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**STELLWAGEN BANK NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY (SBNMS)
71st ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC) MEETING AGENDA
May 15th, 2024 9am – 3pm EDT**

Scituate GAR Hall, 353 Country Way, Scituate, MA 02066
Register for the Meeting [Here](#)

The Advisory Council may take action on any of the items on the agenda

8:45 – 9:00 **Preparation:** Meet & greet for in person attendees. Virtual attendees, log into Google Meet, test Technology.

9:00 – 9:05 **Welcome** (C. McGuire)

9:05 - 9:10 **Public Comment**

9:10 - 10:20 **Sanctuary and SAC Administration**

- Review & approve 70th SAC Meeting Minutes (L. Lilly)
- Vice Chair/Secretary Elections (C. McGuire, L.Lilly)
- Recruitment Update (L.Howes)
- Fall SAC meeting/FY25 meeting schedule (L.Howes)
- SAC Chairs Meeting recap (C.McGuire)
- Hudson Canyon NMS designation Update (Alan Lee/LeAnn Hogan)
- Superintendent Update (P. DeCola)
- Update from SAC Charter Subcommittee (C. McGuire)
- Update from SAC Wind Energy Subcommittee (C. McGuire)

10:20 - 10:30 **Break**

10:30 - 12:00 **Outreach & Education Discussion and Workplan**

- Introduce plenary topic plan of staff prestations to engage SAC Implementation Plan input over the next several meetings (C.McGuire)
- SBNMS Outreach and Education Implementation Plan Report (L.Howes)
- Outreach Subcommittee (C.McGuire)
- Visitor Center Update (P.Decola)
- Breakout groups (MJ.Larson, L.Howes, L.Lilly, C.McGuire)
- Breakout group reports/whole SAC discussion

12:00 - 12:30 **Lunch** (food provided for SAC members, staff, support team)

12:30 - 1:15 **Lunch presentation:** NEFSC Roadmap to Ropeless Initiative (H.Milliken/M.Amico)

1:15 - 2:20 Staff Updates

- Resource Protection Updates- Fisheries, PNPS (S. Tolken)
- Climate Program Office (C. Thompson, B.Haskell)
- CVA update (L. Waters)
- Report on Portland Symposium (B. Haskell)
- Vessel notifications (M. Thompson)
- Offshore Wind updates (B.Haskell, A.Stratton)
- MWRA NPDES Permit Status (A.Stratton)

2:20 - 2:40 Agency/Governmental Reports

- MA Coastal Zone Management (T. Callaghan)
- MA Division of Marine Fisheries (K. Whitmore)
- Enforcement Reports
 - US Coast Guard (CAPT J. Frederick)
 - NOAA Office of Law Enforcement (M. Henry)
 - MA Environmental Police (CAPT C. Baker)
- New England Fishery Management Council (J. Couture)
- NOAA Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office (C. Kane)

2:40 – 2:50 Round Robin, Discussion on SAC Member Reports (C. McGuire)

Announcements, activity reports from individual SAC member work plans as time allows. Members can also send email announcements/reports for the SAC Coordinator to send to all SAC members. Please also send short written reports in advance.

2:50 - 2:55 Old and New Business (C. McGuire)

2:55 - 3:00 Public Comment

3:00 Adjourn

3:30 Social Hour (Come and wish Ben Bon Voyage)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next SAC Meeting: October 2024, in person