Ecosystem Protection: Ecological Reserves / Preservation Areas and Wildlife Protection Working Group
Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Marine Zoning and Regulatory Review
Eco-Discovery Center, Key West – June 10-11, 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 Marquesas 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 Marquesas region, and as needed identify areas of agreement as well as any irresolvable differences that need to be documented.
- Revisit the preliminary recommendations made for the Tortugas Region, as well as Keys-wide recommendations, as time allows.

~ Tuesday, June 10th ~

9:00 – 9:30am Check-in, Coffee, and Continental Breakfast
9:30 – 9:50am Welcome, Review of Agenda, Check-In on Overall Process
9:50 – 10:30am Discussion: Considerations for the Marquesas Region
10:30 – 10:35am Orientation to the Region
10:35 – 11:00am Human Use Data / Analysis for the Marquesas Region, and Sharing of Additional Local Knowledge
11:00 – 11:20am Break and Informal Public Input Opportunity
11:20 – 12:15pm Natural Resource Data / Analysis for the Marquesas Region, and Sharing of Additional Local Knowledge
12:15 – 1:00pm Lunch (provided for Working Group members)
1:00 – 2:15pm Small Group Discussion: Using the Data and Queries
2:15 – 3:00pm Report Out and Round-Robin: Suggestions for the Marquesas Region
3:00 – 3:20pm  Break and Informal Public Input Opportunity
3:20 – 3:45pm  Initial Discussion of Suggestions
3:45 – 4:00pm  Public comment

~ Wednesday, June 11th ~

9:00 – 9:30am  Check-in, Coffee, and Continental Breakfast
9:30 – 9:40am  Welcome Back, Review Agenda for Day 2
9:40 – 11:00am Discussion: Settling on Preliminary Recommendations for the Marquesas Region – Areas of Consensus, Areas of Majority Agreement, and Concerns to Document
11:00 – 11:15am  Break
11:15 – 12:00pm Review of Tortugas Preliminary Recommendations, Resource Protection Analysis
12:00 – 12:15pm  Informal Public Input Opportunity
12:15 – 1:00pm  Lunch (provided for Working Group members)
1:00 – 2:00pm  Discussion / Finalization of Tortugas Recommendations
2:00 – 2:10pm  Review of Keys-wide / Big Picture Ideas Proposed
2:10 – 3:30pm  Discussion of Keys-wide / Big Picture Ideas
3:30 – 3:45pm  Public Comment
3:45 – 4:00pm  Preview of July Meeting, Next Steps, Wrap-up