

FLORIDA KEYS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY ADVISORY COUNCIL

MEETING

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

Marathon City Council Chambers

Marathon, FL 33050

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DRAFT AGENDA

SANCTUARY ADVISORY COUNCIL MISSION STATEMENT

(adopted unanimously, December 6, 2005)

The Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council is an interactive liaison between the residents and visitors of the Florida Keys and the staff and management of the FKNMS. In this role, and with the understanding that a healthy ecosystem is essential to the economy and quality of life in the Florida Keys, the SAC will promote restoration and maintenance of biodiversity and ecological resilience in the South Florida environment. We will strive to achieve a vibrant, ecologically sustainable ecosystem and economy through application of the best available science and balanced, conservation-based management.

9:00 Call to Order with Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call & SAC Mission Statement

Adopt agenda for this meeting

Adopt meeting notes from December 2024 meeting

Opening Comments

9:10 Member Updates:

- Kelly Cox: Updates from Everglades Coalition Conference

9:20 Mission: Iconic Reefs Updates and Winter Survey Overview

Dr. Katey Lesneski, FKNMS M:IR Monitoring Coordinator

10:20 SEAFAN: Marine Incident Reporting

Dr. Nicholas Parr, Florida DEP, Environmental Manager, FKNMS & Southeast Aquatic Preserves

Alyssa Panzer, Florida DEP, Marine Debris Programs and Outreach Specialist

10:50 BREAK

11:00 Sponge Restoration in Florida Bay

Bill Sharp, Florida FWC Fish and Wildlife Research Institute

11:30 NOAA Ocean Guardian School Program: Growth and Partnerships

Marlies Tumolo, FKNMS Education, Interpretation and Outreach Team Lead

12:00 Public Comment Opportunity

12:15 Agency Reports

12:30 Closing Remarks and Adjourn

Chairperson and Superintendent