FLORIDA KEYS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Hyatt Place
1996 Overseas Highway
Marathon, FL 33050
Tuesday, June 16, 2015

FINAL AGENDA

SANCTUARY ADVISORY COUNCIL MISSION STATEMENT
(adopted unanimously, December 6, 2005)

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.

9:00   Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Approve Minutes from April 21, 2015 Meeting
Adopt Agenda for this Meeting
Chairperson’s Comments

9:15   Marine Events and Concentrated Uses: Challenges and Issues (Presentations)
9:15  – U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Nancy Finley, Florida Keys National Wildlife Refuge Complex
9:30  – Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
Captain David Dipre, Division of Law Enforcement
10:00 – U.S. Coast Guard
Lieutenant Commander Andrew Bender, Prevention Department

10:15  Break

10:30  Marine Events and Concentrated Uses: Challenges and Issues (Discussion and Potential Action)

11:30  Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

11:45  Lunch
1:00 Reef Fish Visual Survey Monitoring (Presentation and Discussion)
Jeremiah Blondeau, NOAA Southeast Fishery Science Center

1:30 Coral Reef Ecosystem Monitoring (Presentation and Discussion)
Rob Ruzicka, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Fish and Wildlife Research Institute

2:00 Florida Reef Resilience Program’s Coral Bleaching Monitoring (Presentation and Discussion)
Chris Bergh, The Nature Conservancy

2:30 Coral Reef Genetics and Stress Response (Presentation and Discussion)
Bill Fitt, University of Georgia

3:00 Break

3:15 Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda


4:00 Upcoming Meeting and Closing Remarks
Chair Ken Nedimyer, SAC Chair

4:10 Adjourn

Public Comment: Public comment will be taken for any agenda item prior to any council action. Any person who wishes to make public comment on items not on the agenda should do so at the designated time. The sign-up sheet for public comment is located on the information table at the entrance to the meeting room.