

YOUTH SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Youth involvement goals:

The GFNMS Advisory Council will engage young people to create an empowered, influential youth voice in the management of marine resources and provide youth perspective and input into Sanctuary policies and decisions.

Participating youth will:

- serve as advisors to the Sanctuary superintendent and liaisons to the community regarding Sanctuary issues
- work alongside role models that are professionals and leaders in their fields
- hold responsibility and make decisions that shape the future of the Sanctuary (*this is to be determined; see below*)

Recommendations:

1. There will be a primary and an alternate youth voting seat on the advisory council, aged 14-17.
 - **Action:** Leslie will check to see if this is allowable. Sanctuary guidelines may have predetermined that youth can't vote until age 18. If the youth seat must be non-voting, youth can still propose and present initiatives for other SAC member so bring up for vote.
2. There will not be a separate working group, as this requires more oversight and administration than can be offered by staff or advisory council.
3. One student will be from south of bridge and one from north of bridge.
4. The students will be generalists, not representing particular interests.
5. Each student will be assigned a SAC member who volunteers to be his or her mentor. The mentor would assist the student:
 - before each meeting to prepare the student by reviewing meeting materials, discussing transportation to meeting or other logistics, etcetera.
 - during meetings to ensure that student understands the issues and is included socially, etcetera
 - between meetings regarding Sanctuary-related activities as appropriate, etcetera
 - to prepare initiatives for consideration and vote by SAC members, including related presentations.
6. GFNMS staff and SAC mentor will provide orientation.
7. Selection considerations:
 - Highly motivated
 - Interested but not necessarily experienced in the mission of the marine sanctuaries
 - Venue/ mechanism for communicating the work of GFNMS to other youth
 - Ability to make commitment for two-year term
8. **Action:** Kellyx will provide updates to Maria for November 10th SAC meeting, including the idea of asking headquarters to create forum or summit for youth advisors from different sanctuaries to come together. Neither Leslie nor any committee member present for the duration of this conference call is going to be at the November 10th meeting.