



2011 Sanctuary Advisory Council Summit Agenda

Host Site: Gray's Reef NMS

Location: Savannah, Georgia

Dates: May 3 - 4, 2011

Participants: Council Chairs; Council Executive Committee Regional Representatives; Southeast, Gulf of Mexico & Caribbean Regional Director; Gray's Reef NMS (GRNMS) Superintendent; GRNMS Deputy Superintendent and Research Coordinator; GRNMS Resource Protection Coordinator; GRNMS Volunteer Coordinator/Administrative Assistant; GRNMS Education Coordinator; ONMS Director; ONMS Acting Deputy Director; Maritime Heritage Program Director; Senior Policy Advisor; Conservation Policy and Planning Division Chief; National Sanctuary Advisory Council Coordinator; National Council Liaison; National Marine Sanctuary Foundation (NMSF) President and CEO; NMSF Government Relations Manager; SAVOX Co-Founder and CEO; Firm Principal for Sottile & Sottile Urban Analysis and Design; and NMFS South Atlantic Branch Leader

Meeting Goals:

1. To galvanize the councils to a greater effect at the regional and national level to engage on the critical issues of our time (sustainable economies, coastal and marine spatial planning, etc). Engage regionally and nationally, act locally.
2. To educate councils about major ONMS initiatives to project the priorities of the program.
3. To further integrate the Council Executive Committee into program-level issues.

Council Chair Only Dinner

Monday, May 2 Evening

Meeting Location: Belford's Savannah Seafood and Steaks

6:00 Council Chairs Meet in AVIA Lobby

John Armor, ONMS Conservation Policy and Planning Division Chief

Karen Brubeck, ONMS National Sanctuary Advisory Council Coordinator,

Becky Holyoke, ONMS National Council Liaison

John, Karen, and Becky will greet the council chairs in the AVIA lobby.

6:10 Council Chair Only Dinner

Location: Belford's Savannah Seafood and Steaks, 315 W Street Julian Street, Savannah

Karen and Becky will escort the council chairs to Belford's Savannah Seafood and Steaks for an informal working dinner. The purpose of the meeting is to allow the council chairs to discuss topics of interest and share experiences and information. ONMS recommends utilizing a portion of the time for discussing the possibility of organizing a council chair executive body that would lead and help facilitate information exchange and interaction among all council chairs across the country. This idea was discussed briefly during the 2010 SAC Summit at Lake Crescent, Washington, and this dinner would allow some time to move forward on the concept.

Karen and Becky will start with a 5-minute description of the purpose of the dinner. Karen and Becky will provide a 5-minute description of the development of the Council Cross-Cut and the Council Executive Committee (CEC) as an example of an executive body and use it to illustrate the potential parallel development of a council chair executive body.

Following the introduction the council chairs will run the dinner and dictate discussion topics. Karen and Becky will remain on hand at the dinner only to answer questions or provide context, as needed.

SAC Summit Day #1

Tuesday, May 3

Meeting Location: AVIA, Parlor Soleil

BREAKFAST ON OWN

8:30 Meeting Opening (10 minutes)

[George Sedberry, Gray's Reef NMS Superintendent](#)

Opening of the meeting and meeting participant introductions.

8:40 Summit Overview (5 minutes)

[Karen Brubeck, ONMS National Advisory Council Coordinator](#)

Overview of the meeting, meeting courtesies, and changes to the agenda.

8:45 State of the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (60 minutes)

[Daniel J. Basta, ONMS Director](#)

The session will begin with a discussion of the meeting goals. The session will highlight key ONMS activities and initiatives over the past year, including a reauthorization update, and provide insight into the larger national priorities of the ONMS and NOAA.

9:45 Gray's Reef NMS Presentation (45 minutes)

[George Sedberry, Gray's Reef NMS Superintendent](#)

This session will introduce meeting participants to the host site, including the sanctuary's history, key issues the site faces, the status of the management plan review process and an overview of the GRNMS Council.

