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Director, Office of National Marine Sanctuaries


THROUGH: Matt Brookhart  
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FROM: Pete DeCola  
Sanctuary Superintendent

SUBJECT: Council Seat Term Waiver – Stellwagen Bank

This memorandum requests a one-year waiver of term limits for Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council (SAC). A number of key SAC seat terms are ending right in the middle of our Management Plan Review process. We had originally planned a recruitment in June 2021 to fill this year's seats. However, for the sake of continuity and quality input and engagement from our SAC, we request a waiver, for all members to continue to serve in their present seats for an additional 12 months beyond their term expiration during this critical planning period. All members have agreed to continue serving if allowed.

Your signature below will indicate approval of this waiver. If you have any questions, please contact me at 781-546-6011.

  
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John Armor  
Director, Office of National Marine Sanctuaries

5/24/2021  
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