

**FLORIDA KEYS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY ADVISORY COUNCIL**

*Hyatt Place*  
**1996 Overseas Highway**  
**Marathon, FL 33050**  
**Tuesday, April 18, 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 February 21, 2017 Meeting**  
**Adopt Agenda for this Meeting**  
**Chairperson's Comments**

**Advisory Council Business**

**9:40**            **Florida Keys Shallow Water Boating Impact Analysis and Trends Assessment** (potential action)  
*Pete Frezza, Audubon Florida and South Florida Ecosystem Restoration FKNMS Member*

**9:50**            **Advisory Council Chair and Vice Chair Selection** (discussion and action)  
*Ken Nedimyer and Chris Bergh, current Advisory Council Chair and Vice Chair*

**10:30**            **Break**

**10:45**            **Outcomes and Recommendations from Advisory Council Recreational Charter Fishing Working Group Status and Trends in the Florida Keys** (presentation and potential action)  
*Will Benson, Advisory Council Fishing – Charter Flats Guide alternative and working group chair*  
*Nicole Uibel, Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary*

**Marine Zoning and Regulatory Review Status and Issue Update**

**11:15**        **Review of Advisory Council Recommendation: Derelict and Abandoned Vessels & Towing and Salvage Operations** (presentation)  
*Beth Dieveney, Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary*

**Derelict and Abandoned Vessels & Towing and Salvage Operations – Issue Overview** (presentation and discussion)  
*Steve Werndli, Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary*

**12:00**        **Lunch**

**1:15**        **Derelict and Abandoned Vessels: Monroe County Use of Boating Improvement Funds**  
*Rich Jones, Monroe County Marine Resources Office*

**1:30**        **Multi-Partner Derelict Vessel Removal Effort in the Marquesas Keys**  
*Celia Hitchins, Monroe County Marine Resources Office*

**2:00**        **Discussion, Q & A with panel**

**2:30**        **Break**

**2:45**        **Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda**

**Agency Reports with Special Guest**

**3:00**        **NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program Update** (presentation and discussion)  
*Jennifer Koss, NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program*

**3:30**        **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

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

**4:15**        **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.