

GRAY'S REEF NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Ocean Discovery Center
340 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Savannah, Georgia
Tuesday, July 18, 2023, 10:00 AM – 5:10 PM

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MEETING ADMINISTRATION

9:30 AM Council Member Early Check-In to Test Connections, Video, and Audio

- 10:00 AM Remote Meeting Protocols Review – Scott Kathey [5 min]**
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ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

- 10:05 AM Advisory Council Administrative Business – Peter Auster, Chair [30 min]**
- Welcome and agenda review
 - Roll Call & Quorum Determination – Russell Kent, Executive Officer
 - **COUNCIL ACTION** – Edit & Approve April 12, 2023 Sanctuary Advisory Council (SAC) meeting summary by consensus.
 - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion principles incorporated into past and ongoing actions within the council – Chair comments
 - Recognition of Peter Auster’s 9 years of service on the GRNMS Advisory Council – Stan Rogers, Superintendent
 - Call for nominations for Advisory Council Chair. Election to be held at October meeting.

REPORTS

- 10:35 AM Report of Findings: Socioeconomic Assessments of GRNMS – Danielle Schwarzmann and Giselle Samonte (Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, NOAA) [60 min]**
- Public Knowledge, Attitudes, and Perceptions Survey (KAPS) about GRNMS + 10 min Q&A
 - Consumptive and Non-consumptive uses in GRNMS + 10 min Q&A
 - Planned UGA socio-economic study to support GRNMS management plan review + 5 min Q&A.
- 11:35 AM Conversation with the Director, Gray’s Reef Chapter of the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation – Jody Patterson [45 min]**
- A presentation by the foundation chapter director on the chapter’s goals and objectives followed by Q&A and a discussion about potential coordination/collaboration between the chapter and the advisory council.
- 12:20 PM LUNCH BREAK [90 min]**

OLD BUSINESS

- 1:50 PM Citizen Science - Julia Byrd, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council [60 min]**
Presentation – Fundamental elements of a citizen science program (Citizen Science 101)
- 2:50 PM Enhancing Public Engagement with the SAC and GRNMS [15 min]**
Brainstorming session about ideas to promote enhanced public engagement in sanctuary conservation and stewardship.
- 3:05 PM COUNCIL ACTION - Determine 2023/2024 SAC Priorities [45 min]**
The following suggested actions will be considered for approval as SAC priorities over the next 18 months:
- Investigate citizen science opportunities within GRNMS and make recommendations
 - Explore effective collaboration between the SAC and GRNMS Foundation Chapter to build synergistic support for sanctuary programs and needs
 - Provide recommendations to NOAA regarding the President’s 30X30 conservation initiative
 - Conduct a pilot *Get Into Your Sanctuary* community meeting with a specific SAC constituency group to enhance public awareness of and connection to GRNMS through their SAC representatives.
- 3:50 PM BREAK [15 min]**

NEW BUSINESS

- 4:05 PM Public Comment and Potential SAC Member Dialogue [15 min]**
- 4:20 PM SAC Member Comments (primary members only) [45 min]**
- 3 minutes per member
 - Opportunity to comment on any item on this agenda, suggest future agenda topics, present ideas, share perspectives from member’s represented community or agency, etc.
- 5:05 PM Closing Remarks – Peter Auster [5 min]**
- 5:10 PM Adjourn**

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