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To Potential Sanctuary Advisory Council Applicants,

NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries is seeking to fill 10 community voting seats and a non-voting Youth Seat, each having a member and alternate, for the Monitor National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council. We are currently accepting applications to fill the following seats for both member and alternate:

- Maritime History and Archaeological Science
- Heritage Tourism (NC)
- Heritage Tourism (VA)
- Education (K-12)
- Education (Higher)
- Cultural Engagement
- Recreational/Commercial Fishing
- Recreational Diving Seat
- Ecological Sciences
- Military Community
- Youth Seat

Applications are due **January 30, 2024**.

The Monitor National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council was established pursuant to Federal Law to ensure public input to help sanctuary management.

Per the charter, voting members and alternates are appointed for a term of three years, and may compete for reappointment. If necessary, terms of appointment may be changed to provide for staggered expiration dates or member resignation during the middle of their term.

Please note that if you have been a federally registered lobbyist in the two-year period before your potential appointment date to the council, you may not be eligible to serve as a member of a sanctuary advisory council.

Send completed applications by USPS, postmarked by January 30th to: Jessica Frayser, Sanctuary Advisory Council Coordinator; NOAA, 100 Museum Drive, Newport News, VA 23606; or send by fax to 757-591-7353. If you have any questions, you may contact Jessica.Frayser@noaa.gov.

All applicants will be notified once decisions have been made regarding appointments for the positions to be filled. If at any point you have a change in circumstance that will prevent you from serving on the council, please contact Jessica Frayser at Jessica.Frayser@noaa.gov or 757-876-5470.

Sincerely,

Sammy Orlando
Sanctuary Superintendent