

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****Availability of Seats for the Channel Islands 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 Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary (CINMS) is seeking applicants for the following vacant seats on its Sanctuary Advisory Council (Council): Commercial Fishing member and alternate, Conservation member and alternate, Tourism member, Non-consumptive Recreational member and alternate, Research member and alternate, Business member and alternate, and two Public-at-large members. Applicants are chosen based upon: Their particular expertise and experience in relation to the seat for which they are applying, community and professional affiliations, views regarding the protection and management of marine resources, and the length of residence in the communities located near the Sanctuary. Applicants who are chosen as members should expect to serve in a volunteer capacity for 2-year terms, pursuant to the Council's Charter.

DATES: Applications are due by October 24, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Application kits may be obtained at <http://www.channelislands.noaa.gov/sac/news.html>. Completed applications should be sent to Danielle.lipski@noaa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Murray, Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary, 113 Harbor Way, Suite 150, Santa Barbara, CA 93109-2315, 805-966-7107 extension 464, michael.murray@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The CINMS Advisory Council was originally established in December 1998 and has a broad representation consisting of 21 members, including ten government agency representatives and eleven members from the general public. The Council functions in an advisory capacity to the Sanctuary Superintendent. The Council works in concert with the Sanctuary Superintendent by keeping him or her informed about issues of concern

throughout the Sanctuary, offering recommendations on specific issues, and aiding the Superintendent in achieving the goals of the National Marine Sanctuary Program. Specifically, the Council's objectives are to provide advice on: (1) Protecting natural and 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 National Marine Sanctuary Program.

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

Dated: September 8, 2008.

Daniel J. Basta,

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

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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: 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 Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary (GRNMS or sanctuary) is seeking applicants for the following vacant seats on its Sanctuary Advisory Council (council) sport fishing, sport diving and regional 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 three-year terms, pursuant to the council's Charter.

DATES: Applications are due by November 1, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Application kits may be obtained from Becky Shortland, Council Coordinator (becky.shortland@noaa.gov), 10 Ocean Science Circle, Savannah, GA 31411; 912-598-2381). Completed applications should be sent to the same address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Becky Shortland, Council Coordinator (becky.shortland@noaa.gov), 10 Ocean Science Circle, Savannah, GA 31411; 912-598-2381).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The sanctuary advisory council was established in August 1999 to provide advice and recommendations on management and protection of the sanctuary. The advisory 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.

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

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

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Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Shark Management Measures

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

ACTION: Changing the time and location of a scoping meeting.

SUMMARY: NMFS has changed the time and location of the Small Coastal Shark (SCS) Amendment 3 scoping meeting that was scheduled to be held in Gloucester, MA, on October 9, 2008. The list of all scheduled scoping meetings was previously published on July 2, 2008 (73 FR 37932).

DATES: The new time will be from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on October 9, 2008. See **ADDRESSES** for information on the change of location.

ADDRESSES: The new location of the meeting will be at the Peabody Institute Library, 82 Main Street, Peabody, MA, 01960.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jess Beck at (301) 713-2347 or Jackie Wilson at (240) 338-3936.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Atlantic shark fisheries are managed under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act). The 2006 Consolidated Highly Migratory Species Fishery Management Plan (HMS FMP) is implemented by regulations at 50 CFR part 635.

On May 7, 2008 (73 FR 25665), NMFS published a Notice of Intent (NOI) that summarized the 2007 SCS stock assessment conducted for Atlantic sharpnose, blacknose, bonnethead, and finetooth sharks. The NOI also described NMFS' determination as to the status of these stocks based on the results of the 2007 stock assessment, including the determination that blacknose sharks are overfished with overfishing occurring. As a result of this determination, NMFS is taking steps to amend current shark management measures via a third FMP amendment to the 2006 Consolidated HMS FMP. NMFS anticipates completing this amendment and any related documents by January 1, 2010. The comment period for the NOI has been extended (73 FR 37932, July 2, 2008) and now ends at 5 p.m. on October 31, 2008. On July 2, 2008, NMFS also announced the availability of an issues and options presentation describing potential measures for inclusion in Amendment 3 to the 2006 Consolidated HMS FMP.

