

Pacific Fisheries Management Council member (voting). 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 October 23, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Application kits may be obtained from Bill Kiene and Fagatele Bay National Marine Sanctuary Program, P.O. Box 4318, Pago Pago, AS, 96799. Completed applications should be sent to the same address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bill Kiene, P.O. Box 4318, Pago, Pago, AS 96799, (684) 633-7354, and [William.kiene@noaa.gov](mailto:William.kiene@noaa.gov).

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Availability of Seats for the Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

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

**ACTION:** Notice and request for applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary (GRNMS or Sanctuary) is seeking applicants for the following three vacant seats on its Sanctuary Advisory Council (Council): University education, Living resources research, and Georgia conservation. 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 3-year terms, pursuant to the Council's Charter.

**DATES:** Applications are due by November 30, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Application information may be obtained from Becky Shortland, 10 Ocean Science Circle, Savannah, Georgia 31411; telephone (912) 598-2381; e-mail [Becky.shortland@noaa.gov](mailto:Becky.shortland@noaa.gov). Applications should be sent to the attention of GRNMS Acting Manager, Cathy Sakas at the same address.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** GRNMS is one of the largest nearshore live-bottom reefs off the southeastern United States, encompassing approximately 17 square nautical miles. The area earned sanctuary designation in 1981. The sanctuary consists of a series of sandstone outcroppings and ledges up to 10 feet in height, in a predominantly sandy, flat-bottomed sea floor. The live bottom and ledge habitat support an abundant reef fish and invertebrate community. Loggerhead sea turtles, a threatened species, also use GRNMS year-round for foraging and resting, and the reef is within the known winter calving ground for the highly endangered Northern right whale. The GRNMS Advisory Council was established in August 1999 to provide advice and recommendations on management and protection of the sanctuary. The Council through its members also serves as liaison to the community regarding sanctuary issues, and represents community interests, concerns, and management needs to the sanctuary and NOAA.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Endangered and Threatened Species; Initiation of a 5-year review of Johnson's Seagrass

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

**ACTION:** Notice of initiation of a 5-Year Review; request for information.

**SUMMARY:** We, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), announce a 5-year review of Johnson's seagrass (*Halophila johnsonii*) under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA). A 5-year review is a periodic process conducted to ensure that the listing classification of a species is accurate. A 5-year review is based on the best scientific and commercial data available at the time of the review; therefore, we are requesting submission of any such information on Johnson's seagrass that has become available since its original listing as a threatened species in 1998. Based on the results of this 5-year review, we will make the requisite findings under the ESA.

**DATES:** To allow us adequate time to conduct this review, we must receive your information no later than December 11, 2006. However, we will continue to accept new information about any listed species at any time.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit information by any of the following methods:

- Mail: Shelley Norton, National Marine Fisheries Service, 263 13th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701.

- E-mail: [shelley.norton@noaa.gov](mailto:shelley.norton@noaa.gov). Include in the subject line of the e-mail the following identifier: Comments on 5-year review for Johnson's seagrass.

- Fax: 1-727-824-5309, Attention: Shelley Norton

Information received in response to this notice and review will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours, at the above address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Shelley Norton at the above address, or at 727-824-5312.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the ESA, a list of endangered and threatened wildlife and plant species must be maintained. The list is published at 50 CFR 17.11 (for animals) and 17.12 (for plants). Section 4(c)(2)(A) of the ESA requires that we conduct a