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PUBLIC COMMENT

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Name: Nick DeMauro Organization: Commercial

Email: [REDACTED]

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TOPIC TO BE ADDRESSED

Alternatize to declining ecosystems

PUBLIC COMMENT

Take the small coral & fisheries restoration projects, promote & increase the involvement of the public by paying a daily salary (ex: 150⁰⁰ per day), w/ the use of their vessels. Unfortunately not everyone can afford to volunteer for free, bills all have to be paid, as we know. I am a commercial fisherman, & I would be more than willing to take a month out of the year (mid summer, slow season) to participate in to an alternate solution. With advertisement you would be surprised in how many would step forward, w/ pay as an exception. Thanks!

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Name: Jerrold Weinstock, M.D. Organization: Family - Environment

Email: [REDACTED]

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TOPIC TO BE ADDRESSED

Preserve - no take areas.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Started Fishing in 1939.)

Stick to establishing
Preserve areas
No take -
Future of all Fishing
Depends on it.
JW.

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Name: Dee STARLING Organization: Citizen

Email: _____

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TOPIC TO BE ADDRESSED

ADAPTIVE MANG

PUBLIC COMMENT

DRONE —
SAND KEY LIGHT
Channel Marker Replace
carry out geets in
Tortugas PARK

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Name: Suzanne Kyrest Organization: _____

Email: 

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TOPIC TO BE ADDRESSED

water quality / do-not vessels

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Name: Loren Rea Organization: Sting Rea Charters
Del Brown Permit
Tournament

Email: [REDACTED]

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TOPIC TO BE ADDRESSED

Marine zoning lower keys + Manque Bay
shallow water closures

PUBLIC COMMENT

No closures

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Name: Capt. Justin KFA Organization: Sting Ray Charters

Email: [REDACTED]

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TOPIC TO BE ADDRESSED

Focus on Water Quality

PUBLIC COMMENT

If you start closing areas
you will see a rapid decline
in other areas do to too much pressure.

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Name: Wayne Fox Organization: Danger Charters

Email: [REDACTED]

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TOPIC TO BE ADDRESSED

Anchoring in Refuge.

PUBLIC COMMENT

WAYS to limit impact of anchoring

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Name: Alan Fowler Organization: Alan Fowler Law, PLLC

Email: [REDACTED]

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TOPIC TO BE ADDRESSED

Lacey Act Implications / Consideration

PUBLIC COMMENT

I am a trial lawyer with a focus on defending commercial and marine life fishermen accused of environmental crimes. I encourage the SAC and its Working Groups to consider the implications that its proposed changes may have on fishermen vis-a-vis the Lacey Act, which criminalizes the violation of federal regulation concerning import, export, sale, receipt (etc.) of fishlife.

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Name: Row Bailey Organization: _____

Email: [REDACTED]

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TOPIC TO BE ADDRESSED

ZONING Meeting

PUBLIC COMMENT

It will be impossible to MEASURE public support During STANDARD WORKING BUSINESS HOURS (9-5, Mon-Fri), AND, With Such Regulation AT STAKE, All those impacted Must BE AFFORDED THE opportunity to PARTICIPATE within Reason.

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Name: RICH GOMEZ Organization: K.W. CHARTER BOAT ASSOC.

Email: [REDACTED]

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ZONING

PUBLIC COMMENT

ONE THING THAT CHRIS POINTED OUT AS A POSSIBLE OBJECTIVE, WAS TEMPORARY ZONING. THAT IS A CONCEPT THAT HAS PROBABLY BEEN TALKED ABOUT MANY TIMES, BUT I HAVE NEVER ACTUALLY SEEN THAT HAPPEN. I BELIEVE IN 1996 WE LOST SAND KEY AND NUMEROUS OTHER REEFS. I BELIEVE THAT YOU WOULD FIND MUCH MORE SUPPORT IF ANY CLOSURES YOU FEEL NECESSARY WERE TEMPORARY, WITH A START DATE AND AN END DATE (NOT TO BE EXCEEDINGLY LONG) AND ALSO FOR IT TO INCLUDE CLOSURES ON DIVING AREAS, AGAIN TEMPORARILY IN ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC TO FEEL THEY ARE GETTING A FAIR SHAKE.

