

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).

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

Dated: October 2, 2006.

**Daniel J. Basta,**

*Director, National Marine Sanctuary Program, National Ocean Services, 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:** 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:

Becky Shortland, 10 Ocean Science Circle, Savannah, Georgia 31411; telephone (912) 598-2381; e-mail [Becky.Shortland@noaa.gov](mailto:Becky.Shortland@noaa.gov)

**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.

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

Dated: October 6, 2006.

**Daniel J. Basta,**

*Director, National Marine Sanctuary Program, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.*

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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

review of listed species at least once every five years. On the basis of such reviews under section 4(c)(2)(B), we determine whether or not any species should be removed from the List (delisted), or reclassified from endangered to threatened or from threatened to endangered. Delisting a species must be supported by the best scientific and commercial data available and only considered if such data substantiates that the species is neither endangered nor threatened for one or more of the following reasons: (1) the species is considered extinct; (2) the species is considered to be recovered; and/or (3) the original data available when the species was listed, or the interpretation of such data, were in error. Any change in Federal classification would require a separate rulemaking process. The regulations in 50 CFR 424.21 require that we publish a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing those species currently under active review. This notice announces our active review of Johnson's seagrass, currently listed as threatened.

#### Public Solicitation of New Information

To ensure that the 5-year review is complete and based on the best available scientific and commercial information, we are soliciting new information from the public, concerned governmental agencies, Tribes, the scientific community, industry, environmental entities, and any other interested parties concerning the status of Johnson's seagrass.

The 5-year review considers the best scientific and commercial data and all new information that has become available since the listing determination or most recent status review. Categories of requested information include (1) species biology including, but not limited to, population trends, distribution, abundance, demographics, and genetics; (2) habitat conditions including, but not limited to, amount, distribution, and suitability; (3) conservation measures that have been implemented that benefit the species; (4) status and trends of threats; and (5) other new information, data, or corrections including, but not limited to, taxonomic or nomenclatural changes, identification of erroneous information contained in the List, and improved analytical methods.

If you wish to provide information for this 5-year review, you may submit your information and materials to Shelley Norton (see **ADDRESSES**). Our practice is to make submissions of information, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for

public review during regular business hours. Respondents may request that we withhold a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name or address, you must state this request prominently at the beginning of your submission. We will not, however, consider anonymous submissions. To the extent consistent with applicable law, we will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety. Information and materials received will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours (see **ADDRESSES** section).

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*

Dated: October 4, 2006.

**James H. Lecky,**

*Director, Office of Protected Resources,  
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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##### Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice of cancellation of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council has cancelled the conference call that was scheduled for October 18, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Council address:* Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203 North Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33607.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Wayne E. Swingle, Executive Director, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The notice for the conference call published in the **Federal Register** on October 2, 2006, 71 FR 57927. The Council has cancelled the conference call.

Dated: October 5, 2006.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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##### New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Habitat/Marine Protected Area (MPA)/Ecosystem Committee meeting in October, 2006, to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 31, 2006, at 9:30 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor, 180 Water Street, Plymouth, MA 02360; telephone: (508) 747-4900; fax: (508) 746-5386.

*Council address:* New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Committee will review the plan development team's recommendations for a Great South Channel Habitat Area of Particular Concern (HAPC) alternative and potentially recommend an additional HAPC alternative to the Council for inclusion in the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) for the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Omnibus Amendment. The committee will also review and approve the non-fishing impacts section of the Amendment for consideration by the Council and review and approve the DSEIS for the EFH Omnibus Amendment for consideration by the Council for public comment. In addition, the committee will receive a briefing on current EFH consultations