



NOAA's Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary Seeks Advisory Council Applicants

NOAA's Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary is seeking applicants for four seats on its advisory council representing conservation, university education, charter/commercial fishing and citizen-at-large. The council ensures public participation 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 conservation, university education, and charter/commercial fishing seats should expect to serve three-year terms, pursuant to the council's charter. The applicant chosen for the citizen-at-large seat should expect to serve a two-year term.

- Conservation candidates should have demonstrated experience representing and / or working with conservation / environmental organizations, and interest in environmental or coastal / marine conservation advocacy. Candidates should also have the ability and willingness to conduct sanctuary outreach to other conservation/environmental organizations and the broader community of conservationists/environmentalists.
- Citizen-at-Large candidates should have experience and / or knowledge related to sanctuary uses, science, public awareness or marine / coastal natural resource and management issues. In addition, candidates should have the ability and willingness to conduct sanctuary outreach to the general public or specific constituent groups in the sanctuary region.
- Charter/Commercial Fishing candidates should have knowledge of fishing (commercial, charter, or both) activities and familiarity with fishing organizations within the sanctuary region; and experience and knowledge related to fisheries law, policies, and practices affecting the sanctuary. In addition, candidates should have the ability and willingness to conduct sanctuary outreach to other organizations and individuals from the fishing (commercial, charter, or both) industries.
- University Education candidates should have experience with marine education programs at the college and university level and an appointment with higher education institutions or organizations. In addition, candidates should have the ability and willingness to conduct sanctuary outreach to other higher education institutions, organizations, and individuals;

All candidates should have the availability of time to serve as a sanctuary advisory council member and participate in council subcommittees or working groups.

Applications for the advisory council seat are due December 2, 2011. To receive an application kit, or for further information please contact council coordinator Becky Shortland via e-mail at becky.shortland@noaa.gov, by phone at 912-598-2381, or by mail at 10 Ocean Science Circle, Savannah, GA 31411.