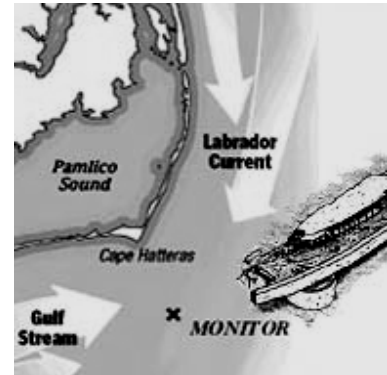


# Monitor National Marine Sanctuary



- **Year Designated:** 1975
- **Size (area):** 0.83 square miles
- **Location:** 16 miles south-southeast of the Cape Hatteras lighthouse
- **State Waters:** None
- **Purpose:** To protect the wreck of the Civil War ironclad *USS Monitor*.
- **Fully-Protected Areas:** None
- **Date Management Plan Issued:** 1997
- **Date of Management Plan Review:** The review process will begin in 2006.



Map credit: Monitor NMS

**Sanctuary Website:** <http://monitor.noaa.gov/>

**Sanctuary Regulations:** 15 C.F.R. § 922, Subpart F

## Examples of Research and Monitoring Activities in the Sanctuary:

- Conducting inventory of artifacts and writing reports from the recovery expeditions.
- Monitoring the site for changes to the wreck.
- Material is being collected from the Monitor to further the understanding of current rates of corrosion.

**Summary of Regulation of Activities and Uses in  
the Monitor National Marine Sanctuary**  
(For full regulations, see 15 C.F.R. § 922 and contact the regulating agencies)



Type of Use	Regulated by the Sanctuary (NMS)				Examples of Other Regulating Agencies, States/Territories, or Laws (may not be comprehensive list)
	Zoned (areas closed to this type of use)	Restricted	Prohibited	Comments	
Commercial Fishing		√		No grappling, suction, conveyor, or dredging devices allowed	Mid- and South Atlantic Fishery Management Councils
Recreational Fishing		√		No grappling, suction, conveyor, or dredging devices allowed, no anchoring, no drifting without power	Mid- and South Atlantic Fishery Management Councils
Bottom Trawling			√		Mid- and South Atlantic Fishery Management Councils
Collecting Aquarium Fish				Not regulated by NMS regulations	Mid- and South Atlantic Fishery Management Councils
Aquaculture				May be regulated under Discharges and Alteration of or Construction on Seafloor	Army Corps, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, Environmental Protection Agency
Alteration of or Construction on Seafloor		√		Listed activities are prohibited, including seabed drilling or coring	
Seabed cables or devices			√	May be regulated under Alteration of or Construction on Seafloor	Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, Army Corps, U.S. Coast Guard, FCC
Exploring for, Developing, or Producing Oil and Gas				May be regulated under Alteration of or Construction on Seafloor	Minerals Management Service, Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act
Exploring for, Developing or Producing Other Minerals				May be regulated under Alteration of or Construction on Seafloor	Minerals Management Service, Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act
Removal/Damage of Natural Resources				Not regulated by NMS regulations	
Removal/Damage of Cultural or Historical Resources		√		Subsurface salvage/recovery prohibited	Abandoned Shipwreck Act of 1987
Overflights				Not regulated by NMS regulations	Marine Mammal Protection Act
Use of motorized watercraft		√		Anchoring and drifting without power are prohibited	
Underwater Noise				Not regulated by NMS regulations	Marine Mammal Protection Act
Discharging or Depositing Material Within the NMS		√		Discharge of waste material is prohibited	U.S. Coast Guard
Discharging or Depositing Material Outside the NMS that Might Injure NMS Resources				Not regulated by NMS regulations	U.S. Coast Guard

**Other Regulations:** Permits for research, education, or salvage/recovery operations may be issued to allow any otherwise prohibited or restricted activity. Additionally, the following activities are prohibited: use of explosives below the surface of the water, diving.