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MEDIA ADVISORY
Monitor National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council to host conference call in Newport News, Va.

Monitor National Marine Sanctuary's Advisory Council will hold a conference call on May 10, hosted from the Monitor National Marine Sanctuary Offices in Newport News, Va. The meeting is open to the public.

The meeting will include updates for council members and the public on the state of the sanctuary, results of public scoping meetings and expansion updates, personnel changes; and *Monitor* conservation.

- WHAT:** Sanctuary Advisory Council Conference Call
- WHEN:** May 10, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Public Commenting Period scheduled at 3:15 – 3:30 p.m.
- WHERE:** Monitor National Marine Sanctuary
100 Museum Drive
Newport News, VA 23606
Call in: 1-866-873-2206, passcode: 4282677#

The meeting agenda can be downloaded from the Monitor National Marine Sanctuary website, <http://monitor.noaa.gov>. For further information, please contact Will Sassorossi, sanctuary advisory council coordinator, by email at william.sassorossi@noaa.gov or by phone at 757-591-7329.

The advisory council was established in 2005 to assure continuous public participation in the management of the sanctuary and to provide advice to the sanctuary superintendent on cultural resource protection, critical issues involving sanctuary use or resources, sanctuary research objectives, and education and outreach programs. The volunteer council represents a variety of local user groups, the general public and state and federal government agencies.

Managed by NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, Monitor National Marine Sanctuary was designated in 1975 to protect the wreck of the famed Civil War ironclad USS *Monitor*, which sank during a storm 16 miles off Cape Hatteras, North Carolina in 1862.

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