

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 April 29, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Application kits may be obtained from Shannon Ricles, 100 Museum Drive, Newport News, VA 23606. Completed applications should be sent to the same address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Shannon Ricles, 100 Museum Drive, Newport News, VA 23606, 757-591-7328, [Shannon.ricles@noaa.gov](mailto:Shannon.ricles@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

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.

The advisory council consists of 18 members and five alternates: 12 non-governmental voting members, five governmental voting members, and one non-voting Youth Seat. The council seats represent a variety of regional interests and stakeholders, including: Citizen-at-Large, Conservation, Economic Development, Education, Heritage Tourism, Maritime Archaeological Research, North Carolina Maritime Museums, Recreational/Commercial Fishing, Recreational Diving, The Mariners' Museum, Youth, the U.S. Navy, North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources, Virginia Department of Historic Resources, the National Park Service, and the U.S. Coast Guard. It is the combined expertise and experience of these individuals that creates an advisory council that is a valuable and effective resource for the sanctuary manager.

The council's objectives are to provide the sanctuary manager with 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 public knowledge and stewardship of the sanctuary environment; and (4) developing an informed constituency to increase awareness and understanding of the purpose and value of the sanctuary and the National Marine Sanctuary System.

The council may serve as a forum for consultation and deliberation among its

members and as a source of advice to the sanctuary manager regarding the management of the Monitor National Marine Sanctuary. The sanctuary advisory council holds open meetings to ensure continued public input on management issues and to increase public awareness and knowledge of the sanctuary environment. Public participation at these meetings is welcomed and encouraged.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1431, *et seq.*  
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**Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT); Spring Species Working Group Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Advisory Committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Advisory Committee (Committee) to the U.S. Section to the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) announces its spring meeting with its Species Working Group Technical Advisors on March 7-9, 2011. The Committee will meet to discuss matters relating to ICCAT, including the 2010 Commission meeting results; research and management activities; global and domestic initiatives related to ICCAT; the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act-required consultation on the identification of countries that are diminishing the effectiveness of ICCAT; the results of the meetings of the Committee's Species Working Groups; and other matters relating to the international management of ICCAT species.

**DATES:** The open sessions of the Committee meeting will be held on March 7, 2011, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.; March 8, 2011, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and March

9, 2011, 9 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Closed sessions will be held on March 8, 2011, 3:15 p.m. to 6 p.m., and on March 9, 2011, 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza, 8777 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910. The phone number is (301) 589-0800.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rachel O'Malley at (301) 713-9505.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to ICCAT will meet in open session to receive and discuss information on the 2010 ICCAT meeting results and U.S. implementation of ICCAT decisions; NMFS research and monitoring activities; 2010 ICCAT activities; global and domestic initiatives related to ICCAT; the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act-required consultation on the identification of countries that are diminishing the effectiveness of ICCAT; the results of the meetings of the Committee's Species Working Groups; and other matters relating to the international management of ICCAT species. The public will have access to the open sessions of the meeting, but there will be no opportunity for public comment.

The Committee will meet in its Species Working Groups for a portion of the afternoon of March 8, 2011, and for one hour on the morning of March 9, 2011. These sessions are not open to the public, but the results of the species working group discussions will be reported to the full Advisory Committee during the Committee's open session on March 9, 2011.

**Special Accommodations**

The meeting location is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Rachel O'Malley at (301) 713-9505 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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