

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****Availability of Seats for the Monitor National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council**

AGENCY: Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice and request for applications.

SUMMARY: The *Monitor* National Marine Sanctuary (MNMS or Sanctuary) is seeking applicants for the following vacant seats on its Sanctuary Advisory Council (Council): Recreational Diving; Maritime Archaeological Research; Conservation; Heritage Tourism; and Citizen-At-Large.

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 protection and management of marine resources; and possibly the length of residence in the area affected by the Sanctuary. Applicants who are chosen as members should expect to serve 2-year terms, pursuant to the Council's Charter.

DATES: Applications are due by November 9, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Application kits may be obtained on the Web (<http://monitor.noaa.gov>) or from: Krista Trono, *Monitor* National Marine Sanctuary, 100 Museum Drive, Newport News, VA 23606. Completed applications should be sent to the same address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Krista Trono, Communications Coordinator, *Monitor* National Marine Sanctuary, 100 Museum Drive, Newport News, VA 23606. (757) 591-7328, Fax: (757) 591-7353, Krista.Trono@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The MNMS Advisory Council was established in 2005 and representation currently consists of twelve members, including four government agency representatives and eight members from the general public. The Council functions in an advisory capacity to the Sanctuary Manager. The Council works in concert with the Sanctuary Manager by keeping him or her informed about issues of concern throughout the Sanctuary, offering recommendations on specific issues, and aiding the Manager in achieving the goals of the Sanctuary program. Specifically, the Council's

objectives are to provide advice on: (1) Protecting cultural resources, and identifying and evaluating emergent or critical issues involving Sanctuary use or resources; (2) identifying and realizing the Sanctuary's research objectives; (3) identifying and realizing educational opportunities to increase the public knowledge and stewardship of the Sanctuary environment; and (4) assisting to develop an informed constituency to increase awareness and understanding of the purpose and value of the Sanctuary and the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. Sections 1431, *et seq.* (Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog Number 11.429 Marine Sanctuary Program)

Dated: September 17, 2007.

Daniel J. Basta,

Director, National Marine Sanctuary Program, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)****Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee; Public Meeting**

AGENCY: National Ocean Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee (MPA FAC) in Alpena, Michigan.

DATES: The meeting will be held Tuesday, October 23, 2007, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday, October 24, 2007, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Thursday, October 25, 2007, from 8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. These times and the agenda topics described below are subject to change. Refer to the Web page listed below for the most up-to-date meeting agenda.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center, 500 West Fletcher Street, Alpena, Michigan 49707.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lauren Wenzel, Designated Federal Officer, MPA, FAC, National Marine Protected Areas Center, 1305 East West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. (Phone: 301-713-3100 x136, Fax: 301-713-3110; e-mail: lauren.wenzel@noaa.gov; or visit the National MPA Center Web site at <http://www.map.gov>).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The MPA FAC, composed of external, knowledgeable representatives of stakeholder groups, was established by the Department of Commerce (DOC) to provide advice to the Secretaries of Commerce and the Interior on implementation of Section 4 of Executive Order 13158 on MPAs. The meeting will be open to public participation from 4:15 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, October 23, 2007, and from 8:05 a.m. to 9:05 a.m. on Thursday, October 25, 2007. In general, each individual or group making a verbal presentation will be limited to a total time of five (5) minutes. If members of the public wish to submit written statements, they should be submitted to the Designated Federal Official by October 19, 2007.

Matters to be Considered: The MPA FAC will work in Subcommittees and as a full Committee to develop recommendations for the Department of Commerce and the Department of the Interior on the regional coordination of the national system of marine protected areas; incentives; and natural and social science needed to support the national system. The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at <http://www.mpa.gov>.

Dated: September 17, 2007.

David M. Kennedy,

Director, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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U.S. Climate Change Science Program Synthesis and Assessment Product Draft Report 5.1 "Uses and limitations of observations, data, forecasts, and other projections in decision support for selected sectors and regions"

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration publishes this notice to announce a 45-day public comment period for the draft report titled, U.S. Climate Change Science Program Synthesis and Assessment Product 5.1: "Uses and limitations of observations, data, forecasts, and other