

Coral Reef Ecosystem Restoration Work Group:

Progress & Next Steps

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Sanctuary Advisory Council – Conservation & Environment
Working Group Chair



Working Group Membership



Sanctuary Advisory Council Members

- David Vaughan, SAC Research & Monitoring
- Clinton Barras, SAC Tourism – Lower Keys
- Alex Brylske, SAC Education & Outreach
- Jeff Cramer, SAC Fishing – Commercial – Shell/Scale
- Don Kincaid, SAC Diving – Lower Keys
- Martin Moe, SAC Education & Outreach
- Bob Smith, SAC Diving – Lower Keys

Working Group Membership



Community / Public Members

- Patti Gross, History of Diving Museum
- Caitlin Lusic, The Nature Conservancy
- Jeff Neidlinger, A Deep Blue Dive Center
- Marius Venter, Fury Water Adventures

Working Group Resources



Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Marine Zoning and Regulatory Review:

floridakeys.noaa.gov



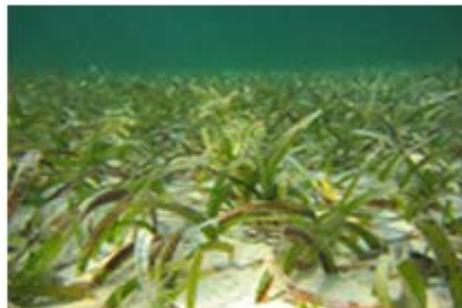
Marine Zoning & Regulatory Review

Maps, Data, and GIS Resources:

http://ocean.floridamarine.org/fknms_zone_review



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Shallow Water Wildlife and Habitat Protection Working Group
Hardbottom communities and

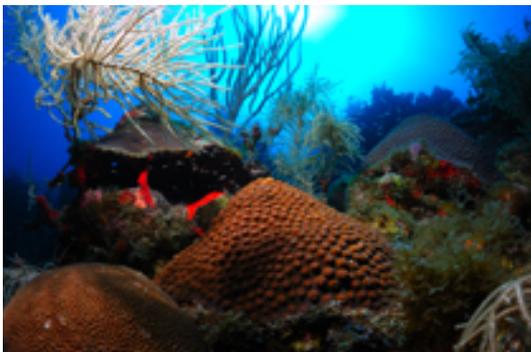


Ecosystem Protection: Ecological Reserves, Preservation Areas and Wildlife Protection Working Group

Coral Reef Ecosystem Restoration Objectives



- Identify specific areas and zones for active restoration of coral reef ecosystem.
- Identify regulatory impediments and appropriate permitting conditions for active restoration of coral reef ecosystem species.
- Identify adaptive management measures and criteria for opening area closed for restoration purposes.



Discussion Items of Note



- Clarified role and authority of working group
- Identified the need to:
 - ✓ Define key terms for working group process
 - ✓ Consider the coral reef ecosystem, not solely individual species
 - ✓ Make recommendations with a 20-year outlook
 - ✓ Ensure various user group interests are considered (e.g. the diving community)
 - ✓ Use the best available science to inform the process

Decisions of Note



- Administrative decisions related to working group norms and expectations
- Reviewed Consensus Decision Making process
- Determined a quorum for decision-making is 8 working group members present
- Selected David Vaughan as Working Group Co-Chair
- No recommendations for Advisory Council at this time



Meeting Schedule & Locations



- Thursday, January 31 – Marathon Garden Club
- Thursday, February 21 – Marathon Garden Club
- Wednesday, March 13 – Marathon Garden Club
- Wednesday, April 3
- Wednesday, May 1
- Wednesday, May 22
- Wednesday, June 12



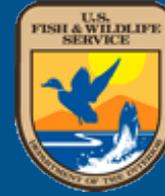
Upcoming Meeting Agenda



Thursday, February 21 – Marathon Garden Club

- Define key terms: coral reef ecosystem, active restoration, adaptive management
- Presentation: Sanctuary restoration zones and current suite of restoration activities
- Discussion: Identify Areas for Consideration
 - Habitats
 - Target natural resources
 - Criteria for management of restoration zones

National Marine Sanctuaries
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration



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