10:30 BREAK (15 minutes)

10:45 NOAA Fisheries Service Southeast Regional Office (30 minutes)

[John C. McGovern, South Atlantic Branch Leader, Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS Southeast Regional Office](#)

NOAA Fisheries Service has recently implemented amendments to Fishery Management Plans (FMP) that established: marine protected areas where harvest of snapper-grouper species is prohibited; coral habitat of particular concern to protect deepwater corals; and new management measures to address overfishing of snapper-grouper species. A current priority of NOAA Fisheries Service is the establishment of annual catch limits (ACLs) and accountability measures (AMs) for all species in FMPs by the end of 2011 as required by the Reauthorized Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

11:15 New Sites Discussion (30 minutes)

[John Armor, ONMS Conservation Policy and Planning Division Chief](#)

Over the last five years, several outside entities have been expressing an interest in NOAA exploring the designation of new national marine sanctuaries. This short session will first list and describe all of this external interest and then initiate a discussion on the role advisory councils should have in the consideration of new sites.

11:45 America's Underwater Museums: Connecting Americans to the Amazing History Found in National Marine Sanctuaries (45 minutes)

[James P. Delgado, ONMS Maritime Heritage Program Director](#)

The newly appointed director of the maritime heritage program will provide an illustrated tour of lost ships, submerged sites and incredible human stories associated with them. Jim will also share the new directions in the maritime heritage program that will examine the stories of human interaction with the marine environment, and the study of all aspects of human history in the sanctuaries from prehistoric times until recent events.

12:30 LUNCH PROVIDED

1:30 Sentinel Sites: Monitoring Change in our National Marine Sanctuaries (1 hour, 30 minutes)

[Greg McFall, GRNMS Deputy Superintendent and Research Coordinator](#)

This session will inform meeting participants about an effort to improve monitoring, research, and educational capabilities within the sanctuary system using what we are calling a sentinel approach to monitoring. Through a combination of changes that involve a collective re-description of current monitoring approaches, publicly disseminating our priority science needs, and creating better information access portals, we intend to increase the quantity of relevant resource monitoring occurring in sanctuaries, convince scientists to think about marine sanctuaries as preferred research locations, and increase the use of sanctuary science in formal and informal education settings.

3:00 BREAK

3:15 Advancing Sanctuary Priorities through Federal Policy: The Work of the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation (45 minutes)

[Jason Patlis, President and CEO](#)

[Jay Elliott Berman, Government Relations Manager](#)

In the last year, NMSF has focused its policy engagement on sanctuaries with three key goals: (1) seeking to protect the funding appropriations for sanctuaries, (2) restoring the program's ability to identify and designate new sites; and (3) supporting program priorities such as ocean acidification. NMSF has focused its efforts in several arenas: congressional engagement; administration outreach; regional friends' group partnerships; and funding. The presentation will discuss the work of NMSF in each of these arenas to achieve its goals.

4:00 Savannah Ocean Exchange (SAVOX) (45 minutes)

[M. Cort H. Atkinson, SAVOX Co-Founder and CEO](#)

[Cathy J. Sakas, Gray's Reef NMS Education Coordinator](#)

Savannah Ocean Exchange brings together global leaders from cross-cultural disciplines and perspectives that represent government, industry, research, conservation and education. These leaders comprise the Exchange Board of Governors who identify, reward and promote the best proven solutions to annual Ocean challenges selected in the previous year. In addition to the invitation-only Exchange, the public outreach component helps connect people to Coast and Ocean. Four venues provide ways for the general public to explore, enjoy, experience and appreciate our Coast and our Ocean: Vessels & Viewings; Culture & Cuisine; Events & Excursions; and Performances & Presentations.

4:45 MEETING ADJOURNS

5:15 Council Chairs Meet Back in Lobby and Load into Taxis

5:30 Council Chair Dinner with Daniel J. Basta, ONMS Director and William Douros, Acting ONMS Deputy Director
Location: Local 11 Ten, 1110 Bull Street, Savannah

This is an informal evening session over a working dinner (provided). It will provide the council chairs an opportunity to report out on action items coming out of their Monday evening dinner and discuss other topics of interest with ONMS leadership.

SAC Summit Day #2
Wednesday, May 4
Meeting Location: AVIA, Parlor Soleil

BREAKFAST ON OWN

9:00 Savannah Riverwalk Project (10 minutes)

[Christian Sottile, Firm Principal, Sottile & Sottile Urban Analysis and Design](#)

Gray's Reef NMS informational markers are in the final stages of preparation for installment in Savannah's Historic District riverfront plaza. Christian Sottile of local firm Sottile & Sottile Urban Analysis and Design will give a brief presentation on the project they helped design.

