



GRAY'S REEF NMS – ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING – DECEMBER 10, 2013

Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary, 10 Ocean Science Circle Savannah, Georgia 31411, Conference Room.
Directions: <http://graysreef.noaa.gov/contact/directions/welcome.html>

(Webinar and conference call for those who are unable to travel to the meeting without reimbursement)

Agenda

(All times are subject to possible adjustment)

- 1:00 PM Welcome, introductions and agenda review – Danny Gleason, Sanctuary Advisory Council Chair; George Sedberry, Acting Sanctuary Superintendent
- 1:15 PM Council business – Danny Gleason
- Approve June and July 2013 meeting summaries (council action)
 - Membership and election of officers (council action)
 - UGA vendor applications – Becky Shortland
<https://webapps.ais.uga.edu/UVDB-VP/home.seam>
 - Next meeting and meeting agenda – Becky Shortland
 - Science Advisory Group annual meeting
 - Public involvement by webinar and conference call
- 1:45 PM U.S. Navy Atlantic Fleet Training & Testing (AFTT) – Jene Nissen
The AFTT 2014-2019 program has been finalized. The plans incorporated some, but not all, sanctuary recommendations. This presentation will provide an overview of Navy AFTT activities - the "what" "why" and impact analyses - for the next five years. Future council meetings can provide more information and ongoing dialogue. (A link to the NOAA announcement concerning marine mammal protections can be found at: http://www.noaanews.noaa.gov/stories2013/20131114_mmpa.html.)
- 2:30 PM GRNMS draft management plan and proposed rule – Becky Shortland
This will be a brief announcement of the status of the proposed new management plan and rule.
- 2:45 PM Education & Outreach Assessment Working Group Report – George Sedberry
The council established a working group in February 2012 to assess GRNMS outreach and education programming to coincide with the draft management plan (see attached management plan excerpt). Tim Goodale was asked to chair the working group. Some discussion between Tim, council member Emily Kroutil and staff has occurred. This presentation is meant to help initiate this task with a presentation from staff on the purpose of the assessment and existing programs. Council discussion is encouraged along with suggestions for working group members.

- 3:30 PM Law Enforcement Working Group Report – Capt. Doug Lewis, Al Samuels, LTJG Jason Holstead
Outcomes from the annual Law Enforcement Working Group meeting held earlier in the day will be reported.
- 3:45 PM Superintendent's report – George Sedberry
- Resource protection
 - Status of the right whale ship strike rule
 - Proposed loggerhead sea turtle critical habitat
 - GRNMS marine operations
 - ONMS activities
 - SAFMC update (with R. DeVictor)
 - GRNMS budget, personnel & facilities update
- 4:15 PM Public Comment
- 4:30 PM Adjourn