1) DID WE TEMPORARILY LOSE CONCH? || || TURTLE
2) DID || GOLIATH

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Name: Brice Barr Organization: Key West Charterboat Assn.

Email: [REDACTED]

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TOPIC TO BE ADDRESSED

Proposed Closures by Working Group

PUBLIC COMMENT

Issues with group members that lack attendance with the group and are representing the charter fleet → lack of attendance and losing vote. Then by losing vote - Chris stated it goes as a "3" which essentially means yes according to Chris Berg. Oppose additional closures manage the fish - not the spot. Reduce bag limits or possible month closure for species you want to protect. Let fisheries management handle fisheries laws. -

Existing Sanctuary has no boating zone - ex: Eastern Sambo - Then other Sanctuary zones for no fishing - Then areas for catch and release - you can dive on all these areas except E. Sambo - Why are there not areas for fishing & not diving - I learned in science class years ago about experiments. You need a control - ie: E. Sambo - then a reef where you can dive and not fish. Then area for fishing not diving - then an area for both so you can get an accurate result from your experiment. Impact on snorkelers with clog, deodorant, sunblock - etc., impact on reef.

seems a little more harmful to coral than releasing a fish.

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Name: JEFFREY DICKMAN Organization: _____

Email: [REDACTED]

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TOPIC TO BE ADDRESSED

SPAs + ERs

PUBLIC COMMENT

- IF EVERYONE ACKNOWLEDGES A GENERAL DETERIORATION OF THE RESOURCE AS A WHOLE, HAS THERE BEEN LESS OF A DECLINE IN THE SPAs + ERs THAT ALREADY EXIST? IF SO, THEN THERE NEEDS TO BE AN EXPLANATION AS TO HOW IT'S IMPROVING TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE FOR SPAs + ERs FOR THE FUTURE. IF NOT, THEN WHAT WILL EXPANSION OF THE SPAs + ERs REALLY ACCOMPLISH?

I'M CONCERNED + APPALLED THAT THE CHAIRMAN OF SAC SAID HE'S NOT QUALIFIED TO STATE WHAT ROLE THE NMS TAKES IN FISHERIES MANAGEMENT.

DIDN'T APPRECIATE THAT THE CHAIRMAN OFFERED TO "JUST PUNT THE ISSUE UP TO NOAA."

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Name: Luke Kelly Organization: Lower Keys Guides Assoc.

Email: [REDACTED]

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TOPIC TO BE ADDRESSED

Flats Fishing - Catch and Release - Economics

PUBLIC COMMENT

In response to the -Ecosystem Protection Working Group's Recommended New Ecological Reserves - released late July this year. (particularly the Marquesas)

If "no-take" Ecological Reserves are to be the vessel for "non-extractive" zones, then please consider the creation of a "piggy-back" Catch and Release zone from 10 feet of water shoreward for all nearshore Florida keys ER's which apply.

This will ensure the Florida keys nearshore charter fishing industry will continue uninterrupted, targeting the desired species of nomadic gamefish that would undoubtedly swim right through these zones gaining little to no protection otherwise.

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Name: JASON BASCOE Organization: ROBBIES OF ISLAMORADA

Email: [REDACTED]

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TOPIC TO BE ADDRESSED

MARINE ZONING + REGULATORY REVIEW (NO DISCHARGE OF BAIT FROM SHORE)

PUBLIC COMMENT

PLEASE DO NOT ENACT THIS AMENDMENT.

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Name: Peggy Matthews Organization: American Waterways Assoc.

Email: [REDACTED]

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TOPIC TO BE ADDRESSED

BAC Topics

PUBLIC COMMENT

[Empty box for public comment]

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Name: Spencer Stett Organization: Keys Assoc Dive Operators

Email: [REDACTED]

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TOPIC TO BE ADDRESSED

Entering bait into water

PUBLIC COMMENT

Concerning placing food/Bait/Chum into sanctuary

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Name: John Sahagian Organization: FUN YET Charters

Email: [REDACTED]

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TOPIC TO BE ADDRESSED

Area Closures

PUBLIC COMMENT

you have discontinued patrolling and enforcement in the areas that are currently closed. The enforcement is currently being done by the commercial sector by the operators in areas like hookey and sandbar. How do you expect to control even more areas.
No new closures.
The water quality issues are coming from "up stream". When you address the pollution coming from the mainland then come to us.

