

**Ecosystem Protection: Ecological Reserves / Preservation Areas and
Wildlife Protection Working Group**
Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Marine Zoning and Regulatory Review
Marathon Garden Center – April 17-18, 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 Middle 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 Middle Keys region, and as needed identify areas of agreement as well as any irresolvable differences that need to be documented.

~ Thursday, April 17th ~

9:00 – 9:30am	Check-in, Coffee, and Continental Breakfast
9:30 – 9:50am	Welcome, Review of Agenda
9:50 – 10:30am	Discussion: Considerations for the Middle Keys Region
10:30 – 10:45am	Orientation to the Region
10:45 – 11:00am	Break
11:00 – 11:45am	Human Use Data / Analysis for the Middle Keys Region, and Sharing of Additional Local Knowledge
11:45 – 12:15pm	Public Input Opportunity
12:15 – 1:00pm	Lunch (provided for Working Group members)
1:00 – 2:15pm	Natural Resource Data / Analysis for the Middle Keys Region, and Sharing of Additional Local Knowledge
2:15 – 3:30pm	Small Group Discussion: Using the Data and Queries
3:30 – 3:45pm	Report Out
3:45 – 4:00pm	Public comment

~ Friday, April 18th ~

9:00 – 9:30am	Check-in, Coffee, and Continental Breakfast
9:30 – 9:40am	Welcome Back, Review Agenda for Day 2
9:40 – 10:15am	Small Group Discussion: Management Possibilities
10:15 – 11:15am	Breakout Groups Report Out, and Round-Robin: Suggestions for the Middle Keys Region
11:15 – 11:45am	Public Input Opportunity
11:45 – 12:30pm	Lunch (provided for Working Group members)
12:30 – 2:00pm	Discussion of Suggestions
2:00 – 2:15pm	Break
2:15 – 3:40pm	Discussion: Settling on Preliminary Recommendations for the Middle 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