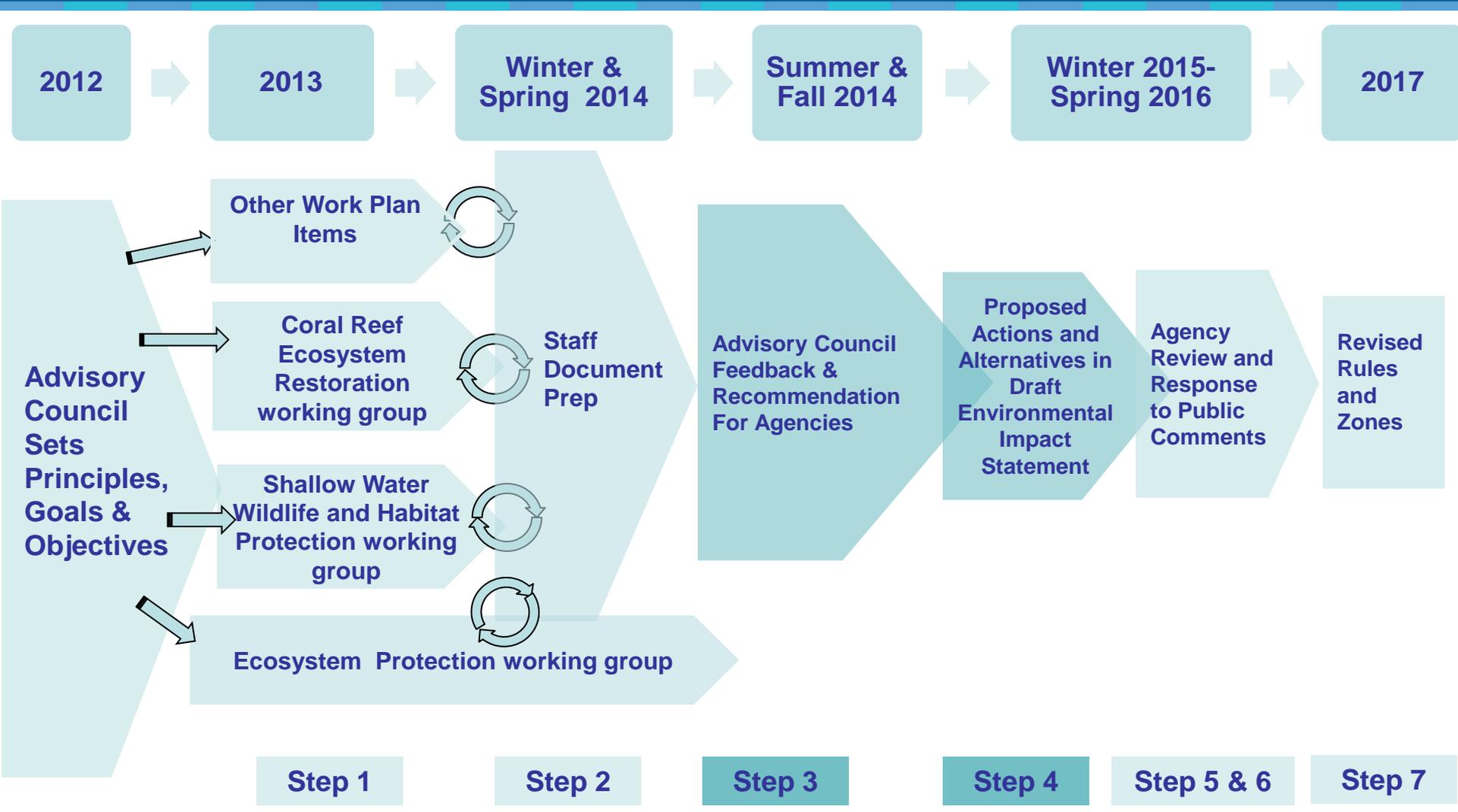




# Marine Zoning and Regulatory Review: Advisory Council Recommendation & Agency Review

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# Marine Zoning and Regulatory Review Timeline



# Looking Ahead – Overall Next Steps



- Advisory Council Feedback & Recommendation for Agencies
- Proposed Actions and Alternatives released in a Draft Environmental Impact Statement
- Agency Review and Response to Public Comments
- Proposed Actions and Alternatives released in a Final Environmental Impact Statement
- Revised Rules and Marine Zones

# Looking Ahead – SAC Input



## Advisory Council Recommendation for Agencies

June 17 – Islamorada

Review and take action on Coral Reef Ecosystem Restoration and Shallow Water Wildlife and Habitat Protection Working Group recommendations.

August 19 – Key Largo

Review and take action on Ecosystem Protection Working Group recommendations.

October 21 – Hawk's Cay

Review and take action on other work-plan items in the Sanctuary Advisory Council work-plan. Final wrap-up of work-plan items.

(<http://floridakeys.noaa.gov/sac/othermaterials/121211draftworkplan.pdf>)

- Permit Procedures & Adaptive Management
- Artificial Habitats
- Study Areas and Boundary Modifications
- Personal Watercraft Tours / Fishery Conflicts
- Water Quality
- Fishery Management

# Looking Ahead – Draft Alternatives Development and Environmental / Economic Analysis



- Staff develops range of regulatory and zoning alternatives based on scoping comments, Advisory Council recommendations and input, and agency input.
- Alternative development includes coordination amongst agencies looking at feasibility, enforceability, administrative requirements, cost, legality, etc.
- Staff analyzes environmental / economic benefits and impacts of each alternative
- Analyze cumulative impacts – other agency actions which could cause significant impacts when combined with alternatives

# Looking Ahead – Draft Alternatives and Environmental / Economic Analysis



## Proposed Action Alternatives and Analysis released in a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) – Summer 2015 ?