9:10 Panel A:

Sustaining Our Sanctuary Communities: Opportunities for NMS Resources and Know How

National marine sanctuaries work to support their local communities in a variety of ways. From regulations and resource protection plans that ensure healthy marine ecosystems for generations to non-regulatory initiatives that promote social and economic growth; each sanctuary invests time and resources into the sustainability of its coastal communities. However, with lackluster budgets over the past several years, resources are becoming more limited each fiscal year. This panel will discuss opportunities for sanctuaries to continue their support of local community sustainability, either through the adaptation of existing management strategies or the introduction of new ones. Panelists will also offer their thoughts on how local successes at their respective sites can be applied to others in the sanctuary system, as well as avoiding some of the pitfalls that may have hindered efforts at promoting community sustainability in the past.

Panel Facilitator

[Matt Brookhart, ONMS, Senior Policy Advisor](#)

Panelists

[Steve Kroll, TBNMS Council Diving Seat](#)

[Bruce Popham, FKNMS Council Chair](#)

[Chris Harrold, MBNMS Council Chair](#)

[Mike Murray, CINMS Deputy Superintendent of Programs](#)

Panel Questions

1. In general, what role does your national marine sanctuary play in sustaining the local economy and what sectors of your economy have benefited?
2. What have been the challenges and shortcomings of getting community enhancement programs off the ground?
3. What could your sanctuary do to better support sustainable local economies while still protecting sanctuary resources?
4. Considering current (and projected) ONMS budget constraints and changing priorities of Americans, how can the sanctuary best implement some of these actions?

Panel Format

Each panelist will be given 15 minutes to respond to the four questions above. PowerPoint presentations are encouraged, but not necessary. Following the conclusion of presentations, the facilitator will open the session to a 60+ minute dialogue between the four panelists and audience members (other Council Chairs, ONMS staff, and guests).

Panel Schedule

9:10 – 10:10 Panelist presentations (60 minutes)

10:10 – 10:30 Discussion (20 minutes)

10:30 – 10:45 Break (15 minutes)

10:45 – 11:30 Discussion (45 minutes)

11:30 Discussion Continued

12:30 LUNCH PROVIDED

1:30 Panel B:

The SEL and CMSP: Considering New Sanctuaries in the World of Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning

NOAA is being asked to consider the addition of new sanctuaries to the existing system. At the same time, NOAA's responsibility for carrying out the President's National Ocean Policy requires the agency - including ONMS - to carefully consider a broad diversity of coastal and marine uses when implementing new ocean management strategies. This panel will discuss the role sanctuary advisory councils can and should play in the consideration of new sanctuaries, including how their representatives can best provide information and support for new sites in the context of the National Ocean Policy. In doing so, this panel will also serve as a forum for discussion on the ONMS role in NOAA's CMSP efforts and collaboration with partners on key strategic management priorities for both individual sanctuaries and sanctuary regions.

Panel Facilitator

John Armor, Acting Conservation Policy and Planning Division Chief, ONMS

Panelists

Larry McKinney FGBNMS Council Chair

Richard Charter, GFNMS Council Chair

Richard Delaney, SBNMS Council Chair

Emily Gaskin, FBNMS Special Projects Coordinator

Panel Questions

1. What do you see as the role of national marine sanctuaries in implementing the Administration's call for CMSP as ocean policy evolves?
2. In the context of CMSP, what does ONMS need to consider/prioritize when proposing to: designate new sanctuaries, expand existing sanctuaries, or undertake some other spatial planning activity?
3. Considering current (and projected) ONMS budget constraints and changing priorities of Americans, what role can advisory councils (or the public at large) play in this process?

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Panel Schedule

1:30 – 2:30 Panelist presentations (60 minutes)

2:30 – 3:00 Discussion (30 minutes)

3:00 – 3:15 Break (15 minutes)

3:15 – 3:45 Discussion (30 minutes)

3:45 **Closing Remarks/Wrap-Up** (15 minutes)

[Daniel J. Basta, ONMS Director](#)

4:00 **ADJOURN MEETING**

Meeting Courtesies:

1. Arrive on time to the meeting and back from breaks.
2. Stay within the allotted time on the agenda.
3. Use electronic devices before and after meeting and during breaks only, unless taking notes with a computer. Please excuse yourself from the meeting room if an emergency arises and you must use an electronic device.
4. Raise hand to speak.
5. Show respect to all presenters and individuals speaking; one conversation at a time.

Notes:

- Time cards will be used to assist presenters in staying within allotted time.
- A bell will be rung to indicate the time to return to the room and be seated to start/re-start the meeting.