



Shallow Water Wildlife & Habitat Protection Work Group:

Progress & Next Steps

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Working Group Membership



Sanctuary Advisory Council Members

- Justin Bruland, SAC Commercial Fishing
- Bruce Frerer, SAC Recreational Fishing
- Pete Frezza, SAC South Florida Ecosystem Restoration
- Richard Grathwohl, SAC Fishing Charter Flats Guide
- David Makepeace, SAC Citizen at Large – Upper Keys
- Bruce Popham, SAC Boating Industry
- Jessica Pulfer, SAC Conservation and Environment

Working Group Membership



Community / Public Members

- Aaron Adams, Bonefish and Tarpon Trust
- Carla Bellenger, Key West Eco Tours, Inc.
- Mike Bresette, InWater Research Group, Inc.
- Tad Burke, Florida Keys Fishing Guide Association
- Charlie Causey, Florida Keys Environmental Fund
- John Coffin, Coffin Marine Services Inc.
- Roy Herndon, Marine Life Collectors
- Meaghan Johnson, The Nature Conservancy
- Bill Keogh, Big Pine Kayak
- John O'Hearn, Lower Keys Guides Association

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



Coral Reef Ecosystem Restoration Working Group
Coral health in the sanctuary has declined over the past several



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Hardbottom communities and



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

Review Study Areas & Objectives



- Evaluate existing Wildlife Management Areas for effectiveness
- Address concentrated uses that diminish or destroy habitats
- Identify where high impact activities known to occur should be allowed
- Identify seagrass and shallow water habitat areas for exclusion to allow for research control areas
- Evaluate mangrove habitat protection for bird nesting.
- Reduce damage to natural resources from improper vessel salvage methods.



Discussion Items of Note



- Clarified role and authority of working group
- Identified the need to:
 - ✓ Value and recognize rights of various user groups
 - ✓ Be proactive about addressing potential new and emerging issues
 - ✓ Use the best available science to inform the process
 - ✓ Consider lessons learned from other sites

Decisions of Note



- Administrative decisions related to working group norms and expectations
- Reviewed Consensus Decision Making process
- No recommendations for Advisory Council at this time



Meeting Schedule & Locations



- Wednesday, January 30 – Marathon Garden Club
- Wednesday, February 20 – Marathon Garden Club
- Tuesday, March 12 – Marathon Garden Club
- Tuesday, April 2
- Tuesday, April 30
- Tuesday, May 21
- Tuesday, June 11



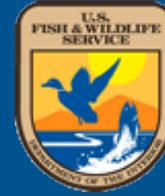
Upcoming Meeting Agenda



Wednesday, February 20 – Marathon Garden Club

- Presentation: Sanctuary and National Wildlife Refuge resources and environmental condition
- Discussion: Identify Areas for Consideration
 - Habitats
 - Target natural resources
 - Impacts to habitats and resources
 - Activities and human uses

National Marine Sanctuaries
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration



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