



Mallows Bay-Potomac River National Marine Sanctuary

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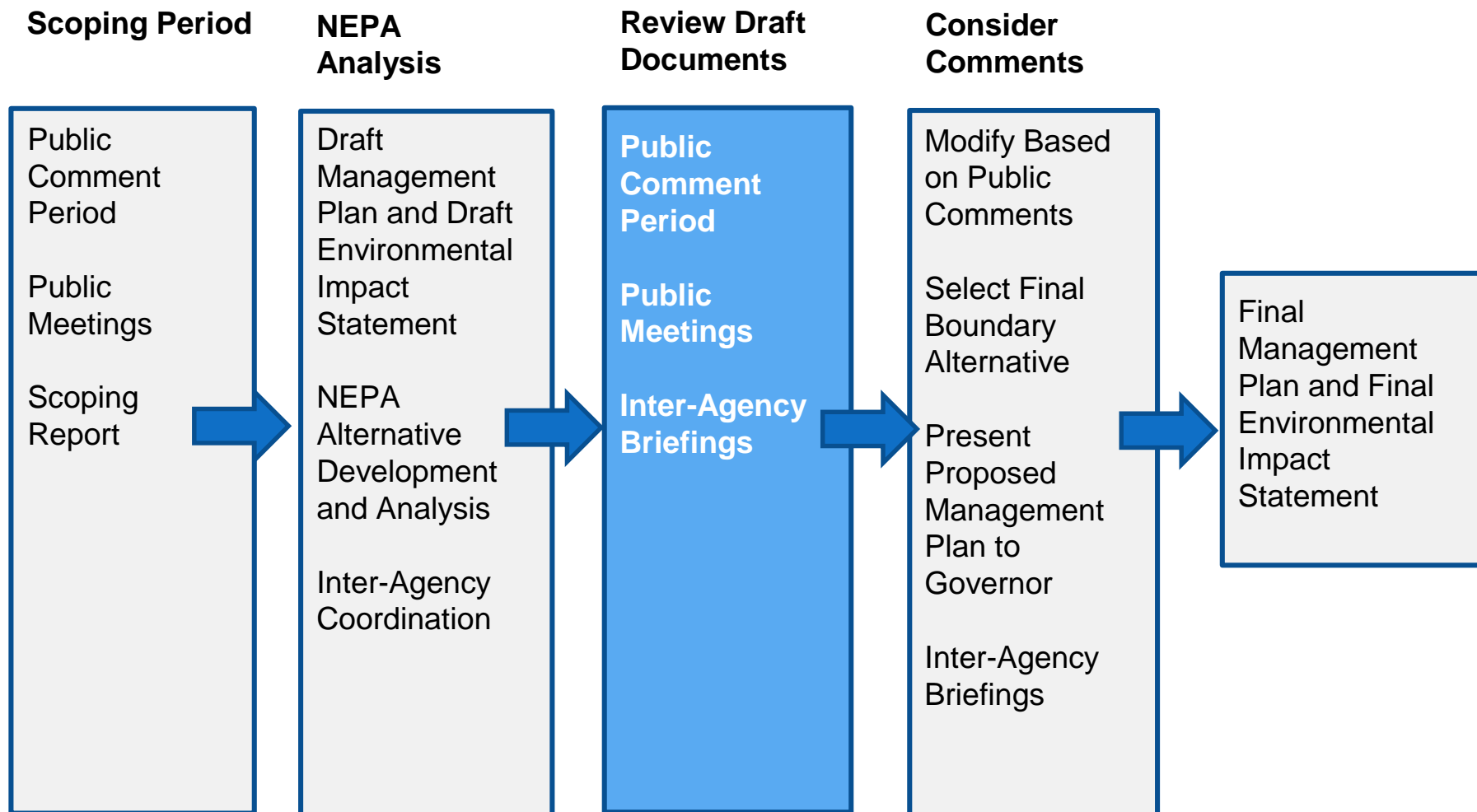


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The Sanctuary Designation Process



