



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**  
**NATIONAL OCEAN SERVICE**

**Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary**  
33 East Quay Road  
Key West, FL 33040

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To Potential Sanctuary Advisory Council Applicants:

We are in the process of filling currently vacant positions on the Sanctuary Advisory Council for the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, and are accepting applications through August 5, 2011. The Sanctuary Advisory Council for the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary was established pursuant to Federal law to ensure continued public participation in the management of the sanctuary.

Enclosed is an application form for this round of appointments to the council, the council charter, an amendment to the charter, and a press release about the sanctuary seeking applicants for the Sanctuary Advisory Council. Per the charter, voting members and alternates are normally appointed for a term of three years, and may compete for reappointment. If necessary, terms of appointment may be changed to provide for staggered expiration dates or member resignation mid-term.

Please note that if you have been a federally registered lobbyist in the two year period before your potential appointment date to the council, you will not be eligible to serve as a member of a sanctuary advisory council. Please contact Lilli Ferguson at 305-292-0311 x245 if you have any questions about this restriction.

We are looking forward to receiving completed applications at our office by March 2, 2012, at: Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, 33 East Quay Rd., Key West, FL 33040, Attn: Lilli Ferguson. Applications will be reviewed by a preliminary review panel consisting of myself, the Sanctuary Superintendent; the Environmental Administrator (position currently vacant); Bruce Popham, the Chair; Ken Nedimyer, the Vice-Chair; George Neugent, the past Chair; and Lilli Ferguson, the Sanctuary Advisory Council coordinator. The panel will help narrow down the number of candidates for each position to the top three.

All applicants will be notified once decisions have been made regarding appointments for the positions to be filled. If at any point you have a change in circumstance that will not allow you to serve on the council, please notify Ms. Ferguson at 305-292-0311 x245; you may also contact her if you have any questions about the sanctuary, the council or the advisory council selection process.

Sincerely,

Sean Morton  
Sanctuary Superintendent

Enclosures

