

GRAY'S REEF NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY  
ADVISORY COUNCIL CHARTER

AMENDMENT #5

The following revisions are made to the charter as signed on 02/11/08, and hereby amended on 3/18/08:

Members and Officers is revised to read:

1. The council shall consist of no more than ten (10) voting members and **five (5)** ex-officio members, who shall be appointed by the director from among persons with expertise in management of natural resources, representatives of local user groups, conservation and other public interest organizations, scientific and educational organizations, and members of the public interested in the protection and management of the sanctuary. The membership is designed to be balanced in terms of points of view represented, geographic diversity, and advisory functions the council will perform.

2. The sanctuary superintendent shall sit on the council as a non-voting member and shall approve the scheduling of each meeting and the agenda to ensure that topics of discussion are relevant to the sanctuary. The sanctuary superintendent shall also approve other matters as indicated elsewhere in this Charter. Council meetings may not be conducted in the absence of the sanctuary superintendent or his/her designee.

3. There are two categories of seats for which voting members are appointed. The following procedures shall govern the application, nomination, and appointment of council voting members.

(a) Governmental (**6** members).

(i) By virtue of the shared functional responsibilities of federal, state, and local jurisdictions in the implementation of sanctuary-related management, government entities shall be requested to designate one individual to serve on the council.

(ii) To ensure that sanctuary plans and policies are well coordinated with State coastal programs and interests, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Coastal Resources Division shall be asked to designate one individual to serve on the council as a voting member.

(iii) To ensure relevant information exchange and consistent management, as appropriate, the U.S. Coast Guard, NOAA Fisheries, Sapelo Island National Estuarine Research Reserve, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources Division, Region VII Law Enforcement, and NOAA Office for Law Enforcement shall be asked to designate one individual from each agency to sit on the council as non-voting (ex-officio) members.

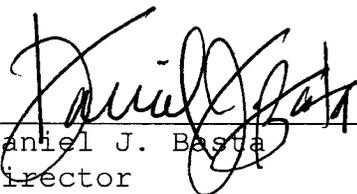
Operations Section 6 (a) is revised to read:

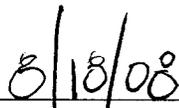
**(a) Subcommittees:**

(i) The council and the sanctuary superintendent may establish such subcommittees as necessary to fulfill the council's duties. Subcommittees shall be composed solely of members of the council. Subcommittees shall be recognized as official subunits of the council. Subcommittees are subject to all requirements of this charter.

(ii) A standing subcommittee, the executive committee, will serve as the administrative body of the advisory council and handle such administrative activities as may be appropriate, including, but not limited to, setting time and place of meetings, selecting agenda items, and reviewing meeting conduct. The executive committee consists of the council chair, council vice-chair, council secretary and sanctuary superintendent. The advisory council coordinator will work very closely with the executive committee. The chair, with concurrence from the superintendent, may also appoint one additional member from the members of the advisory council. The council chair, vice-chair, secretary, and one additional council member appointed by the chair shall also serve as the preliminary review panel for council member selection. Meetings of the executive committee are not subject to public meeting requirements.

All other terms of the charter remain in full force and effect.

  
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