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 resiliency 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.
12:00 LUNCH – provided for SAC voting members and alternates, SAC agency representatives and alternates, staff, and invited speakers

1:00 Gulf of Mexico Mesophotic Reef Species Connectivity to FKNMS Shallow and Deeper Reefs (The Pulley Ridge Project): Peter Ortner and Bob Cowen University of Miami, Rosenstiel School for Marine and Atmospheric Science

1:30 Marine Zoning and Regulatory Review: Study Areas: John Hunt, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (SAC Action Item)

2:15 Marine Zoning and Regulatory Review: SAC Alternatives Development Workplan: Sean Morton, FKNMS, and SAC (SAC Action Item)

3:00 Break


3:45 SAC Charter Renewal Update: Lilli Ferguson, FKNMS

3:55 Public Comment

4:10 Upcoming Meeting and Closing Remarks: Chair Ken Nedimyer, SAC

4:20 Adjourn