

FLORIDA KEYS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY ADVISORY COUNCIL

*City of Marathon Council Chambers
9805 Overseas Highway
Marathon, FL 33050
Tuesday, February 21, 2017*

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 October 18, 2016 Meeting
 Adopt Agenda for this Meeting
 Chairperson’s Comments
- 9:15** **ONMS Director Remarks**
 John Armor, ONMS Director
- 9:30** **Status and Trends in the Florida Keys – Fish Communities** (Presentation and Discussion)
 Jim Bohnsack, NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service
- 10:15** **Status and Trends in the Florida Keys – Benthic Communities** (Presentation and Discussion)
 Mark Chioppone, Nova Southeastern University
- 11:00** **Break**

- 11:15** **Florida Keys Shallow Water Boating Impact Analysis and Trends Assessment** (Presentation of final maps and discussion, follow-up from April and August 2016 Meetings)
Curtis Kruer, Conservation Consultant
Pete Frezza, Audubon Florida and South Florida Ecosystem Restoration FKNMS Advisory Council Member
- 11:45** **Lunch**
- 1:00** **Joint Enforcement in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary**
(Presentation and Discussion)
Patrick O’Shaughnessy, NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service
Captain David Dipre, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
- 1:45** **Advisory Council Chair Enforcement Letter** (Discussion and Potential Action)
Ken Nedimyer, Coral Reef Foundation and FKNMS Advisory Council Chair
- 2:15** **National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council Recreational Fishing Summit**
(Presentation and Discussion)
Will Benson, FKNMS Advisory Council Fishing – Charter Fishing Flats Guide alternative
- 2:30** **Working Group Update: Recreational Charter Fishing** (Presentation and Discussion)
Will Benson, FKNMS Advisory Council Fishing – Charter Fishing Flats Guide alternative and Working Group Chair
- 2:45** **Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda**
- 3:00** **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
- 3:30** **Upcoming Meeting and Closing Remarks**
Chair Ken Nedimyer, SAC Chair
- 3:45** **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.