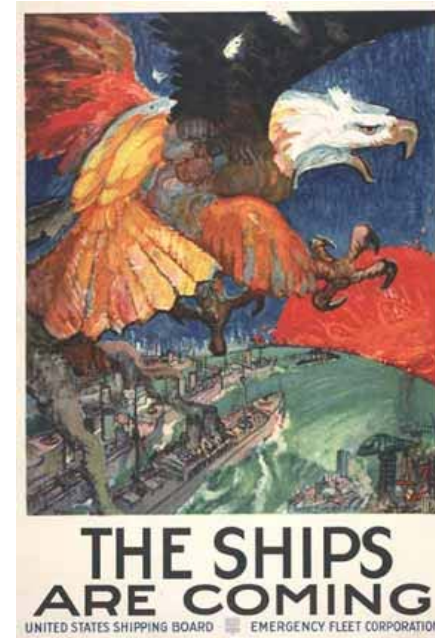
Input from Public Scoping

Clear Public Endorsement for Sanctuary Purpose and Programs

- Resource Protection (History and Heritage) and Interpretation
- Recreation/Tourism and Local Economic Opportunity
- Education and Public Engagement
- Science and Advanced Technologies

Additional Considerations

- Boundary Expansion
 - Include additional maritime/cultural/historic resources
 - Expand public access
 - Role of ships and maritime assets as critical habitat
- Retain Potomac River in Sanctuary name
- No adverse impact on recreational and commercial fishing
- No adverse impact on recreational fossil collection
- No adverse impact on local business and land use planning
- Support for visitor center and/or educational facility
- Designation by April 2017 to coincide with WWI Centennial



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Proposed Mallows Bay – Potomac River National Marine Sanctuary Designation

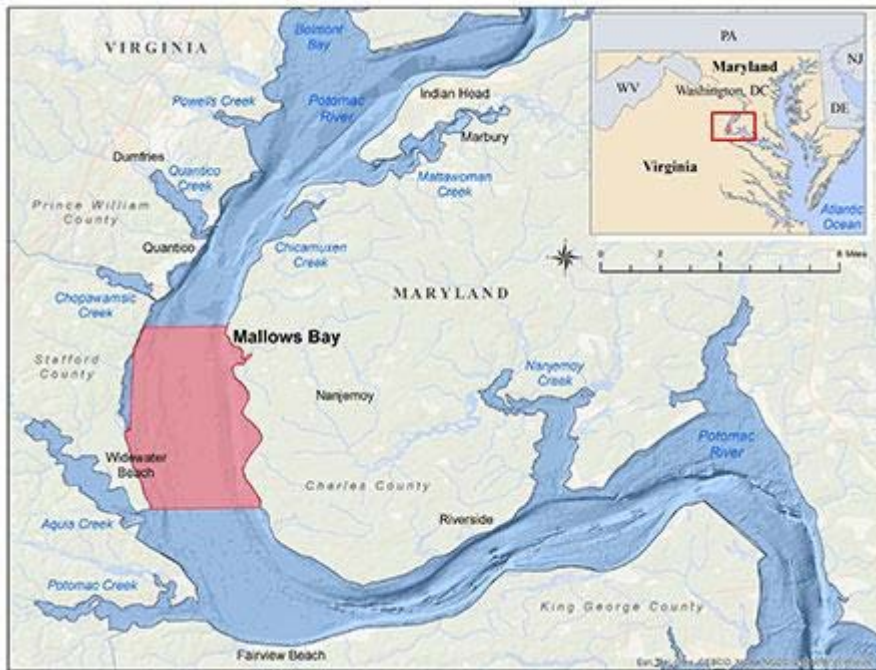
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Draft Management Plan



- **States purpose of and need for sanctuary:**
 - 1) resource protection of maritime heritage resources**
 - 2) facilitating public access**
- Evaluates a range of options – regulatory and non-regulatory - for achieving the purpose and need
- Defines a preferred alternative
- Evaluates environmental and social consequences of the preferred alternative
- Provides the proposed management arrangement and priority programs

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Alternative B



Resources Present:

- 118 WWI-era U.S. Emergency Fleet Corporation steamships;
- MD Indian Tribes heritage sites;
- Remains of historic fisheries operations such as sturgeon and caviar industries, Revolutionary and Civil War battle sites.

