

**MONITOR NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY
Sanctuary Advisory Council Meeting**

December 6, 2018
1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Meeting Location: Coastal Studies Institute
850 NC 345
Wanchese, NC 27981

Meeting Objectives: (1) Updates and Reports; (2) Update to MNMS Boundary Expansion.

Attendance: (see attached attendance roster)

9 community seats present (of 12 filled seats)
6 government seats present (of 8 filled seats (not including alternates))
6 sanctuary staff members present (of 8 staff)
2 members of the public also in attendance

Meeting Notes

Administrative Business and Announcements

★ Chair's Welcome

Jim Tobin welcomed everyone to the meeting and to those on the phone.

★ Approval of Draft Minutes from previous meeting (4/26/18)

Bobby Outten motioned for approval of minutes as is, Ernie Foster seconded. All in favor; motion to accept minutes into record passed.

★ Brief Council Member Update and Welcome to New Members

New members Everette Newton, representing the Town of Beaufort, and Samantha Henderson of the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, were welcomed to the Advisory Council. Joe Poe mentions that Sanctuaries will have articles in upcoming Alert Diver magazine.

Public Comment Period

None.

Reports

★ Superintendent's Update

Dave Alberg began his update by stating the budget was in a continuing resolution. MNMS is also continuing to divest itself from SRVx *Sand Tiger* and work continues to update the acquired vessel *Peter Gladding* from the Florida Keys. Once ready for work and operational, a press release will be created and welcome aboard events planned. Sean Cimilluca, NOAA Corp officer, is in charge of this process. In other news, Dave stated that the Education Summit has been rescheduled for the second week in March and will take place at Jennette's Pier and other Outer Banks areas. Also, Dave was proud to announce that the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation (NMSF) awarded education grants to schools in Dare and Carteret Counties. The Cape Hatteras Second School (Dare County) and Bogue Sound Elementary School (Carteret County) will evenly split grants totaling \$15K over three years.

★ Field Work Update

Joe Hoyt and Tane Casserley gave reports for the 2018 field season. Beginning with work with the Battle of the Atlantic Research and Expedition Group (BAREG) Joe, Tane Casserley, Sean Cimilluca and Will Sassorossi assisted in documenting the wreck of *British Splendour*, working out of Ocracoke, NC. A full photogrammetry model was completed. In 2019, BAREG will document the site of *Byron Benson*. Two weeks in August onboard NOAA vessel R/V *Nancy Foster* working with National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science (NCCOS) saw successful characterization, both biological and cultural, of wreck sites *Proteus* and ex-USS *Tarpon*. Weather played a huge factor in limiting some aspects of the overall project, but extensive multibeam survey work was completed. ROV work also documented features of a 400 foot long wreck site that is currently unidentified. Plans for 2019 are still in development but another *Nancy Foster* expedition and time utilizing R/V *Okeanos Explorer* are in the works.

★ Regional Report

Paul Ticco gave an update regarding sanctuary expansion and new site creation. Potential for sites in Lake Ontario and in the York River, VA with focus on maritime heritage.

★ Conservation Update

Will Hoffman described the conservation focus that includes partnering with Newport News Shipyard to raise and re-support the turret for additional conservation procedures. This will be part of a four year conservation plan. Within six months, the hope is to raise and flip the turret to its proper orientation. Other efforts included digitizing the Monitor collection and laser scanning the turret. Conservation efforts on the port gun carriage, consisting of over 260 individual pieces, is hoped to be completed by summer. Boring of the centers of gun barrels are in the process of being done to remove mineral growth. Jim Tobin asked when the guns are complete will they go on display. Will replied they will, but it might take time to orient

and create interpretation for the museum to display them. Dave Alberg also mentioned the Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum is working on displays for upcoming presentations.

★ Recruitment Update

Will Sassorossi stated the recruitment for the nine available seats was well received by the public and there are excellent applications to go through. Will hopes to have everything completed by early January.

