



# Ecosystem Protection: Ecological Reserves / Preservation Areas & Wildlife Protection: Proposal for Regional Meetings

## Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary: Marine Zoning and Regulatory Review

# What are the Regions?



1. Upper Keys
2. Middle Keys
3. Lower Keys
4. Marquesas & Tortugas

# When might these meetings take place?



## Proposal for consideration:

- Week of September 23, 2013
  - Monday, September 23 – Upper Keys
  - Tuesday, September 24 – Middle Keys
  - Wednesday, September 25 – Lower Keys
  - Thursday, September 26 – Marquesas & Tortugas
- Afternoon to evening meetings:
  - Final time and location still to be determined
- Working Group reconvene Monday, September 30 – tentative location: Marathon Garden Club

# What are the goals of these meetings?



1. Focus on Ecosystem Protection Working Group Objectives
2. Discuss existing and working group developed criteria
3. Facilitate region and site-specific input and information exchange

# How to effectively engage the community?



From the working group recommendation:

Meetings should include a range of user groups that could contribute ideas or be impacted by potential modifications.

- Identify a suite of individuals to speak on behalf of the various user groups?
- If yes, how?
- How will more general public comment be taken at these meetings?

# What is the expected outcome of these meetings?



## **Sanctuary Advisory Council Discussion / Recommendations:**

- Round-table format, to include charts, science, and mapping tools;
- More interactive and inclusive format;
- Consider potential for more meetings if needed;
- SAC member participation encouraged;
- Consider best times for meetings to facilitate public engagement;
- Consider opportunities to simplify management;
- Discuss criteria developed by working group;
- Do not include fishery management issues; and
- Consider model of Tortugas 2000 with FKNMS Superintendent and FWC serving as non-voting co-chairs, current chair will serve as working group member.