# Ecosystem Protection: Ecological Reserves / Preservation Areas and Wildlife Protection Working Group

Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Marine Zoning and Regulatory Review Eco-Discovery Center, Key West – June 10-11, 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 Marquesas 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 Marquesas region, and as needed identify areas of agreement as well as any irresolvable differences that need to be documented.
- Revisit the preliminary recommendations made for the Tortugas Region, as well as Keys-wide recommendations, as time allows.

## ~ Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> ~

9:00 - 9:30am	Check-in, Coffee, and Continental Breakfast
9:30 – 9:50am	Welcome, Review of Agenda, Check-In on Overall Process
9:50 – 10:30am	Discussion: Considerations for the Marquesas Region
10:30 – 10:35am	Orientation to the Region
10:35 – 11:00am	Human Use Data / Analysis for the Marquesas Region, and Sharing of Additional Local Knowledge
11:00 – 11:20am	Break and Informal Public Input Opportunity
11:20 – 12:15pm	Natural Resource Data / Analysis for the Marquesas Region, and Sharing of Additional Local Knowledge
12:15 – 1:00pm	Lunch (provided for Working Group members)
1:00 – 2:15pm	Small Group Discussion: Using the Data and Queries
2:15 – 3:00pm	Report Out and Round-Robin: Suggestions for the Marquesas Region

3:00 – 3:20pm	Break and Informal Public Input Opportunity	
3:20 – 3:45pm	Initial Discussion of Suggestions	
3:45 – 4:00pm	Public comment	
~ Wednesday, June 11 <sup>th</sup> ~		
9:00 – 9:30am	Check-in, Coffee, and Continental Breakfast	
9:30 – 9:40am	Welcome Back, Review Agenda for Day 2	
9:40 – 11:00am	Discussion: Settling on Preliminary Recommendations for the Marquesas Region – Areas of Consensus, Areas of Majority Agreement, and Concerns to Document	
11:00 – 11:15am	Break	
11:15 – 12:00pm	Review of Tortugas Preliminary Recommendations, Resource Protection Analysis	
12:00 – 12:15pm	Informal Public Input Opportunity	
12:15 – 1:00pm	Lunch (provided for Working Group members)	
1:00 – 2:00pm	Discussion / Finalization of Tortugas Recommendations	
2:00 – 2:10pm	Review of Keys-wide / Big Picture Ideas Proposed	
2:10 – 3:30pm	Discussion of Keys-wide / Big Picture Ideas	
3:30 – 3:45pm	Public Comment	
3:45 – 4:00pm	Preview of July Meeting, Next Steps, Wrap-up	