

**FLORIDA KEYS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY ADVISORY COUNCIL**

*Hyatt Place*  
**1996 Overseas Highway**  
**Marathon, FL 33050**  
**Tuesday, August 18, 2015**

**FINAL 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 June 16, 2015 Meeting**  
**Adopt Agenda for this Meeting**  
**Chairperson's Comments**
- 9:15**            **Tortugas Ecological Reserves Characterization** (Presentation and Discussion)  
*Alejandro Acosta, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Fish and Wildlife Research Institute*
- 10:00**           **Pulley Ridge and West Tortugas Characterization** (Presentation and Discussion)  
*Shirley Pomponi, NOAA's Cooperative Institute for Ocean Exploration, Research and Technology & Florida Atlantic University Harbor Branch*
- 10:45**           **Break**
- 11:00**           **Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Socioeconomic Monitoring**  
(Presentation and Discussion)  
*Bob Leeworthy, Danielle Schwarzmann, NOAA Office of National Marine Sanctuaries*

- 12:00**            **Lunch**
- 1:15**            **Biscayne National Park Management Plan** (Presentation and Discussion)  
*Brian Carlstrom, Biscayne National Park*
- 2:00**            **Artificial Habitat Workshop Outcomes** (Discussion and Potential Action)  
*Beth Dieveney, Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary*  
*Joe Weatherby, SAC Lower Keys Tourism Alternate and Artificial Habitat Working Group Chair*
- 2:30**            **Break**
- 2:45**            **Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda**
- 3:00**            **Marine Events and Concentrated Uses** (Discussion and Potential Action)
- 3:15**            **City of Key West Request for Advisory Council Seat** (Discussion and Potential Action)
- 3:30**            **Agency Reports: 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
- 4:00**            **Upcoming Meeting and Closing Remarks**  
*Chris Bergh, SAC Co-Chair*
- 4:05**            **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.