

constituent portion of the Council are chosen based upon their particular expertise and experience in relation to the seat for which they are applying; community and professional affiliations; and philosophy regarding the conservation and management of marine resources. Applicants who are chosen as alternates represent a seat in the absence of the primary Council member and/or may also complete the term if a primary member resigns. Alternates hold the same privileges as members when they are representing the member at a Council meeting. When the member is present at meetings, the alternate may participate as a member of the public. Alternates should expect to serve two- to three-year terms, pursuant to the Council's charter and matching those terms held by the primary seat for which the alternate is chosen. Persons who are interested in applying for membership on the Council may obtain an application from either the person or website identified above. Completed applications must be sent to the address listed above and must be received by June 4, 2001.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Availability of Seats for the Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

AGENCY: National Marine Sanctuary System (NMSS), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice and request for applications.

SUMMARY: The Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary (SBNMS or Sanctuary) is seeking applicants for the following fifteen vacant seats on its Sanctuary Advisory Council (Council): Research (2); Conservation (2); Education (2); Marine Transportation (1); Fixed gear Fishing (1); Mobile gear Fishing (1); Recreation (1); Whale Watching Industry (1); Business/Industry (1); and Citizen-at-Large (3).

Applicants are chosen based upon their particular expertise and experience in relation to the seat for which they are applying; community and professional affiliations; philosophy regarding the conservation and management of marine resources; and the length of residence in the area affected by the Sanctuary. Applicants who are chosen as members should expect to serve two or three-year terms, pursuant to the Council's Charter. Alternates to the fifteen members will also be chosen from the same pool of applicants.

DATES: Applications are due by June 8, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Application kits may be obtained from Sandi Dentino at Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary, 175 Edward Foster Road, Scituate, MA 02066. Completed applications should be sent to the same address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sandi Dentino, Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary, 175 Edward Foster Road, Scituate, MA 02066.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The SBNMS Advisory Council was established in 1998 to assure continued public participation in the management of the Sanctuary. The past Council was dissolved in 2000 and this recruitment will establish a new Council to advise the new Superintendent. Since its establishment, the original Council has played a vital role in the decisions affecting the Sanctuary and surrounding waters.

The Council's fifteen voting members represent a variety of local user groups, as well as the general public. Six ex-officio members will represent state and federal governmental jurisdictions.

The Council represents the coordination link between the Sanctuary and the state and federal management agencies, user groups, researchers, educators, policymakers, and other various groups that help to focus efforts and attention on Sanctuary issues.

The Council functions in an advisory capacity to the Sanctuary Superintendent and is instrumental in helping to develop policies and program goals, and to identify education, outreach, research, long-term monitoring, resource protection and revenue enhancement priorities. The Council works in concert with the Sanctuary Superintendent by keeping him informed about issues of concern throughout the Sanctuary, offering recommendations on specific issues, and aiding the Superintendent in achieving the goals of the Sanctuary

program within the context of SBNMS programs and policies.

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for comment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) has submitted four Fisheries Management and Evaluation Plans (FMEP) pursuant to the protective regulations promulgated for Middle Columbia River (MCR) steelhead under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The FMEPs specify the future management of inland recreational fisheries potentially affecting the MCR steelhead. This document serves to notify the public of the availability of the FMEPs for review and comment before a final approval or disapproval is made by NMFS.

DATES: Written comments on the draft FMEPs must be received at the appropriate address or fax number (see **ADDRESSES**) no later than 5 p.m. Pacific standard time on June 4, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and requests for copies of the draft FMEPs should be addressed to Richard Turner, Sustainable Fisheries Division, Hatchery and Inland Fisheries Branch, 525 N.E. Oregon Street, Suite 510, Portland, OR 97232 or faxed to 503-872-2737. The documents are also available on the Internet at <http://www.nwr.noaa.gov/>. Comments will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or the Internet.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Turner, Portland, OR at phone number 503-736-4737 or e-mail: rich.turner@noaa.gov.