

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

April 8, 2024

NOAA's Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary seeks advisory council applicants

NOAA's Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary is seeking applicants for two primary and five alternate seats on its advisory council. The council ensures public participation in sanctuary management and provides advice to the sanctuary superintendent.

The sanctuary is accepting applications for the following seats: business industry (one alternate), education (one alternate), fixed gear commercial fishing (one alternate), marine transportation (one alternate), research (one primary), whale watch (one primary), and youth (one alternate).

The application period opens on April 8, 2024. Completed applications are due by May 1, 2024. Applications received or postmarked after May 1 will not be considered. To receive an application or for further information, please contact Laura Howes via email at Laura.Howes@noaa.gov; by phone at 781-205-0354; or by mail at 175 Edward Foster Road, Scituate, MA 02066. Applications can also be downloaded from the sanctuary's website at <https://stellwagen.noaa.gov/>.

Applicants accepted as members should expect to serve a three-year term. The term for the Youth seat is two years. The advisory council consists of 36 primary and alternate members representing a variety of public interest groups. It also includes seven seats representing other federal and state government agencies.

Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary's Advisory Council actively recruits for new members and alternates when positions are available. Check our website (<https://stellwagen.noaa.gov>) frequently for updates on how you can help manage New England's only national marine sanctuary.

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