

**FLORIDA KEYS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**MEETING**

**Tuesday, October 17, 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 & SAC Mission Statement

Adopt agenda for this meeting

Adopt meeting notes from August 2023 meeting

Chairperson's Comments

**9:15 Buoy Working Group Final Recommendations, Action Item**

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

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

**9:25 Selection of SAC Representative to WQPP, Action Item**

*George Garrett, SAC Chair*

**9:35 South Florida Ecosystem Connectivity Team Working Group Updates and Possible Action Item**

*Jerry Lorenz, Working Group Co-Chair, SAC Member*

- 10:05**            **Break**
- 10:15**            **Coupon Bight Aquatic Preserve Management Plan Update**  
*Dr. Nicholas Parr, Florida DEP Liaison and Aquatic Preserve Manager*
- 12:00**            **Lunch**
- 1:30**             **State of Florida Derelict Vessel Program: Overview and Updates**  
*Captain David Dipre, Florida FWC Dept. of Law Enforcement*
- 2:00**             **Mission: Iconic Reefs Cruise Update**  
*M:IR Team*
- 2:40**             **Public Comment Opportunity**
- 3:00**             **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**
- 3:10**             **Closing Remarks**  
Chairperson and Superintendent
- 3:15**             **Adjourn**