

Recreational – Charter Fishing Working Group Initial Workshop
Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary
Marathon City Council Chambers
January 25, 2017

AGENDA

~ Working Group Charge ~

- Cultivate a voluntary program which will recognize charter fishing operators who meet set criteria to educate their customers to conserve the special ecosystem of the Florida Keys,
- Increase the awareness and stewardship of the FKNMS within the resident and visiting angling community,
- Increase communication and partnership between FKNMS and the recreational and charter fishing community, and
- Promote FKNMS as a multiple use recreational area.

~ Meeting Objectives ~

Workshops:

- Welcome working group members, explain process and charge from Advisory Council
- Discuss members' interests and objectives for the process, and discuss ground rules
- Analyze current Blue Star framework as a model for Blue Angler, discuss which aspects will apply for Blue Angler
- Develop the Blue Angler mission statement and the goals of the program
- Discuss process for program participation including eligibility and criteria

Evening Public Engagement Meetings:

- Solicit input on best practices
- Identify ways in which FKNMS can promote sustainable fishing
- Identify ways to recognize program participants

~ Meeting Schedule ~

9:00 - 9:30am	Check-in and Coffee
9:30 - 9:45am	Welcome and Introductions
9:45 - 10:00am	Charge from the Sanctuary Advisory Council, Review of Overall Schedule and Agenda, and Objectives for this Meeting
10:00 - 10:30am	Discussion: Members' Interests and Objectives
10:30 - 11:30am	Overview and Discussion of Blue Star Program
11:30 - 12:00pm	Introduction to Draft Mission Statement and Goals of Blue Angler
12:00 - 1:00pm	Lunch Break
1:00 - 2:30pm	Discussion: Mission Statement and Goals of Blue Angler
2:30 - 3:00pm	Introduction to Identifying Best Practices for Blue Angler
3:00 - 3:15pm	Public Comment
3:15 - 3:30pm	Next Steps, Meeting Adjourns