

## Advisory Council Seeks Education, Research and Citizen-at-large Representatives

NOAA's Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary is seeking applicants for three seats on its advisory council representing the K-12 education and non-living resources research communities and one citizen-at-large. The [advisory council](#) ensures public input in sanctuary management and provides advice to the sanctuary superintendent.

Candidates will be selected based on their [expertise and experience](#) in relation to the seat for which they are applying, community and professional affiliations, and familiarity with the protection and management of marine resources. Applicants who are chosen for the K-12 education and non-living resources research seats should expect to serve three-year terms. The applicant selected for the citizen-at-large seat should expect to serve a two-year term.



Applications for advisory council seats are due **November 30, 2012**. To receive an application kit, or for further information please contact council coordinator Becky Shortland via e-mail at [becky.shortland@noaa.gov](mailto:becky.shortland@noaa.gov), by phone at 912-598-2381, or by mail at 10 Ocean Science Circle, Savannah, GA 31411.

Designated in 1981, Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary is one of the largest near-shore live-bottom reefs off the southeastern United States, encompassing approximately 22 square miles. The live bottom and ledge habitat support an abundant reef fish and invertebrate community. Loggerhead sea turtles, a threatened species, also use Gray's Reef year-round for foraging and resting, and highly endangered North Atlantic right whales are occasionally seen in the sanctuary.