- Required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).
- Includes a No Action alternative and analysis for every proposed alternative.
- Agency consultation process (State agencies, Federal agencies, Fishery Councils).
- Public Comment (90 Days) which will span two SAC meetings.
- Advisory Council decision / action on range of alternatives

# Looking Ahead – Key Points!



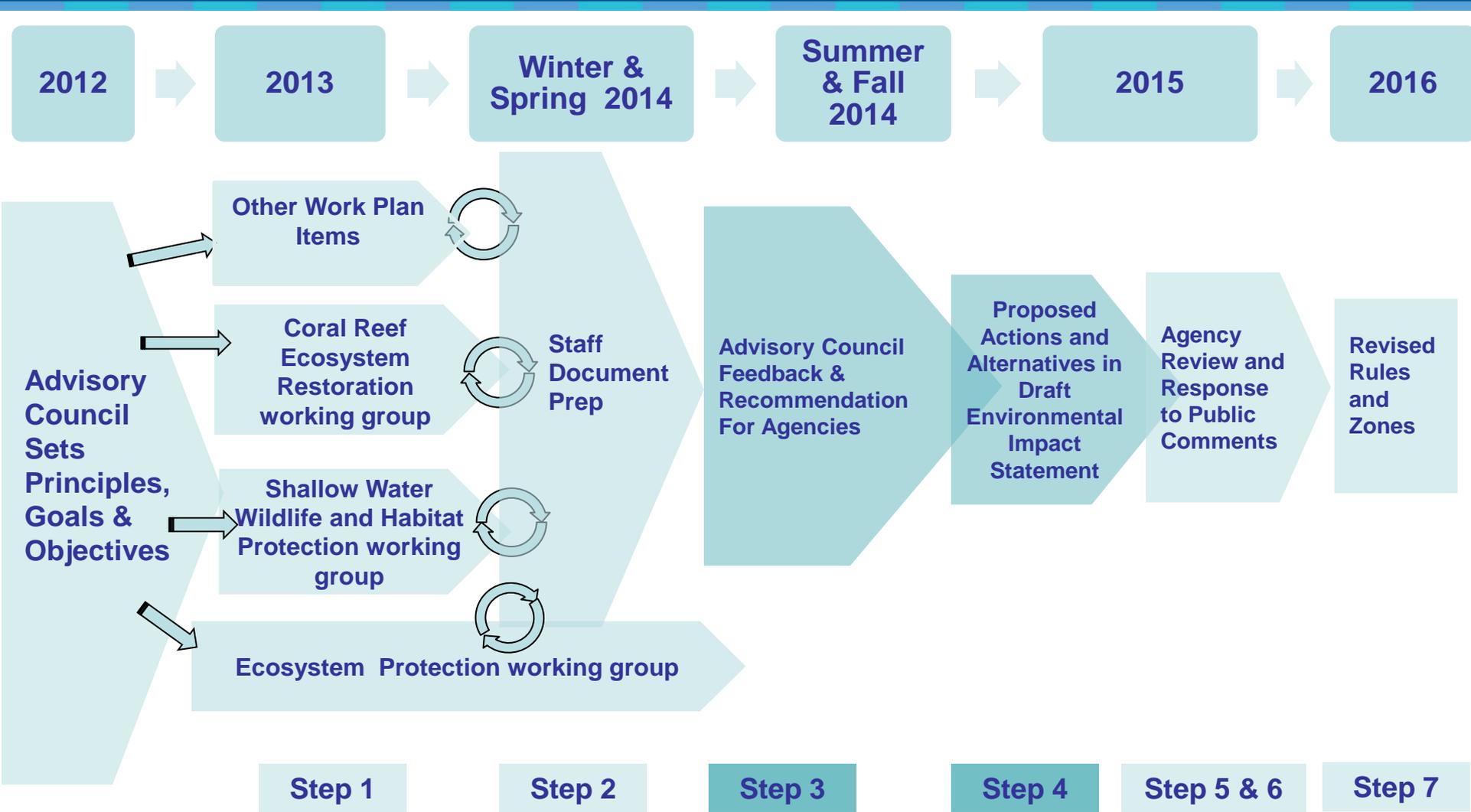
- Range of alternatives in DEIS will include Council recommendations - zoning boundaries may not be exact but will follow purpose and intent of Council recommendations
- Staff develops range of regulatory and zoning alternatives based on scoping comments, Advisory Council recommendations and input, and agency input.
- DEIS will include “No Action” alternative and other alternatives which meet Council goals and objectives.

# Looking Ahead – Key Points!



- Alternatives in DEIS will not have proposed regulatory language
- FKNMS and National Wildlife Refuges will propose draft regulations after public review and SAC action on DEIS alternatives
- When draft regulations are proposed, FKNMS & NWR will have another round of public comment
- Other agencies may be implementing regulations to meet goals and objectives of zoning review

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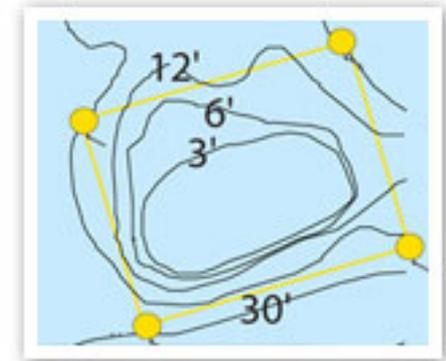
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Regulatory Review process:

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