

MONITOR NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

2015 Sanctuary Advisory Council Recruitment Member Expectations and Requirements

NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries regards the involvement of communities and the development of a stewardship ethic as vitally important to successfully conserve sanctuary resources. An important way to achieve this involvement is through the operation of a Sanctuary Advisory Council. Advisory Council members serve as ambassadors between the Sanctuary staff and the various communities and users adjacent to its boundary. They actively engage their constituencies and work with Sanctuary staff to resolve issues and concerns. As such, we are looking for highly motivated people who are able and willing to volunteer their time to help us reach out and work constructively with the diverse interests, users and communities that have a stake in the resources of the Monitor National Marine Sanctuary.

General Commitment / Expectations:

- 1) Sanctuary Advisory Council members serve two-year terms as volunteers to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and are not paid.
- 2) Council members are expected to attend regularly scheduled Advisory Council meetings, either in-person or by phone. Alternates are expected to attend when the primary member cannot do so. Meetings are held three to four times each year and are agreed upon by the Council members in advance of each year. The meetings usually last approximately 4 to 6 hours during the day (10:00 am to 3:00 pm is a common schedule). Additional meetings may be scheduled as needed. Meetings are held in Newport News, Virginia and on the Outer Banks of North Carolina. Meeting dates remaining in 2015 are scheduled for:
 - Thursday, July 9, 2015: Kill Devil Hills, NC
 - Thursday, November 5, 2015: Newport News, VA
- 3) Sanctuary Advisory Council representatives are expected to actively reach out and communicate to the various constituencies associated with their seat. This includes communicating Sanctuary issues and policies to constituents and bringing issues, questions, and concerns to the attention of the Advisory Council and Sanctuary staff.

Specific Requirements for Open Seats:

Recreational / Commercial Fishing:

- Knowledge of and/or experience with commercial or recreational fishing within the Sanctuary's region;
- Knowledge of and/or experience with various commercial or recreational fishing activities, organizations, and business in the Sanctuary's region;
- Knowledge of the laws, policies, and practices affecting commercial or recreational fishing within the Sanctuary and surrounding waters;
- Ability and willingness to communicate effectively and build agreements with key representatives from local commercial or recreational fishing communities.