Recreational – Charter Fishing Working Group Final Workshop
Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary
Marathon City Council Chambers
February 22, 2017

DRAFT 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 of 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 for angling
● Identify ways in which FKNMS can promote sustainable fishing
● Identify ways to recognize program participants

9:00 - 9:30am Check-in and Coffee
9:30 - 9:45am Welcome Back, Review Agenda
9:45 - 10:30am Review of Initial Workshop, Public Meetings
10:30 - 12:00pm Discussion: Develop a Set of Best Practices for Blue Angler
12:00 - 1:00pm Lunch Break
1:00 - 2:30pm Discussion: Process for Program Participation
2:30 - 2:45pm Public Comment
2:45 - 3:15pm Review Discussions, Draft Recommendations
3:15 - 3:30pm Wrap Up, Meeting Adjourns