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**STELLWAGEN BANK NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY (SBNMS)
76th ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC) MEETING AGENDA
May 20th, 2026 9am - 3:00pm EST - Hybrid**

**Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary Annex
175 Edward Foster Road, Scituate, MA 02066**

Register for the Meeting [Here](#). Online advanced registration required

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 - 10:00 Sanctuary and SAC Administration

- Review & approve 75th SAC Meeting Minutes (T.Birkeland)
- Superintendent Update (P. DeCola)
- Recruitment Update (L.Howes)
- Executive Committee Voting (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary)
- Charter discussion: Youth Seat age limit
- Round Robin, Discussion on SAC Member Reports (C. McGuire) Announcements, activity reports.

10:00 - 10:30 Experience with Thunder Bay NMS Friends of Program (H.MacDonald)

10:30 - 10:45 Break

10:45 - 11:15 Recent Oceanographic Variability in the Northwest Atlantic Ocean (G.Gawarkiewicz)

11:15 - 11:45 EMOLT - Environmental Monitors on Lobster Traps and Large Trawlers (G.Maynard)

11:45 - 12:00 Education & Outreach Update AND/OR introduce new SAC members?

- Upcoming Outreach Events (L. Howes)
- Birds Supporting Birds (P.Decola)
- Signage update and upcoming goals for Education Committee (L. Lilly)

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch

1:00 - 1:45 SanctuaryWatch Demo (A,Stratton / Jenn Brown, IOOS)

1:45 - 2:00 Summer Research Projects

2:00 - 2:50 Agency/Governmental Reports

- MA Coastal Zone Management (T. Callaghan)
- MA Division of Marine Fisheries (K. Whitmore)
- Enforcement Reports
 - US Coast Guard (T. Kelley)
 - NOAA Office of Law Enforcement (T. Audyatis)
 - MA Environmental Police (J. Chapin)
- New England Fishery Management Council (J. Couture)
- NOAA Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office (A.Schuler)

2:55 Old and New Business C. McGuire

3:00 Public Comment/Meeting Adjourns

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next SAC Meeting: September 30th, In-Person (tent. Location at USCG Boston Base)
- Reminders for SAC members - please report hours served quarterly