

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