

**FLORIDA KEYS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**MEETING**

**Tuesday, April 18, 2023**

***Marathon City Council Chambers***

***Marathon, FL 33050***

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**DRAFT AGENDA**

***SANCTUARY ADVISORY COUNCIL MISSION STATEMENT***

***(adopted unanimously, December 6, 2005)***

***The Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council is an interactive liaison between the residents and visitors of the Florida Keys and the staff and management of the FKNMS. In this role, and with the understanding that a healthy ecosystem is essential to the economy and quality of life in the Florida Keys, the SAC will promote restoration and maintenance of biodiversity and ecological resilience in the South Florida environment. We will strive to achieve a vibrant, ecologically sustainable ecosystem and economy through application of the best available science and balanced, conservation-based management.***

**9:00 Call to Order with Roll Call**

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Adopt agenda for this meeting

Adopt meeting notes from February 2023 meeting

Chairperson's Comments

**9:30 Council Charter Renewal Discussion**

*Liz Trueblood, FKNMS Sanctuary Advisory Council Coordinator*

**10:30 Break**

**10:40 Ecology and Impacts of the Great Atlantic Sargassum Belt**

*Brian Lapointe, FAU Harbor Branch*

**11:25 Buoy Working Group Updates and Discussion**

*Will Benson, Working Group Co-Chair, SAC Member*

*Lisa Mongelia, Working Group Co-Chair, SAC Member*

**12:15 Lunch**

**1:45 SAC Discussion: Weather Station Decommissioning**

*George Garrett, SAC Chairperson*

**2:15 SAC Planning Session**

*Liz Trueblood, George Garrett, Ben Daughtry*

**3:15 Agency Reports: Superintendent's Report, Regional Director's Report and Agency Report Highlights: DEP, FWC-FWRI, FWC-LE, NOAA NMFS Southeast Region, NOAA OGCES, NOAA OLE, EPA, NPS, USCG, USFWS, and U.S. Navy**

**3:30 Closing Remarks**

Chairperson and Superintendent

**3:45 Adjourn**