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**STELLWAGEN BANK NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY (SBNMS)
69th ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC) MEETING AGENDA
October 11, 2023 9 am – 3 pm EDT**

**Rockland Doubletree, and online
929 Hingham St, Rockland, MA**

[Advance registration required](#)

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

8:30 – 9:00 **Preparation:** Meet & greet for in person attendees. Virtual attendees, log into Google Meet, test Technology.

9:00 – 9:05 **Welcome** (T. Callaghan)

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

9:10 - 10:20 **Orientation to SBNMS and the SAC**

- Introductions (T. Callaghan)
- SBNMS 101 (P. DeCola)
- SAC 101 (A. Stratton)

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

10:30 - 11:50 **SAC Business**

- Review & approve 68th SAC Meeting Minutes (L.Lilly)
- Chair and Vice Chair Elections (A. Stratton)
- Review SAC Work Plan (T. Callaghan)
- Review SAC Subcommittees / Workgroups, (T. Callaghan)
- Establish SAC Charter Subcommittee (A. Stratton)
- Recap of SAC Chairs Meeting (L.Howes)

11:50 – 12:00 **Public Comment**

12:00 - 1:30 **Lunch Networking** (food provided for SAC members, staff, support team)
Recognition of former SAC Members

1:30 - 2:20 **Sanctuary Business**

- Superintendent Update (P. DeCola)

- \$15 M grant from HQ for Visitors Center & Update on Timeline
- NOAA Travel Blackout Update
- New England Fishery Management Council (NEMFC) Actions (Priorities Discussion/Herring)
- SBNMS working with National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science (NCCOS) and the National Renewable Energy Lab (NREL) on potential wind energy cable siting
- Management Plan Implementation
- Mapping initiative (B. Haskell)
- *SS PORTLAND* Symposium and Maritime Heritage Ecology Workshop (B. Haskell)

2:20 - 2:40 Discussion on Agency/Governmental Written 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 (C.O'Keefe / J. Couture)
- NOAA Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office (C. Bari)

2:40 – 2:50 Round Robin, Discussion on SAC Member Written Reports (T. Callaghan)

Announcements, activity reports from individual SAC member work plans as time allows.

2:50 - 2:55 Old and New Business

2:55 - 3:00 Public Comment

3:00 Adjourn

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next SAC Meeting: February (virtual)