Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary
Marine Zoning and Regulatory Review
Ecosystem Protection: Ecological Reserves / Preservation Areas and Wildlife Protection

Working Group Recommendations for Sanctuary Advisory Council Consideration

1. Zones for Ecosystem Protection:
   • Host regional meetings (one/region) to facilitate region and site-specific input and information exchange
   • Reconvene the full working group following regional meetings to consider input and develop recommendations for SAC consideration.
   • Working Group members will participate for their specific region
   • SAC members are requested to participate for their specific region
   • Meetings could include:
     o Review existing zones, modifications to existing zones, and potential new zones
     o Cross-cutting issues
     o Science and economic impact
     o Meetings should include a range of user groups that could contribute ideas or be impacted by potential modifications
   • Meeting administration and logistics:
     o One meeting per region; Regions are: (1) Upper Keys, (2) Middle Keys, (3) Lower Keys, and (4) Marquesas and Tortugas (also identified by general area recognizable landmarks)
     o Held in September
     o Evening meetings
     o Publicize meetings through various mechanisms (suggestions included: web, radio, newspaper, National Weather Service notice)

2. Additional Issues for SAC Consideration:
The working group noted that the following issues are of concern and should be considered by the SAC through the marine zoning and regulatory review process:
   • Education
   • Enforcement
   • Water Quality