

**Ecosystem Protection: Ecological Reserves / Preservation Areas and  
Wildlife Protection Working Group**  
Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Marine Zoning and Regulatory Review  
*Hilton Key Largo – March 25-26, 2014*

**DRAFT AGENDA**

**~ Working Group Charge ~**

Recommend new or modified marine zones to ensure protection of a diversity of resources, including spawning aggregations and the full suite of marine flora and fauna.

**~ Meeting Objectives ~**

- Review available ecological and human use data for the Upper Keys Region.
- Discuss working group members' local knowledge of the region.
- Consider the extent to which ecological diversity and abundance are protected by the location and extent of current marine zones in the region.
- Discuss human use of marine resources in the region.
- Consider the spectrum of management options that can be applied to marine zones.
- Propose and discuss ecosystem protection recommendations for the region, providing a rationale for proposed recommendations as well as for opposition to recommendations.
- Make preliminary recommendations for the Upper Keys region, and as needed identify areas of agreement as well as any irresolvable differences that need to be documented.

**~ Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> ~**

9:00 – 9:30am	Check-in, Coffee, and Continental Breakfast
9:30 – 10:00am	Welcome, Review of Agenda, and Plan for Public Comment
10:00 – 10:45am	Discussion: Considerations for the Upper Keys Region
10:45 – 11:00am	Break
11:00 – 12:15pm	Data Available for the Upper Keys Region, and Sharing of Additional Local Knowledge
12:15 – 1:00pm	Lunch
1:00 – 2:00pm	Data Analysis / Queries
2:00 – 2:15pm	Break
2:15 – 3:00pm	Small Group Discussion: Using the Data and Queries
3:00 – 3:15pm	Report Out
3:15 – 3:45pm	The Management Spectrum
3:45 – 4:00pm	Public comment

**~ Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> ~**

9:00 – 9:30am	Check-in, Coffee, and Continental Breakfast
9:30 – 9:45am	Welcome Back, Review Agenda for Day 2
9:45 – 10:15am	Small Group Discussion: Management Possibilities
10:15 – 11:15am	Round-Robin: Suggestions for The Upper Keys Region
11:15 – 11:45am	Public Input Opportunity (and informal break)
11:45 – 12:30pm	Lunch
12:30 – 2:00pm	Discussion of Suggestions
2:00 – 2:20pm	Break
2:20 – 3:40pm	Discussion: Settling on Preliminary Recommendations for the Upper Keys Region – Areas of Consensus, Areas of Majority Agreement, and Concerns to Document
3:40 – 3:55pm	Public Comment
3:55 – 4:00pm	Next Steps, Wrap-up