

FLORIDA KEYS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Hyatt Place
1996 Overseas Highway
Marathon, FL 33050
Tuesday, February 16, 2016

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 December 8, 2015 Meeting
 Adopt Agenda for this Meeting
 Chairperson’s Comments
- 9:15** **National Wildlife Refuge Management – Introduction**
 Dan Clark, Complex Refuge Manager
- 9:30** **Florida Keys National Wildlife Refuge Complex Overview**
 Kate Watts, Senior Wildlife Biologist
- 9:40** **National Wildlife Refuge Biological Resources – Bird Species of Concern**
 (Presentation and Discussion)
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- 10:00** **National Wildlife Refuge Biological Resources – Sea Turtle Nesting and Marsh Rabbit** (Presentation and Discussion)
 Adam Emerick, Wildlife Biologist

- 10:20** **National Wildlife Refuge Biological Resources – Habitat Restoration, Candidate Plant Species, and Butterflies** (Presentation and Discussion)
Erica Henry, North Carolina State
- 10:45** **Break**
- 11:00** **Crocodile Lake National Wildlife Refuge Biological Resources** (Presentation and Discussion)
Jeremy Dixon, Refuge Manager Crocodile Lake NWR
- 11:20** **National Wildlife Refuge Law Enforcement Activities** (Presentation and Discussion)
Jared Brierley, Refuge Law Enforcement Officer
- 11:40** **National Wildlife Refuge Panel Discussion and Questions**
- 12:00** **Lunch**
- 1:15** **Florida Keys Spiny Lobster Ecology and Management Research** (Presentation and Discussion)
Tom Matthews, FWC - Fish and Wildlife Research Institute
Gabby Renchen, FWC - Fish and Wildlife Research Institute
- 2:00** **FKNMS Marine Zoning and Regulatory Review – Update and Next Steps** (Presentation and Discussion)
Beth Dieveney, Deputy Superintendent FKNMS
- 2:15** **Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda**
- 2:30** **Agency Reports: Superintendent's Report, Regional Director's Report and Agency Report Highlights:** DEP, FWC-FWRI, FWC-LE, NOAA NMFS Southeast Region, NOAA OGCES, NOAA OLE, EPA, NPS, USCG, USEPA,USFWS, and U.S. Navy
- 3:00** **Upcoming Meeting and Closing Remarks**
Chair Ken Nedimyer, SAC Chair
- 3:05** **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.