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CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENT

Monitor National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council to meet on May 10, 2016 in Newport News, Virginia

The Sanctuary Advisory Council for NOAA's Monitor National Marine Sanctuary will meet on Tuesday, May 10, 2016 in Newport News, Virginia. The meeting is open to the public.

The Sanctuary Advisory Council will discuss and receive updates on sanctuary activities, including the state of the sanctuary, results of scoping meetings, artifact conservation, as well as expansion updates.

WHAT: Monitor National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council Meeting

WHEN: Tuesday, May 10, 2016 (2:00 pm to 4:00 pm)
Public Commenting Period scheduled from 3:15 pm to 3:30 pm.

WHERE: Monitor National Marine Sanctuary
100 Museum Drive
Newport News, VA 23606
Call-in: 1-866-873-2206; Passcode: 4282677#

The meeting agenda and materials will be available on the Monitor National Marine Sanctuary website (monitor.noaa.gov/advisory/meetings.html). For further information, please contact William Sassorossi, Sanctuary Advisory Council coordinator, at William.Sassorossi@noaa.gov or at 757-591-7479.

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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