



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
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Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary

33 East Quay Road
Key West, FL 33040

February 15, 2015

To Potential Sanctuary Advisory Council Applicants:

We are in the process of filling the alternate position for the Fishing – Charter Fishing Flats Guide seat on the Sanctuary Advisory Council for the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. Applications are accepted through March 31, 2015. 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 appointment 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. Please contact Beth Dieveney at 305-809-4700 x 228 if you have any questions about this restriction.

We are looking forward to receiving completed applications at our office by March 31, 2015, at: Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, 33 East Quay Rd., Key West, FL 33040, Attn: Beth Dieveney. Applications will be reviewed by a preliminary review panel consisting of myself, the Sanctuary Superintendent; the Environmental Administrator; Ken Nedimyer, the Chair; Chris Bergh, the Vice-Chair; Bruce Popham, the past Chair; and Beth Dieveney, the Sanctuary Advisory Council coordinator. 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sean Morton".

Sean Morton
Sanctuary Superintendent

Enclosures