Boundaries: Boundaries coincide with the Malloys Bay Widewater Historical and Archeological National Register District

Approximate Total Area (sq. mi.): 18

Public Access

- 3 parks - Malloys Bay Park, Purse State Park, Widewater State Park
- 6 miles of shoreline

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Alternative C (NOAA's preferred alternative)

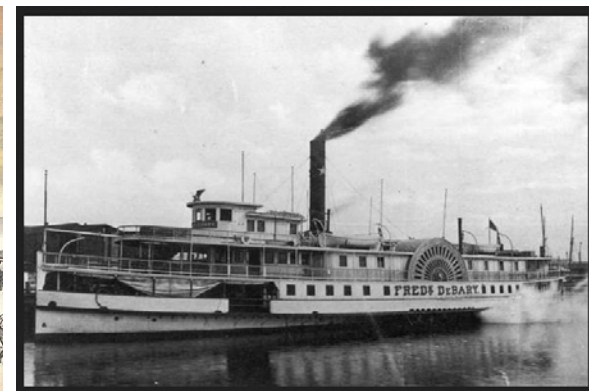
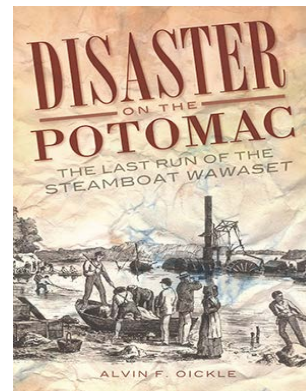
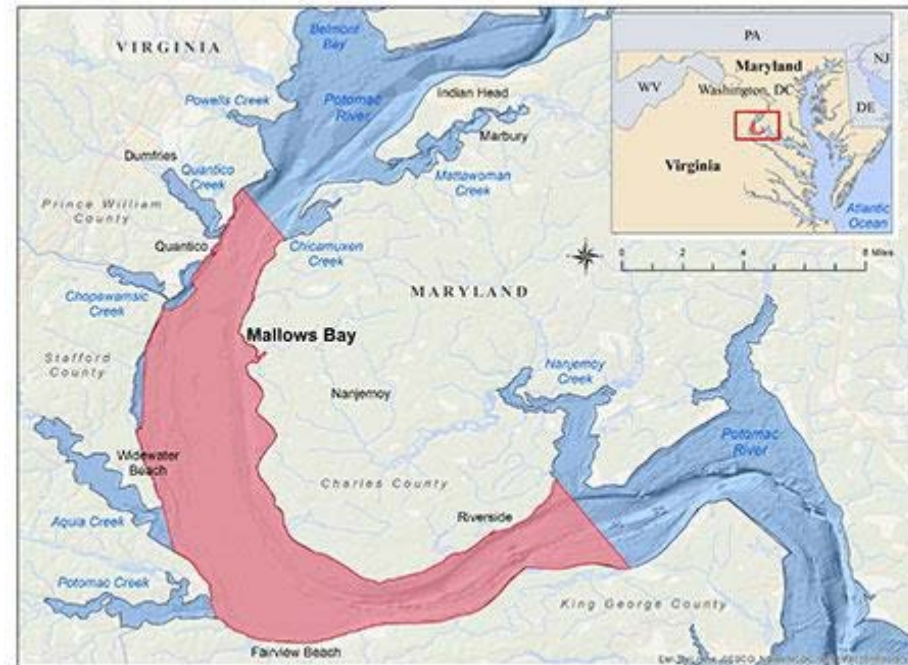
Resources Present:

- Includes Alternative B shipwrecks plus
- 2 additional WWI steamships
- 1873 steamboat *Wawaset*
- Civil War Barge or canal boat, and up to 17 other historic shipwrecks found or identified in records
- Historically significant steamboat landings, ferry crossings, revolutionary war and civil war battle sites and remnants of the Potomac River's historic fishing industry

Public Access:

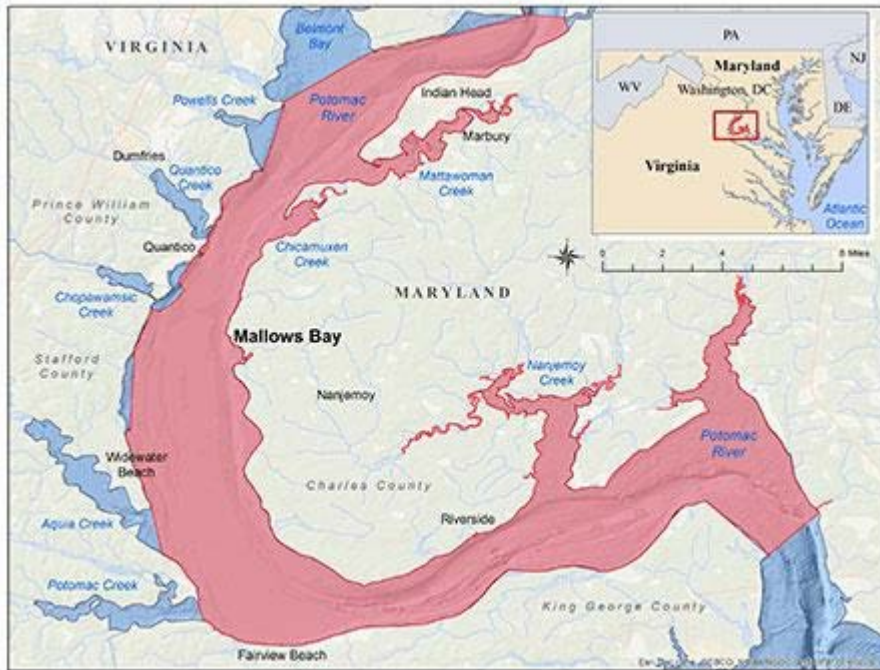
- 4 parks - adds Caledon State Park
- 14 miles of shoreline

Approximate Total Area (sq. mi.): 52



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Alternative D



Resources Present:

- Alternative C, plus:
- Records suggest potentially 18 additional maritime assets
- Expansion of battle sites
- Water escape route for John Wilkes Booth

Public Access

- 10 parks
- 68 miles of shoreline

Approximate Total Area (sq. mi.): 100

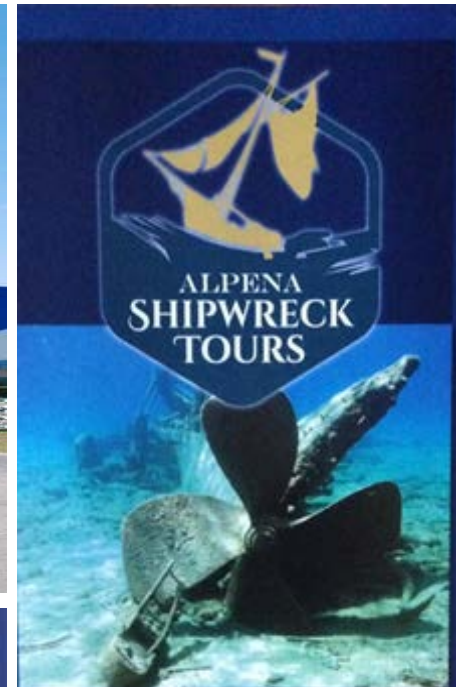
Tourism, Small Business and Economic Opportunity

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Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

