

Lake Ontario National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council ***Seat Descriptions and Responsibilities***

Advisory council members serve as liaisons between their constituents and ONMS. The advisory council shall draw on the expertise of its members to provide advice and recommendations to the sanctuary superintendent regarding the protection and management of Lake Ontario National Marine Sanctuary. Council members should be actively involved with their constituents to afford best representation possible. Therefore, all seats should

- Have the ability and willingness to communicate with the spectrum of users or stakeholders the seat represents.
- Understand the important links and/or the uses the seat represents and the sanctuary resources.
- Create engagement opportunities with the community represented by the seat to support sanctuary management.
- Actively participate in advisory council meetings, both in-person and virtual.
- Participate in community programs and events associated with the sanctuary.
- Facilitate regular communication between the member and alternate pertaining to the stakeholders and users the seat represents.
- Commitment, availability and willingness to chair or participate on council working groups or subcommittees.
- Freedom to express views and cast votes without consideration of any expectations held by an employer or other organization with which the member is affiliated.

Community Seat Descriptions

Citizen-at-Large: 2 seats

- Reside in the sanctuary region;
- Proven ability to communicate with members in communities near the sanctuary;
- Experience and/or knowledge regarding Great Lakes history, conservation, and resource protection issues in the sanctuary;
- Experience and/or knowledge regarding public uses and activities in the sanctuary region.

Business, Marketing and Economic Development: 2 seats

- Familiarity and affiliation with local businesses in communities in the sanctuary region;
- Understanding of the links between local business, sanctuary resources, and human activities; and
- Ability and willingness to communicate with key representatives from local businesses through the sanctuary area.

Divers, Dive Clubs and Archaeology: 2 seats

- Affiliation with divers, dive clubs, and/or archaeology organizations (both terrestrial and underwater);
- Active in communities near the sanctuary;
- Knowledge of diving and/or archeological practices within the sanctuary region; and
- Ability and willingness to effectively communicate with divers, dive clubs, researchers, and the broader community on the subjects of shipwreck exploration, diving in the sanctuary, and archaeology.

Education (K-12): 1 seat

- Affiliation with educational institutions or organizations active in communities in the sanctuary region;
- Ability to effectively communicate with multiple institutions and educators;
- Direct experience with STEAMS (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math and Social Studies) education programs relating to the sanctuary's resources;
- Ability to engage and effectively communicate with K-12 students; and
- Experience, ability and availability to conduct educational programs and outreach consistent with the goals of the sanctuary and the mission of the council.

Higher Education: 1 seat

- Affiliation with higher education institutions (vocational schools, universities, or colleges) or organizations in the sanctuary region;
- Ability to effectively communicate with multiple institutions and educators; and
- Experience, ability, and availability to conduct education-focused outreach with the education community.

Fishing: 1 seat

- Affiliation with individual fishers, fishing organizations, charters, and/or businesses within the sanctuary region;
- Knowledge of fishing activities within the sanctuary region;
- Breadth of experience and knowledge regarding fisheries policies and practices affecting the sanctuary; and
- Ability and willingness to communicate with key recreational fishing stakeholders and partners.

History, Maritime Heritage and Public Interpretation: 2 seats

- Affiliation with local, regional, and state history organizations, museums, and/or related organizations active in communities in the sanctuary region;

- Ability to effectively communicate with multiple organizations and the broader community of maritime and non-maritime historians in the sanctuary region;
- Familiarity with local, regional, state, or national history connected with the sanctuary; and
- Experience working with or representing history and interpretive organizations, especially those involved with Great Lakes maritime heritage.

Recreation: 1 seat

- Familiarity and affiliation with recreational activities and organizations active in communities in the sanctuary region;
- Knowledge of recreational activities (e.g, parks, hiking, biking, boating and paddle sports) within the sanctuary region, and
- Ability and willingness to communicate with key recreational stakeholders and partners.

Research, Science and Technology: 1 seat

- Affiliation with scientific research institutions or organizations relevant to the resources in the sanctuary region;
- Ability to effectively communicate and facilitate partnerships with the broader community of research, science and technology organizations regarding the goals of the sanctuary;
- Knowledge and experience with marine research programs; and
- Experience, ability and availability to conduct outreach within the research community consistent with the goals of the sanctuary and the mission of the council.

Tourism: 2 seats

- Familiarity and affiliation with the tourism industry in communities in the sanctuary region;
- Understanding of the links between tourism, sanctuary resources and human activities;
- Ability and willingness to communicate both oral and written with tourism partners throughout the sanctuary area;
- Knowledge and experience in digital communications, including social media; and
- Ability to seek and facilitate partnerships with the broader community.

Non-voting Seat Descriptions

Governmental: 10 seats

- New York Department of State
- New York Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation
- United States Coast Guard
- Port of Oswego Authority
- Oswego County
- Cayuga County

- Jefferson County
- Wayne County
- City of Oswego
- New York Sea Grant

Indigenous Nations and Tribes: (seats TBD)

- Recognizing the cultural significance of this area to Indigenous Nations and Tribes, the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries welcomes the participation of such interested Nations and Tribes on the council. This could involve multiple Nations and Tribes. This process can be initiated by contacting the sanctuary superintendent. Participation on the council does not take the place of government-to-government consultation nor does it serve as the only opportunity for engagement between NOAA and Indigenous Nations and Tribes.

Youth: 2 seats

- Be ages 14-17 at the time of application;
- Interest or passion for history, Great Lakes and ocean resources, conservation or environmental issues;
- Ability to communicate with youth members about the sanctuary; and
- Commitment and availability of time to participate on council, working groups or subcommittees.