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Name: J Scott Gordon Organization: Too Lethal Charters

Email: [REDACTED]

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TOPIC TO BE ADDRESSED

[Empty box for topic to be addressed]

PUBLIC COMMENT

NO - TO Reef Closure

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Name: Jose Gonzalez Organization: Pepe's charters

Email: [REDACTED]

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TOPIC TO BE ADDRESSED

no closures!

PUBLIC COMMENT

none at your Date supports
a closure! I'm a sport fishing
guide and nobody cares about
protecting this area than me.
closure is not the way to go!
decrease bag limits but
no closures you will buty
the Florida Keys!

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Name: MICHAEL BELITZKY Organization: NAT'L MARINE MANUFACTURERS
ASOC.

Email: [REDACTED]

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TOPIC TO BE ADDRESSED

ZONING / REGULATIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT

[Empty box for public comment]

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Name: Budget McDonald Organization: Lower Keys Guides Assoc.

Email: [REDACTED]

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TOPIC TO BE ADDRESSED

Ecological Reserves - idle only
No take = C+R

PUBLIC COMMENT

If additional ERS are created will they allow C+R? Would a C+R zone 10ft. from shore be considered in new ERS.
If new ERS are created, please establish speed limits that will protect to plant & marine life in the reserve.

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Name: Jeremy Homerston Sr Organization: Fishermen

Email: [REDACTED]

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TOPIC TO BE ADDRESSED

CLOSURES

PUBLIC COMMENT

NO WAY !!

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Name: Damon Santelli Organization: Fish Key West FC

Email: [REDACTED]

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TOPIC TO BE ADDRESSED

zone closures

PUBLIC COMMENT

[Empty box for public comment]

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Name: RICH GOMEZ Organization: K.V. CH. BOAT ASSOC.

Email: 

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TOPIC TO BE ADDRESSED

NO FISH ZONES

PUBLIC COMMENT

YES

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Name: Bill Kelly Organization: FKCFA

Email: ~~#~~ [REDACTED]

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TOPIC TO BE ADDRESSED

CLOSED AREAS

PUBLIC COMMENT

[Empty box for public comment]

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Name: Greg EKLUND Organization: Charter Fishing

Email: [REDACTED] 305-360-7476

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TOPIC TO BE ADDRESSED

Zoning process

PUBLIC COMMENT

Accountability, Process, for Regional Meeting for Marine Ecological zoning Workgroups.

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Name: JESUS HERNANDEZ Organization: _____

Email: _____

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TOPIC TO BE ADDRESSED

Disagree with closure. Closure Key West

PUBLIC COMMENT

Empty box for public comment.

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Name: Rob Harris Organization: SAFMC SNAPPER/GROUPER AP
KEY WEST FISHING TOURNAMENT

Email: [REDACTED]

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TOPIC TO BE ADDRESSED

Closures

PUBLIC COMMENT

[Empty box for public comment]

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Name: Captain Skio Raysoak Organization: Neptune Charter

Email: [REDACTED]

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TOPIC TO BE ADDRESSED

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PUBLIC COMMENT

I can't believe my livelihood is being even remotely influenced by you dumb [REDACTED]

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Name: George Delgado Organization: Stock Island COBSTER

Email: _____

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TOPIC TO BE ADDRESSED

PUBLIC COMMENT

I am a commercial fisherman and I support my family doing this. You guys have no consideration for us. Every year there is more and more restrictions. So if you guys want to put us out of business get us all jobs and buy us out.

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Name: John Sprague Organization: MARINE INDUSTRIES ASCENSION FLA.

