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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Evaluation of Sapelo Island National Estuarine Research Reserve; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Office for Coastal Management (OCM), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Office for Coastal Management will hold a public meeting to solicit comments for the performance evaluation of the Sapelo Island National Estuarine Research Reserve.

DATES: *Sapelo Island National Estuarine Research Reserve Evaluation:* The public meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 21, 2018, and written comments must be received on or before Friday, August 31, 2018.

For the specific date, time, and location of the public meetings, see

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

ADDRESS: You may submit comments on the reserve by any of the following methods:

Public Meeting and Oral Comments: A public meeting will be held in Darien, Georgia for the Sapelo Island Reserve. For the specific location, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

Written Comments: Please direct written comments to Pam Kylstra, Evaluator, NOAA

Office for Coastal Management, 2234 South Hobson Avenue, Charleston, South Carolina 29405-2413, or via email to *Pam.Kylstra@noaa.gov*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pam Kylstra, Evaluator, NOAA Office for Coastal Management, 2234 South Hobson Avenue, Charleston, South Carolina 29405-2413, by phone at (843) 740-1259, or via email to *Pam.Kylstra@noaa.gov*. Copies of the previous evaluation findings, Management Plan, and Site Profile may be viewed and downloaded on the Internet at <http://coast.noaa.gov/czm/evaluations>. A copy of the evaluation notification letter and most recent performance report may be obtained upon request by contacting the person identified under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Sections 312 and 315 of the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) require NOAA to conduct periodic evaluations of federally-approved National Estuarine Research Reserves. The process includes a public meeting, consideration of written public comments, and consultations with interested Federal, state, and local agencies and members of the public. For the evaluation of National Estuarine Research Reserves, NOAA will consider the extent to which the state has met the national objectives, adhered to its management plan approved by the Secretary of Commerce, and adhered to the terms of financial assistance under the Coastal Zone Management Act. When the evaluation is completed, NOAA's Office for Coastal Management will place a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing the availability of the Final Evaluation Findings.

You may participate and submit oral comments at the public meeting scheduled as follows:

Date: Tuesday, August 21, 2018

Time: 6:30 p.m., local time

Location: Sapelo Island Visitors Center
1766 Landing Road
Darien, GA 31305

Written comments must be received on or before August 31, 2018.

Dated: June 7, 2018.

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Atmospheric Administration.

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