

FLORIDA KEYS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY ADVISORY COUNCIL

***The Westin Key West Resort and Marina
245 Front Street
Key West, FL 33040
Tuesday, April 21, 2015***

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.

- 9:30** **Call to Order**
 Pledge of Allegiance
 Roll Call
 Approve Minutes from February 17, 2015 Meeting
 Adopt Agenda for this Meeting
 Chairperson's Comments
- 10:00** **Marine Zoning and Regulatory Review: Update on Draft Environmental Impact Statement Development** (Presentation and Discussion)
 Beth Dieveney, Deputy Superintendent for Science and Policy
 Steven Werndli, FKNMS Enforcement and Emergency Response Coordinator
- 10:35** **Status & Trends of Caribbean Coral Reefs**
 Dr. Jeremy Jackson, Smithsonian Institution and the Scripps Institution of Oceanography.
- 12:15** **Lunch**
- 1:30** **City of Key West Request for Voting Seat** (Discussion and Potential Action)
 The Honorable Craig Cates, Mayor City of Key West
- 2:00** **Water Quality Protection Program Update**
 Sean Morton, Superintendent
 (on behalf of Chris Bergh, Vice Chair - Advisory Council WQPP Representative)

- 2:15** **Marine Zoning and Regulatory Review: Artificial Habitat Working Group Update (Discussion and Potential Action)**
Beth Dieveney, Deputy Superintendent for Science and Policy
- 2:30** **Break**
- 2:45** **Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda**
- 3:00** **Superintendent's Report, Regional Director's Report and Agency Report Highlights:** DEP, FWC-FWRI, FWC-LE, NOAA NMFS Southeast Region, NOAA OGCES, NOAA OLE, EPA, NPS, USCG, USEPA, USFWS, and U.S. Navy
- 3:30** **Upcoming Meeting and Closing Remarks**
Chair Ken Nedimyer, SAC Chair
- 3:45** **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.