Ecosystem Protection: Ecological Reserves / Preservation Areas and Wildlife Protection Working Group
Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Marine Zoning and Regulatory Review
Hilton Key Largo – March 25-26, 2014

DRAFT AGENDA

~ Working Group Charge ~
Recommend new or modified marine zones to ensure protection of a diversity of resources, including spawning aggregations and the full suite of marine flora and fauna.

~ Meeting Objectives ~
- Review available ecological and human use data for the Upper Keys Region.
- Discuss working group members’ local knowledge of the region.
- Consider the extent to which ecological diversity and abundance are protected by the location and extent of current marine zones in the region.
- Discuss human use of marine resources in the region.
- Consider the spectrum of management options that can be applied to marine zones.
- Propose and discuss ecosystem protection recommendations for the region, providing a rationale for proposed recommendations as well as for opposition to recommendations.
- Make preliminary recommendations for the Upper Keys region, and as needed identify areas of agreement as well as any irresolvable differences that need to be documented.

~ Tuesday, March 25th ~

9:00 – 9:30am Check-in, Coffee, and Continental Breakfast
9:30 – 10:00am Welcome, Review of Agenda, and Plan for Public Comment
10:00 – 10:45am Discussion: Considerations for the Upper Keys Region
10:45 – 11:00am Break
11:00 – 12:15pm Data Available for the Upper Keys Region, and Sharing of Additional Local Knowledge
12:15 – 1:00pm Lunch
1:00 – 2:00pm Data Analysis / Queries
2:00 – 2:15pm Break
2:15 – 3:00pm Small Group Discussion: Using the Data and Queries
3:00 – 3:15pm Report Out
3:15 – 3:45pm The Management Spectrum
3:45 – 4:00pm Public comment
~ Wednesday, March 26th ~

9:00 – 9:30am  Check-in, Coffee, and Continental Breakfast
9:30 – 9:45am  Welcome Back, Review Agenda for Day 2
9:45 – 10:15am Small Group Discussion: Management Possibilities
10:15 – 11:15am Round-Robin: Suggestions for The Upper Keys Region
11:15 – 11:45am Public Input Opportunity (and informal break)
11:45 – 12:30pm Lunch
12:30 – 2:00pm Discussion of Suggestions
2:00 – 2:20pm  Break
2:20 – 3:40pm  Discussion: Settling on Preliminary Recommendations for the Upper Keys Region – Areas of Consensus, Areas of Majority Agreement, and Concerns to Document
3:40 – 3:55pm Public Comment
3:55 – 4:00pm  Next Steps, Wrap-up