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STELLWAGEN BANK NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY (SBNMS)
68th ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC) MEETING AGENDA
May 17, 2023 9 am – 2:30 pm EDT

Venue: Rockland Doubletree, Rockland, MA, and online [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 – 10:25 **SAC Business**

- Review 67th SAC Meeting Minutes (L.Howes)
- Reminders: SAC Hours (A Stratton)
- SAC Meeting Locations (Hybrid vs In Person) (A. Stratton)
- SAC Charter (A. Stratton)
- SAC Work Plan (T. Callaghan)
- Recruitment update and welcome new members (A Stratton)
- Elections (A. Stratton)
- Wind Energy Subcommittee Report/Update (C. McGuire)

10:25 - 10:35 **Break**

10:35 - 11:50 **Sanctuary Business**

- Management Plan Update (A. Stratton, P. DeCola)
- EPA Consultations over MWRA NPDES Permit Renewal (A. Stratton)
- SBNMS research updates (B. Haskell, D. Wiley, T. Silva)
- SS PORTLAND Symposium (B. Haskell)
- Mapping initiative (B. Haskell)
- Update on Provincetown Visitor Center (P. DeCola)
- New staff hire update (P. DeCola)

11:50 – 12:00 **Public Comment**

12:00 - 1:15 **Lunch Networking and Presentation** (lunch provided for SAC members, presenters, staff)

- Networking/Break
- Presentation: Assessment of ecosystem-wide diversity using environmental DNA to inform conservation and management in SBNMS (Matt Harke & Jennifer Polinski, GMGI)

1:15 – 1:50 **Discussion on Agency/Governmental Written Reports**

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

1:50 – 2:15 **Round Robin, Discussion on SAC Member Written Reports (T. Callaghan)**
Announcements, activity reports from individual SAC member work plans.

2:15 – 2:20 **Old and New Business**

2:20 - 2:25 **Public Comment**

2:30 **Adjourn**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next SAC Meeting: October 2023 at TBD