Three Regulations

1. Damaging Sanctuary Resources [historic / maritime heritage]

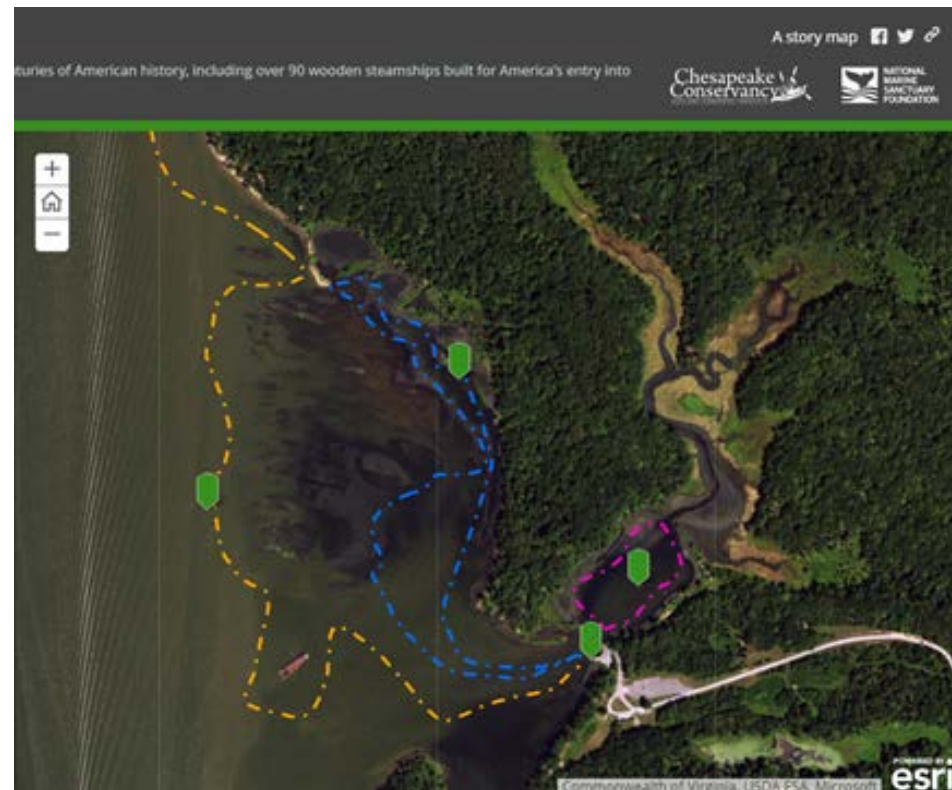
Prohibits moving, removing, recovering, altering, destroying, possessing, or otherwise injuring, or attempting to move, remove, recover, alter, destroy, possess or otherwise injure a sanctuary resource.

2. Damaging Sanctuary Signs

Prohibits damage to sanctuary signs, notices, placards, monuments, stakes, posts, buoys, or boundary markers.

3. Interfering with Investigations

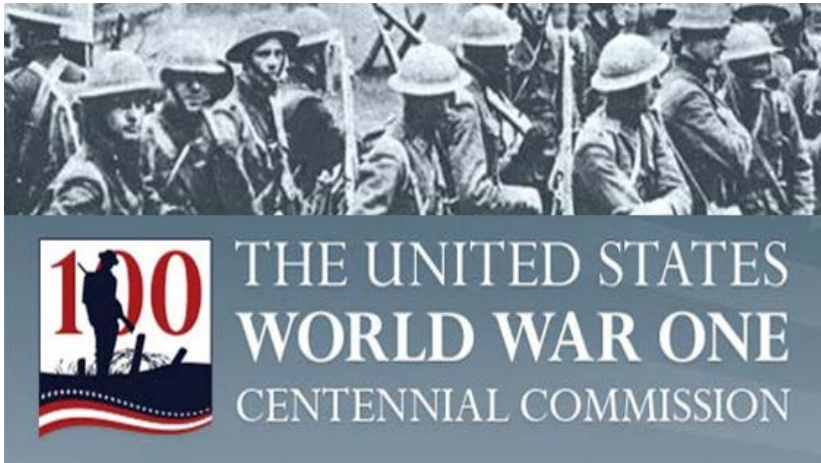
Prohibits interfering with sanctuary enforcement activities.



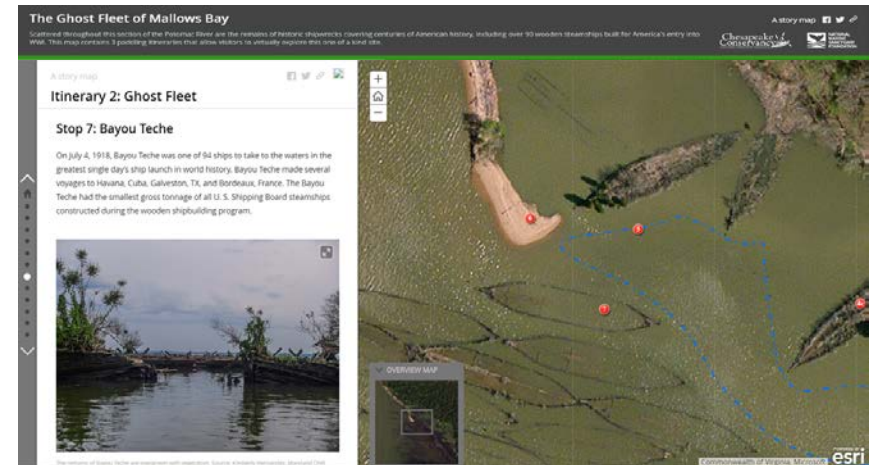
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Appendix A: Draft Management Plan

