Against any closure, seasonal spawning migrations.
Water quality
15-18 years ago problem still exists
maps printed him out. - worried about closures not protecting
by areas - where coral grows anything
why aren’t they marked??
-want to see things done by constructive
LACK of Communication
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Commercial fisherman lobster

Natural resource most declined because of freeze a few years ago

Education
As in fisheries - decline in fish
water quality
uneducated people

- Traditional uses have to be protected
  - State of FL - keep fisheries management
  - East Bahia Harbor to mangrove
  - define what protection means

Better way to move the only way to go? Suite of options
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No closures of flats and Shadines
Access to Areas from a running corridor
and their ability to fish or tagging/monitor
Catch and release fishing should be allowed.
Migratory fish such as Tarpon, Bonefish and Permit move through these areas.
User groups should not be singled out.
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Zoning for Middle/Upper Keys

PUBLIC COMMENT

* Disagree with any large zones.
Our group identified new coral reefs for coral preservation.
We would suggest closing the fragile reef areas to other uses besides trapping:
1) Put marker buoys in anchorages as is to protect these coral habitats.
2) Some SPA areas could be enlarged slightly if they contain a predominance of habitat that is fragile.

* We want down this road on large area zones and the Middle/Upper Keys has large Everglades closures already are heavily populated and would have very tough enforceability issues.
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Proposed closed areas

PUBLIC COMMENT

If the proposed closed areas are to promote the habitat and its fauna + flora, how will this improve these? This doesn't seem to attack the cause of this degradation. Identify why each parameter is declining and propose a specific solution to each parameter and a massive closure doesn't solve the problem and doesn't address each problem. Invasive species are now protected in these areas.
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USER FEES

PUBLIC COMMENT

Concerned this beingCHEKING, management, mutton black, yellowtail, water quality, education, enforcement
18-mile Inner, Marina, Marina signage
\( \text{app} - \text{boater education}
\not\text{enough enforcement}
\text{reports addressing diving and how it is science address}

Wanted to have had maps + science to review, take home + come back
go into a SPA and close it completely + go back and see what happens

Adaptive, management
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Questions for the Ecosystem Protection Working Group

1. Why was there very little advertising or notices given to alert the public to the meetings? How did you expect the public and citizens of Key Colony Beach to be aware of these meetings?

2. Why did the Advisory Council and the Ecosystem Protection Working Group not reach out to the recreational fishing clubs in the Florida Keys during the last 7 months?

3. What exactly was the “stepwise process to identify and map the board set of preliminary ideas about modifying or adding zones”? Is there any scientific or socioeconomic data to support that these particular areas should be targeted as possible “no fish” zones? Given that you have been meeting for only 7 months, it is hard to believe that any detailed research could have been completed in such a short time. So, how were the areas selected?

4. What specific species of fish are being targeted?

5. Have size limits, season restrictions, and/or bag limits been considered in lieu of closures.

6. Why were these meetings scheduled during the slowest time of the year when 80-85% of the recreational fishermen are not here to voice their opinions and give input? Is this smart or fair? Will you consider delaying any recommendations until additional meetings can be scheduled in February and March? If not, why not.

7. Justify the diversity of the EPWG that appears to be poorly represented by recreational fisherman and Key Colony and Marathon residents.

8. Advise the various groups within the National Marine Sanctuary and the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary who have any involvement with this issue. Please provide their contact information including email addresses.

9. How were the members of the Advisory Board selected? Who made the selections and what qualifications were required?

10. If any additional “no fish zones” or expansions of existing zones are recommended by the Advisory Council, how will the new laws be enforced. Will the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary be adding to the taxpayer’s burden, by hiring new employees, creating legal fees, and buying new equipment (boats, weapons, buoys etc) to police and manage the new areas?