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Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary
33 East Quay Road
Key West, FL 33040

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To Potential Sanctuary Advisory Council Applicants:

We are in the process of filling some of the positions on the Sanctuary Advisory Council for the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, and are accepting applications through March 31, 2014. The Sanctuary Advisory Council for the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary was established pursuant to Federal law to ensure continued public participation in the management of the sanctuary.

Enclosed is an application form for this round of appointments to the council, the council charter and a press release about the sanctuary seeking applicants for the Sanctuary Advisory Council. Per the charter, voting members and alternates are normally appointed for a term of three years, and may compete for reappointment. If necessary, terms of appointment may be changed to provide for staggered expiration dates or member resignation mid-term.

Please note that if you have been a federally registered lobbyist in the two year period before your potential appointment date to the council, you will not be eligible to serve as a member of a sanctuary advisory council.

We are looking forward to receiving completed applications at our office by March 31, 2014, at: Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, 33 East Quay Rd., Key West, FL 33040, Attn: Hannah Weddington. Applications will be reviewed by a preliminary review panel consisting of myself, Sanctuary Superintendent; Kevin Claridge, Florida Department of Environmental Protection; Ken Nedimyer, the Chair; Chris Bergh, the Vice-Chair; Bruce Popham, the past Chair; and Beth Dieveney, Sanctuary Deputy Superintendent for Science and Policy. The panel will help narrow down the number of candidates for each position to the top three.

All applicants will be notified once decisions have been made regarding appointments for the positions to be filled. If at any point you have a change in circumstance that will not allow you to serve on the council, please notify Beth Dieveney at 305-809-4700 x 228; you may also contact her if you have any questions about the sanctuary, the advisory council or the advisory council selection process.

Sincerely,

Sean Morton
Sanctuary Superintendent

Enclosures

