

**December 2, 2020
Calendar Announcement**

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Monitor National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council to meet on Dec. 10

Monitor National Marine Sanctuary's advisory council will meet via conference call on Dec. 10, 2020. The meeting is open to the public.

The meeting will include updates for council members and the public on the state of the sanctuary with an introduction of Russ Green, acting superintendent; upcoming field work; the proposed boundary expansion; and USS *Monitor* conservation efforts. Presentations will also be given by Chris Southerly with the North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, and Jenna Hartley, student seat member.

WHAT: Sanctuary Advisory Council Meeting

WHEN: Dec. 10, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Public comment period scheduled at 1:10 p.m. to 1:20 p.m.

WHERE: Join by phone +1 724-436-2941 (PIN: 737 321 364#)

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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