Update on Expansion

Dave Alberg started his presentation by stating that everything here was still in draft form but is as far along in the process as possible. Meetings with agencies, federal and state, continue and they starting to weigh in and make comments. Dave presented each of the four different models, one being no action taken, using the recommendations from the SAC working group and other entities. Ultimately, any regulations came down to two main features; do not take and do not sell. To this end, fishing would not be prohibited and there would not be an endeavor made to track down artifacts already in personal possession. In a response to a question from Joe Poe, Dave reiterated this last point, in that regulations put forward would be in an effort to protect future artifact removal and not deal with previous encounters. Nathan Richards wondered if this might create a “gold rush” mentality, to which Dave responded that he did not believe it would, but continued to stress the importance of education and promoting these sites as part of a battlefield. Matt Landrum and Joe Poe had similar questions regarding some inclusion of sites within potential boundary options over others, to which Joe Hoyt stated that while all of the sites would be great to include, enough of a representation of different site types are included in each model that promote the battlefield narrative. Again, Dave reiterated talks still are on-going and everything presented here and at agency meetings are still in draft form. Dave finished the expansion update by stating the draft documents still need approval from NOAA before public hearings begin, but MNMS is continuing to meet with federal agencies and state and local governments regarding expansion to determine if there are any issues.

Meeting Close-Out

★ New Business

None.

★ Next Council Event/Meeting

To be determined at a later date, looking into spring 2019 for next meeting.

Adjourn

Bob Neyland motioned to adjourn, seconded by Ernie Foster. Meeting adjourned.

Meeting Close-Out

Actions to Take:

- ✓ Send out options for next meeting date and location.
- ✓ Continue the recruitment process for upcoming available SAC seats.
- ✓ Fill remaining vacant SAC seats for governmental positions.
- ✓ Send SAC members expansion information as is requested.

Attendance Roster:

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| Community Members | | |
| Jim Tobin | Citizen-at-Large | Present |
| Sarah Watkins-Kenney | Conservation | Absent |
| Stuart Katz | Economic Development | Present |
| David Sybert | Education | Present |
| Andre Nabors | Heritage Tourism | Present |
| Nathan Richards | Maritime Archaeological Research | Present |
| Ernie Foster | Recreational/Commercial Fishing | Present |
| Anna Beckwith | Recreational/Commercial Fishing | Absent |
| Debby Boyce | Recreational Diving | Absent |
| Joe Poe | Recreational Diving | Present |
| Matt Landrum | Ocean Sports | Present |
| Will Hoffman | The Mariners' Museum | Present |
| OPEN | The Mariners' Museum (Alt) | ----- |
| OPEN | Student Seat (Non-Voting) | ----- |
| Government Members | | |
| Dave Hallac | NPS (Primary) | Absent |
| OPEN | NPS (Alternate) | ----- |
| Billy Ray Morris | NC DCR (Primary) | Present |
| OPEN | NC DCR (Alternate) | ----- |
| Jason Peters | NC Dept. Environmental Quality | Present |
| Steve Poland | NC Dept. Environmental Quality (Alt) | Absent |
| Everette Newton | NC Local Gov't – Town of Beaufort | Present |
| OPEN | NC Local Gov't – Town of Beaufort (Alt) | ----- |
| Bobby Outten | NC Local Gov't – Dare County | Present |
| Drew Pearson | NC Local Gov't – Dare county (Alt) | Absent |
| LCDR David Stutt | US Coast Guard | Absent |
| Kate Moore | US Coast Guard (Alternate) | Absent |
| Robert Neyland | US Navy | Present |
| Alexis Catsambis | US Navy (Alternate) | Absent |
| Samantha Henderson | VA DHR | Present |
| Mike Clem | VA DHR (Alternate) | Absent |
| Sanctuary Staff | | |

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| David Alberg | Sanctuary Superintendent | Present |
| Paul Ticco | Northeast Regional Coordinator | Present |
| Joe Hoyt | Maritime Archaeologist | Present |
| Tane Casserley | Research Coordinator | Present |
| Will Sassorossi | SAC Coordinator | Present |
| David Dodsworth | IT Coordinator | Absent |
| Shannon Ricles | Education/Outreach Coordinator | Present |
| Sean Cimilluca | NOAA Corp Officer | Absent |
| Others/Public | | |
| Alan McDowell | NC Aquarium | |
| John McCord | CSI | |