:45 AM Future of the Sanctuary Advisory Council

- Reflecting on 15 years of GRNMS advisory council – Becky Shortland
- Roles and responsibilities: How are you changing with us?
- How we can support you?

Breakout and report back

- Group One – Jared Halonen facilitator, Debbie Meeks/Sarah Fangman recorder; Rick DeVictor, Scott Noakes, Christine Laporte, Suzanne VanParreren, Mike Mastriani
- Group Two – Jody Patterson facilitator, Amy Rath recorder; Anna George, Mary Conley, Randy Rudd, Peter Auster, Al Samuels
- Group Three – Todd Recicar facilitator, Becky Shortland recorder; Michael Denmark, Emily Kroutil, Pat Geer, Jene Nissen.

11:30 AM Next steps

12:00 Noon Adjourn retreat and Lunch