Request for Comments

Four scoping meetings have been scheduled to provide the opportunity for public comment on potential SCS shark management measures. NMFS has changed the time and location of the scoping meeting that was scheduled to be held in Gloucester, MA, on October 9, 2008. This meeting will now be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Peabody Institute Library, 82 Main Street, Peabody, MA, 01960. The schedule for the other scoping meetings remains unchanged.

In addition to the scheduled scoping meetings, NMFS will also present the issues and options presentation to the five Atlantic Regional Fishery Management Councils and the Atlantic and Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commissions during the public comment period. Please see the Councils' and Commissions' summer and fall meeting notices for dates, times,

and locations. Finally, NMFS also expects to present the issues and options presentation at the fall 2008 HMS Advisory Panel (AP) meeting. The date and location of the AP meeting will be announced in a future **Federal Register** notice.

Comments received on this action will assist NMFS in determining the options for rulemaking to conserve and manage shark resources and fisheries, consistent with the Magnuson-Stevens Act and the 2006 Consolidated HMS FMP.

Scoping Meetings Code of Conduct

The public is reminded that NMFS expects participants at the scoping meetings to conduct themselves appropriately. At the beginning of each meeting, a representative of NMFS will explain the ground rules (e.g., alcohol is prohibited from the meeting room; attendees will be called to give their comments in the order in which they registered to speak; each attendee will have an equal amount of time to speak; attendees may not interrupt one another, etc.). The NMFS representative will structure the meeting so that all attending members of the public will be able to comment, if they so choose. Attendees are expected to respect the ground rules, and those that do not will be asked to leave the meeting.

Special Accommodations

The meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Jess Beck (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) at least 7 days prior to the meeting.

Dated: September 10, 2008.

James P. Burgess,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Science Advisory Board (SAB) Meeting

AGENCY: Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice of Open Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Science Advisory Board (SAB) was established by a Decision Memorandum dated September 25,

1997, and is the only Federal Advisory Committee with responsibility to advise the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere on strategies for research, education, and application of science to operations and information services. SAB activities and advice provide necessary input to ensure that National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) science programs are of the highest quality and provide optimal support to resource management.

Time and Date: The meeting will be held Wednesday, October 15, 2008, from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Thursday, October 16, 2008, from 8:15 a.m. to 2 p.m. These times and the agenda topics described below are subject to change. Please refer to the Web page <http://www.sab.noaa.gov/Meetings/meetings.html> for the most up-to-date meeting agenda.

Place: The meeting will be held both days at the Hilton Washington DC/Silver Spring, 8727 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, Md. 20910. Please check the SAB Web site <http://www.sab.noaa.gov> for confirmation of the venue and for directions.

Status: The meeting will be open to public participation with a 30-minute public comment period on October 15 (check website to confirm time). The SAB expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted verbal or written statements. In general, each individual or group making a verbal presentation will be limited to a total time of five (5) minutes. Written comments should be received in the SAB Executive Director's Office by October 10, 2008 to provide sufficient time for SAB review. Written comments received by the SAB Executive Director after October 10, 2008, will be distributed to the SAB, but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting date. Seats will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Matters to be Considered: The meeting will include the following topics: (1) Final Report from the Fire Weather Research Working Group; (2) Preliminary Draft Report from Social Sciences Working Group; (3) Climate Working Group Development of Options for a National Climate Service; (4) NOAA Response to the Report from the SAB on Examining Advisory Options for Improving Communications Among NOAA's Partners; (5) SAB Strategic Planning Discussion; and (6) NOAA Transition to the Next Administration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Cynthia Decker, Executive Director, Science Advisory Board, NOAA, Rm.