

## ENCLOSURE

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### **MONITOR NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY**

#### **2016 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:

Sanctuary Advisory Council members serve two-year terms as volunteers to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and are not paid.

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 2016 are scheduled for:

**Thursday, September 1, 2016: Newport News, VA**  
**Thursday, November 10, 2016: Manteo, NC**

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 businesses 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.

#### **Ocean Sports:**

- Knowledge of and/or experience with recreational activities including, but not limited to, kayaking, boating, spear-fishing, surfing, kite boarding (i.e. ocean sports), within the Sanctuary's region;
- Knowledge of and/or experience with various recreational ocean sports organizations and businesses in the Sanctuary's region;
- Knowledge of the laws, policies, and practices affecting recreational ocean sports activities within the Sanctuary and surrounding waters;
- Ability and willingness to communicate effectively and build agreements with key representatives from local commercial or recreational ocean sports activities communities.

#### **Maritime Archaeological Research:**

- Affiliation with scientific research institutions or organizations active in communities near the Sanctuary;
- Ability to effectively communicate with multiple institutions and archaeologists in the Sanctuary's region;
- Direct experience with marine or Great Lakes research programs;
- Experience, ability, and availability to conduct outreach within the research community consistent with the goals of the sanctuary and the mission of the council; and
- Commitment and availability of time to chair and/or participate on the council's research working group or subcommittee.

#### **Recreational Diving:**

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

#### **Citizen-At-Large:**

- Reside in the area affected by the sanctuary;
- Proven ability to communicate with members in communities near the sanctuary;
- Experience and/or knowledge regarding marine or Great Lakes management and resource protection issues in the sanctuary;
- Freedom to express views and cast votes without consideration of any expectations held by an employer or other organization with which the member is affiliated; and
- Availability of time to chair and/or participate on appropriate council working groups or

subcommittees.

**Conservation:**

- Affiliation with archaeological conservation institutions or organizations active in communities near the Sanctuary;
- Ability to effectively communicate with multiple conservation institutions in the Sanctuary's region;
- Direct experience with marine or Great Lakes conservation programs;
- Experience, ability, and availability to conduct outreach within the conservation community consistent with the goals of the sanctuary and the mission of the council; and
- Commitment and availability of time to chair and/or participate on the council's research working group or subcommittee.

**Heritage Tourism:**

- Familiarity and affiliation with the tourism industry in communities near the sanctuary;
- Understanding of the links between tourism, sanctuary resources, and human activities;
- Ability and willingness to communicate with key representatives from the tourism industry; and
- Availability of time to chair and/or participate on appropriate council working groups or subcommittees.