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**Calendar Announcement/Media Advisory:
Monitor National Marine Sanctuary advisory council to meet in North Carolina**

Monitor National Marine Sanctuary's advisory council will meet on Oct. 1 at the University of North Carolina's Coastal Studies Institute in Wanchese, North Carolina. The meeting will include updates for council members and the public on the state of the sanctuary, artifact conservation and outreach initiatives.

The public is welcome to attend in person or by phone. The meeting agenda and materials will be available on the Monitor National Marine Sanctuary website at monitor.noaa.gov/advisory/meetings.html.

WHAT: Monitor National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council Meeting

WHEN: Thursday, Oct. 1, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Public comment period is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

WHERE: University of North Carolina's Coastal Studies Institute Research Campus
Room 262, 850 NC 345, Wanchese, North Carolina 27981
Call-in: 866-873-2206; Passcode: 4282677#

For further information, please contact Katherine Van Dam, sanctuary advisory council coordinator, by email at Katherine.Vandam@noaa.gov or by phone at 757-591-7350.

The advisory council was established in 2005 to assure continuous public participation in the management of the sanctuary and to provide advice to the sanctuary superintendent on cultural resource protection, critical issues involving sanctuary use or resources, sanctuary research objectives, and education and outreach programs. The volunteer council represents a variety of local user groups, the general public and state and federal government agencies.

Managed by NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, Monitor National Marine Sanctuary was designated in 1975 to protect the wreck of the famed Civil War ironclad USS *Monitor*, which sank during a storm 16 miles off Cape Hatteras, North Carolina in 1862.

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