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To Potential Sanctuary Advisory Council Applicants:

NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council is seeking to fill the following seats:

Citizen-At-Large (3 Primary, 2 Alternate) - 3-year term
Conservation (1 Primary, 2 Alternate) - 3-year term
Diving (1 Primary, 1 Alternate) - 3-year term
Education (2 Primary) - 3-year term
Marine Transportation (1 Primary) - 3-year term
Maritime Heritage (1 Alternate) - 3-year term
Mobile Gear Commercial Fishing (1 Primary) - 3 year term
Recreational Fishing (1 Alternate) - 3-year term
Research (1 Primary, 1 Alternate) - 3-year term
Whale Watch (1 Alternate) - 3-year term
Youth (1 Primary, 1 Alternate) (non-voting) - 2-year term

The application period opens **November 20th, 2025** and closes **January 30th, 2026**. Applications received or postmarked after January 30th will not be considered.

Council Recruitment

Candidates are selected based on their expertise and experience in relation to the seat for which they are applying, community and professional affiliations, and views regarding the protection and management of sanctuary resources. Applicants who are selected as Advisory Council members should expect to serve a 3-year term and Youth seat 2-year term. The Advisory Council consists of 36 primary and alternate members representing a variety of public interest groups. It also includes 9 seats representing other federal and state government agencies.

Please send completed applications to: Laura Howes, 175 Edward Foster Road, Scituate, MA 02066 or email to laura.howes@noaa.gov.

For more information on the advisory council please contact Laura Howes, Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council Coordinator, laura.howes@noaa.gov, tel: 781-205-0354. For more information about the Office of National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Councils, please visit sanctuaries.noaa.gov/management/ac/.

All applicants will be notified once decisions have been made regarding appointments for the positions to be filled. If at any point you have a change in circumstance that will prevent you from serving on the council, please notify Laura Howes laura.howes@noaa.gov, tel: 781-205-0354.

Sincerely,

Captain Peter DeCola
US Coast Guard (retired)
Superintendent

