Shallow Water Wildlife & Habitat Protection Work Group:

Progress & Next Steps

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Sanctuary Advisory Council – Recreational Fishing
Working Group Chair
Working Group Membership

Sanctuary Advisory Council Members

- Justin Bruland, SAC Commercial Fishing
- Bruce Frerer, SAC Recreational Fishing
- Pete Frezza, SAC South Florida Ecosystem Restoration
- Richard Grathwohl, SAC Fishing Charter Flats Guide
- David Makepeace, SAC Citizen at Large – Upper Keys
- Bruce Popham, SAC Boating Industry
- Jessica Pulfer, SAC Conservation and Environment
Community / Public Members

- Aaron Adams, Bonefish and Tarpon Trust
- Carla Bellenger, Key West Eco Tours, Inc.
- Mike Bresette, InWater Research Group, Inc.
- Tad Burke, Florida Keys Fishing Guide Association
- Charlie Causey, Florida Keys Environmental Fund
- John Coffin, Coffin Marine Services Inc.
- Roy Herndon, Marine Life Collectors
- Meaghan Johnson, The Nature Conservancy
- Bill Keogh, Big Pine Kayak
- John O’Hearn, Lower Keys Guides Association
Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Marine Zoning and Regulatory Review:
floridakeys.noaa.gov

Maps, Data, and GIS Resources:
http://ocean.floridamarine.org/fknms_zone_review
Review Study Areas & Objectives

- Evaluate existing Wildlife Management Areas for effectiveness
- Address concentrated uses that diminish or destroy habitats
- Identify where high impact activities known to occur should be allowed
- Identify seagrass and shallow water habitat areas for exclusion to allow for research control areas
- Evaluate mangrove habitat protection for bird nesting.
- Reduce damage to natural resources from improper vessel salvage methods.
Discussion Items of Note

• Clarified role and authority of working group

• Identified the need to:
  ✓ Value and recognize rights of various user groups
  ✓ Be proactive about addressing potential new and emerging issues
  ✓ Use the best available science to inform the process
  ✓ Consider lessons learned from other sites
Decisions of Note

- Administrative decisions related to working group norms and expectations
- Reviewed Consensus Decision Making process
- No recommendations for Advisory Council at this time
Meeting Schedule & Locations

• Wednesday, January 30 – Marathon Garden Club
• Wednesday, February 20 – Marathon Garden Club
• Tuesday, March 12 – Marathon Garden Club
• Tuesday, April 2
• Tuesday, April 30
• Tuesday, May 21
• Tuesday, June 11
Upcoming Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, February 20 – Marathon Garden Club

• Presentation: Sanctuary and National Wildlife Refuge resources and environmental condition

• Discussion: Identify Areas for Consideration
  • Habitats
  • Target natural resources
  • Impacts to habitats and resources
  • Activities and human uses
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