1 Protect Maritime Heritage Resources



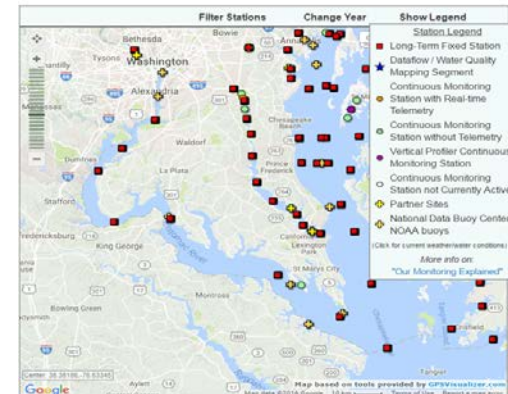
2 Enhance Recreation and Tourism



3 Strengthen Educational Opportunities



4 Promote Research, Science & Technology



Appendix A: Draft Management Plan

Sanctuary Operations: Co-Management



- Managed cooperatively by NOAA, State of Maryland and Charles County, MD
- Recreational and commercial fishing would continue, as before, through management by MD DNR and Potomac River Fisheries Commission
- All other recreational uses, including hunting, fossil collecting, birding, wildlife viewing, boating and paddling would continue, as before, through management by MD DNR or other local authorities
- Archaeological research will continue, as before, by permit from MD Historical Trust

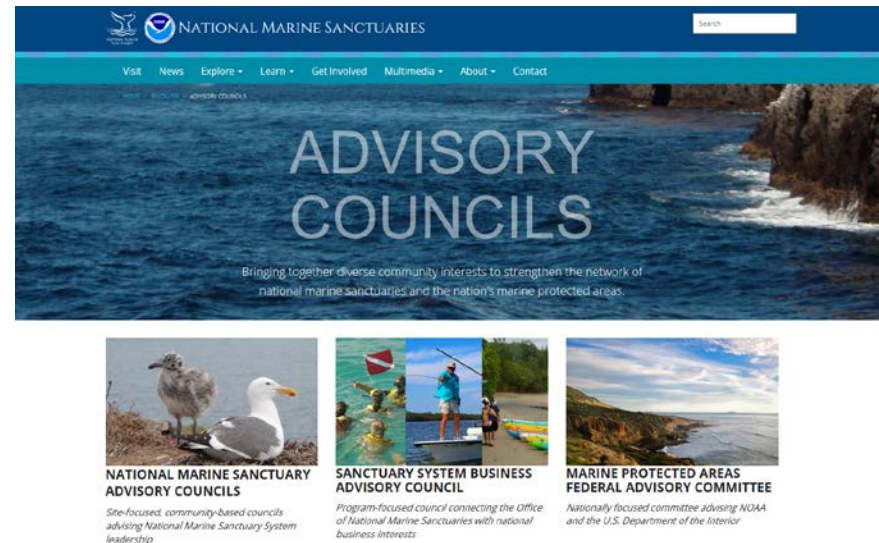


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Sanctuary Operations: Sanctuary Advisory Council

An Ongoing Partnership with the Community

- 15 members who advise the sanctuary superintendent on the operation of a national marine sanctuary.
- Members typically include conservation, fishing, recreation, education, boating and shipping, business, maritime heritage, research, and jurisdictional partners from local, regional, state, tribal, territorial and federal agencies, citizen-at-large, and/or youth



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NOAA is soliciting comments:

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Draft Notice of Proposed Rule

Sanctuary Name

ON-LINE
Until March 31, 2017

Public Meetings (6:00p-9:00p)

Date: March 7, 2017

Location: Charles County Government Building

Date: March 9, 2017

Location: Anne Arundel Community College

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