

Email To: Council Chairs (onms.sacchairs@noaa.gov)

CC: Council Coordinators (ONMSSAC@noaa.gov), LT, John Armor, Karen Brubeck

Everyone,

I am pleased to invite you to the May 11-13, 2010, Sanctuary Advisory Council Summit that will be hosted by the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary on the outskirts of Port Angeles, Washington, at Lake Crescent Lodge and the Olympic Park Institute. The Olympic Peninsula will provide a spectacular setting for the meeting, which is the 9th year we are bringing together our collective experiences and wisdom on advisory councils. This year also marks the 20th anniversary for the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries and its councils working together -- a tremendous milestone! The first council was established at the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary in 1990, and our most recent was established at the Monitor National Marine Sanctuary in 2005. A big thanks to you, your colleagues, and all who have participated on our SACs.

Attached are the draft outline of the summit that includes the proposed agenda topics, and the case study guidelines. The sanctuary superintendents and council coordinators are cc'd on this email. Please work with them to provide the following to Karen, our national SAC coordinator, by January 29, 2010:

- Input on the proposed agenda topics.
- An abstract of the case study if your council is interested in presenting a case study.

If possible, your full council should review and discuss both documents before the deadline. However, if you do not have a scheduled council meeting before then, please provide your input and brief your council at the next opportunity.

The meeting in Alpena was very open and candid, and I anticipate that this meeting will be as productive. You are welcome to read a statement from your council, but other than that the discussions are of an individual nature. Please contact Karen Brubeck (206-842-6084 or karen.brubeck@noaa.gov) if you have any questions. She will provide the final agenda and meeting and travel logistics in February.

I look forward to seeing you on the beautiful Olympic Peninsula!

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