



Public involvement is a critical element in sanctuary management planning and the realization of sanctuary goals. Sanctuary Advisory Council meetings are unique opportunities for the general public and stakeholders to learn more about the sanctuary, as well as to contribute to the discussions.

Join us for the next Gray's Reef Sanctuary Advisory Council meeting, January 11, 2012, from 10 AM until 4 PM, in the University of Georgia Marine Education Center & Aquarium dining hall. (On the Skidaway campus, Savannah, Georgia; for directions see <http://www.marex.uga.edu/aquarium/MaptoMECA.html>)

During the morning, a panel of scientists will be presenting results of their investigations in the sanctuary and the recently-designated research area. The condition of sanctuary resources – fish, invertebrates and habitat - provides a means to assess our progress toward goals of the sanctuary management plan.

For an agenda or for more details about the meeting, go to the Gray's Reef NMS website: <http://graysreef.noaa.gov/welcome.html> or contact Council Coordinator Becky Shortland (becky.shortland@noaa.gov, 912-598-2381).

Agenda

(All times are subject to possible adjustment)

- 10:00 AM **Welcome, introductions and agenda review** – Danny Gleason, Sanctuary Advisory Council Chair; George Sedberry, Superintendent Gray's Reef NMS
- 10:15 AM **Science Advisory Group report**
- Introduction – Clark Alexander, Group Chair
 - Condition report “addendum” – Steve Gittings, National Science Coordinator ONMS
 - Research area “time zero” data, presentations - Greg McFall, facilitator
 - o Peter Auster, Department of Marine Sciences, University of Connecticut – piscivore ecology
 - o Danny Gleason, Department of Biology, Georgia Southern University – invertebrate assessments

- George Sedberry - habitat mapping
 - Todd Kellison, NOAA Fisheries Service, SEFSC (Beaufort Lab) – fish censuses
 - Greg McFall – algal survey
 - Scott Noakes, University of Georgia, Center for Applied Isotope Studies – CO₂ monitoring
- Research area research and monitoring action plan – Greg McFall

12:30 PM

Break for lunch

1:00 PM

Law Enforcement Working Group report – Capt. Doug Lewis, LT Brandon Fisher

- Research area outreach – Gail Krueger
- Partner updates

1:15 PM

Management plan revision – George Sedberry

- Vision, site goals and objectives
- Timeline update

1:30 PM

Conservation Working Group report – Mary Conley

- Weighted marker buoys in Gray’s Reef

2:00 PM

Council business – Danny Gleason

- Approve October 2011 meeting summary
- Membership Charter Subcommittee report – Danny Gleason (for Venetia Butler)
 - Youth seat recommendations
 - U.S. Navy
- Council vice chair and secretary (discussion)
- Action Items from past meetings
- Programs report and discussion
- Next meeting – April

3:30 PM

Public comment

4:00 PM

Adjourn

