

FLORIDA KEYS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY ADVISORY COUNCIL

**Key Largo Hilton Resort
97000 Overseas Highway
Key Largo, FL 33037
Tuesday, August 19, 2014**

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 resiliency 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**
 Pledge of Allegiance
 Roll Call
 Approve Minutes from April 15, Meeting
 Adopt Agenda for this Meeting
 Chairperson's Comments
- 9:10** **Marine Zoning and Regulatory Review: Update on Progress**
 Beth Dieveney, FKNMS Deputy Superintendent for Science and Policy
- 9:15** **Introduction: Advisory Council Working Group Process and Progress to Provide Recommendations**
 Beth Dieveney, FKNMS Deputy Superintendent for Science and Policy
- 9:20** **Ecosystem Protection: Ecological Reserves, Preservation Areas and Wildlife Protection Working Group – Presentation of Working Group Report and Recommendations**
 Chris Bergh, Advisory Council Co-Chair – Conservation & Environment & Working Group SAC Lead
 Beth Dieveney, FKNMS Deputy Superintendent for Science and Policy
 Stephen Werndli, FKNMS Enforcement and Emergency Response Coordinator
- 10:30** **Break**

- 10:45** **Ecosystem Protection: Ecological Reserves, Preservation Areas and Wildlife Protection Working Group (Advisory Council Discussion and Action)**
Facilitated by Beth Dieveney, FKNMS Deputy Superintendent for Science and Policy & Stephen Werndli, FKNMS Enforcement and Emergency Response Coordinator
- 12:00** **LUNCH**
- 1:15** **Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda**
- 1:30** **Advisory Council Recommendations Next Steps: Development of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement**
Sean Morton, FKNMS Superintendent
Nancy Finley, Manager, Florida Keys National Wildlife Refuge Complex
Beth Dieveney, FKNMS Deputy Superintendent for Science and Policy
- 2:30** **Break**
- 2:45** **Superintendent's Report, Regional Director's Report and Agency Report**
Highlights: DEP, FWC-FWRI, FWC-LE, NOAA NMFS Southeast Region, NOAA OGCES, NOAA OLE, NPS, USCG, USEPA, USFWS, and U.S. Navy
- 3:15** **Upcoming Meeting and Closing Remarks**
Chair Ken Nedimyer, SAC Chair
- 3:30** **Adjourn**

Public Comment: Public comment will be taken for any agenda item prior to any council action. Any person who wishes to make public comment on items not on the agenda should do so at the designated time. The sign-up sheet for public comment is located on the information table at the entrance to the meeting room.