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NOAA'S Monitor National Marine Sanctuary Seeks Advisory Council Applicants

NOAA's Monitor National Marine Sanctuary is seeking applicants for five seat primary seats on its advisory council, which ensures public participation in sanctuary management and provides advice to the sanctuary superintendent.

"The members of our advisory council represent an extremely important element of our community," said David Alberg, sanctuary superintendent. "Their input, experience and expertise assist sanctuary managers in making informed and timely decisions on how best to protect and conserve our cultural and natural resources."

The sanctuary is accepting applications for the following seats: Archaeological Research, Conservation, Economic Development, Recreational Diving and Youth.

Candidates are selected based on their expertise and experience in relation to the seat for which they are applying, community and professional affiliations, and views regarding the protection and management of marine resources. Applicants who are chosen as members should expect to serve two-year terms.

The advisory council consists of 11 primary and alternate members representing a variety of public interest groups. It also includes six governmental seats representing U.S. Navy, Virginia Department of Historic Resources, North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources, North Carolina Department of Environmental and Natural Resources, the National Park Service, and the U.S. Coast Guard.

Applications are due by May 1. To receive an application kit, or for further information please contact council coordinator, Shannon Ricles via e-mail at Shannon.Ricles@noaa.gov; by phone at 757-591-7328; or by mail at Monitor National Marine Sanctuary, 100 Museum Drive, Newport News, VA 23606. Application kits can also be downloaded from the sanctuary's web site at <http://monitor.noaa.gov>

Established in 1975 as the Nation's first marine sanctuary, the Monitor National Marine Sanctuary is managed by NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries. It is one of 13 sanctuaries and protects the wreck of the famed Civil War ironclad, USS *Monitor*, best known for its battle with the Confederate ironclad, CSS *Virginia* in Hampton Roads, Va., on March 9, 1862.

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