NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY ADVISORY COUNCIL
APPLICATION FORM

Before applying for advisory council membership, please review the advisory council charter provided in your application kit, and the ONMS Sanctuary Advisory Council Implementation Handbook available online at http://www.sanctuaries.noaa.gov/management/ac/acref.html (or you may obtain a copy from your local sanctuary – see contact information below). The council charter outlines the purposes and governs the operation of the council; the handbook provides broader operational requirements for councils. In applying for council membership, you are agreeing to abide by the terms of the charter and the handbook if you are selected as a member or alternate. As a part of the selection process, please note the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS) will conduct a LEXIS/NEXIS check and a departmental bureau check for potential conflict of interest and other issues in your background. Also review the information provided at the end of this form; it contains important guidance with regard to the information you submit on this form and its availability under federal law.

Council members and alternates must be 18 years of age or older. The complexity of the issues addressed by sanctuaries and councils, the ability to effectively network with all ages of constituents, and the ability to travel to and attend meetings and retreats all necessitate this minimum age limit.

Please note that under federal law, federal government employees are not allowed to sit on the advisory councils in a personal capacity. State employees are allowed to sit on the advisory councils in a personal capacity, but must include letters of support on agency letterhead from their state supervisors.

Please indicate which seat(s) you are applying for, provide your contact information, and respond to the questions below. The ONMS may consider applicants for seats for which they have not applied if the ONMS believes they are qualified for that seat and are willing to serve in it.

The application deadline is **11 October 2010**. Please return *all* pages of this application to **Elizabeth Stokes 175 Edward Foster Road, Scituate, MA 02066 or fax: 781-545-8036 or email Elizabeth.Stokes@noaa.gov. Telephone: 781-545-8026 X201.**

Date: _____

First Name*:_____ **Middle** _____ **Last** _____
* Please include full first, middle and last names.

Seat(s) applying for:

Conservation(M) ___; Conservation (A)___; At-Large (A) ___; Whalewatching (A)___; Mobile Gear Commercial Fishing (A)___. Education (A)___.

Home Address:_____
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Home Phone:_____

Home Fax: _____ **Home E-mail:** _____

Work Address (include company/organization name):
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Work Phone: _____

Work Fax: _____ **Work E-mail:** _____

Please **thoroughly** address each of the following in an attached statement:

1. Reasons for interest in serving on the council, including a statement of guiding views regarding protection and management of marine or Great Lake resources

2. Formal community and professional affiliations and employment

3. Length of residence in area affected by the sanctuary, and if a year-round or seasonal resident of the area

4. Previous attendance of council and/or working group meetings

5. Particular expertise and experience germane to the goals and uses of the sanctuary, particularly in relation to the seat(s) for which you are applying

6. Description of your views of what the role of the council is, and how you will work to best support the sanctuary while on the council
7. Description of the amount of time you have to devote to council activities (council meetings, subcommittee meetings, working group meetings, council retreats, chairing subcommittee or working groups, reviewing written materials, constituent outreach)

8. Description of how you will coordinate with, consult with, and inform the members of the constituency you will represent

9. Other qualifications or information relevant to membership on the council

The information obtained through this application process will be used to determine the qualifications of the applicant for membership on the sanctuary advisory council. The ONMS intends affirmatively to disclose the applications only to ONMS staff and other members of the review panel. However, the ONMS may be required to disclose the applications in response to a court order, a congressional request, or a request from the public under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). If disclosure is requested under the FOIA, the ONMS will endeavor to protect the privacy of applicants by withholding personal information such as home addresses and telephone numbers. In contrast, statements of philosophy or opinions contained in the application would likely be released. Applying for membership on the council is voluntary.

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average one hour per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, 1305 East West Highway, N/ORM6, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

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