

FLOWER GARDEN BANKS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

Sanctuary Advisory Council Meeting
Wednesday, May 9th, 2012, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
FGBNMS Headquarters, 4700 Ave. U., Bldg. 216, Galveston, TX

DRAFT AGENDA

9:00 AM **Welcome & Announcements** *G.P. Schmahl*

9:10 AM **Administrative Business and Announcements** *G.P. Schmahl*
Recognition and Introduction of SAC members
Adoption of agenda
Approval of minutes of previous meeting
Brief Council Member Announcements

9:30 PM **Presentation and Discussion** *G.P. Schmahl*
FGBNMS Final Management Plan (*Council Action Requested*)

The revised management plan and updated regulations for FGBNMS were published on April 27, 2012. The management plan outlines the primary strategies to be addressed by the sanctuary over the next 5 to 10 years. The provisions of the plan will be reviewed, and priority actions will be identified. The plan includes a proposal to expand the boundaries of the sanctuary through the addition of other reefs and banks in the northwestern Gulf of Mexico. The procedure and timeline for sanctuary boundary expansion will be presented and discussed. The sanctuary superintendent requests a recommendation from the Council on the boundary expansion process.

10:15 AM **Sanctuary Update** *G.P. Schmahl*
Report on sanctuary activities since February 2012

11:00 AM **Discussion** *G.P. Schmahl*
HIA389A Decommissioning Recommendation (*Council Action Requested*)

W&T Offshore has notified the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) that the HIA389A platform has ceased production, and is now undergoing the decommissioning process. The status of the decommissioning will be discussed, and the options under consideration will be presented. The sanctuary superintendent requests a recommendation from the Council on the preferred option for platform disposition.

12:00 PM **Break for Lunch**

1:00 PM **Public Comment and Q&A Period**

1:30 PM **Presentation and Discussion**
ONMS Campaign of Engagement

G.P. Schmahl

2:00 PM **Nominations for Council Officer Election**
(Council Action Requested)

Nominations will be taken for the position of council vice-chair. The Council should plan to hold the election at the next meeting.

2:30 AM **Standing Subcommittee Reports**
Youth Working Group Subcommittee
Artificial Reef Working Group

Jacqui Stanley
Frank Burek

3:00 PM **Guest Presentation**

James Blackburn

Mr. James Blackburn, environmental attorney and faculty member at Rice University's SSPEED (Severe Storm Prediction, Education, and Evacuation from Disasters) Center, will discuss the proposed Lone Star Coastal National Recreation Area. This project is presented as one strategy for preserving critical flood control capacity of undeveloped lands while generating significant economic advantages for local communities.

3:50 PM **New Business**

4:00 PM **Adjourn**