Email: [REDACTED]

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TOPIC TO BE ADDRESSED

PLAN - ISSUES -

PUBLIC COMMENT

[Empty box for public comment]

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Name: Javier Verda Organization: FISH BUSTERS

Email: _____

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TOPIC TO BE ADDRESSED

80 NW 31 AVENUE - MIAMI FL 33125,

PUBLIC COMMENT

Somos Padres de familia necesitamos
zonas de Pesca para trabajar porque de
eso vivimos.

El an suelo redondo no sirve para
la pesca de la rabinubia.

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Name: Victoria Gonzalez Organization: FISHBUSTERS

Email: _____

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TOPIC TO BE ADDRESSED

5455 Macdonald Ave
Unit 29 Key West FL 33040

PUBLIC COMMENT

Somos padres de familia
necesitamos zonas de pesca
para poder trabajar.
No estamos de acuerdo con lo
del Anuncio Redonda ya que
el pescado como la RABIRUBIA
no la trabajamos a fondo y por
su constitución en su boca es muy
difícil de coger con ese tipo de
Anuncio.

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Name: Lee STARLING Organization: Citizen

Email: _____

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TOPIC TO BE ADDRESSED

LACK OF HONESTY - CREDIBILITY

PUBLIC COMMENT

SCAM
ARTISTS!

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Name: ALberto MARTINEZ Organization: _____

Email: _____

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TOPIC TO BE ADDRESSED

Disagree whh chosoxes
closuxes in Key West

PUBLIC COMMENT

Empty box for public comment.

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Name: Yordy Martinez Organization: _____

Email: _____

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TOPIC TO BE ADDRESSED

Disagree with closures. Closures in Key West.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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Name: Jeremy Banish Organization: grassroots

Email: _____

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TOPIC TO BE ADDRESSED

Destruction of economy

PUBLIC COMMENT

Domino effect of
Major closure

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Name: Mario Torres Organization: Torres Seafood Co. LLC

Email: _____

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TOPIC TO BE ADDRESSED

Closed

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Name: Ed Walker Organization: Recreational Angler

Email: [REDACTED]

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TOPIC TO BE ADDRESSED

draft closure areas

PUBLIC COMMENT

A.P. appears to be out of touch with the Keys community

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Name: DAVID PAUL HORAN Organization: CHARTER BOAT ASSN

Email: [REDACTED]

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TOPIC TO BE ADDRESSED

EXCLUSIVE FISHERY MANAGEMENT
AND FKNMS LEGISLATION-

PUBLIC COMMENT

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Name: Aimee Rodriguez Organization: _____

Email: [REDACTED]

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Additional Closures

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Do not agree. No basis.

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Name: Bob ELKINS Organization: FISHING

Email: [REDACTED]

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CLOSURES

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PRESENTATION TO SANCTUARY ADVISORY COUNCIL
AUGUST 20, 2013

Henry Feddern
PhD marine biologist
Florida Marine Life Fisherman
Advisory panel member SAFMC for corals

I have been diving in South Florida since 1956.
I have seen a lot of negative changes to this environment.

Corals
Longspine Sea Urchins
Spiny lobster
Fisheries

Not one of these changes has been reversed by the establishment and operation of Sanctuaries, State parks, or National parks.

The reason is that the coral dieoff was caused by environmental changes and by the dieoff of longspine sea urchins, caused by a virus that migrated from the Pacific Ocean through the Panama Canal, and then spread throughout the Caribbean. The corals and sea urchins are slowly recovering because the water quality is improving, (due to increased regulations by the Environmental Protection Agency), and because the coral nurseries that have been established are now renewing the reefs.

Spiny lobsters have decreased in population in South Florida because they are spawned elsewhere in the Caribbean and as they grow, they migrate through South Florida. These larvae and juveniles often encounter unfavorable environmental conditions that decimate their populations before they reach this area. Regulations by the Fishery Councils now limit and regulate the harvest so that it is sustainable. Improvements in water quality enhance recruitment of juveniles.

Most food fisheries have in the past been overfished, but regulations by the South Atlantic and Gulf Fishery Management Councils, and by Florida's Marine Fisheries Commission, have reversed this trend, and most of these fisheries are on the road to recovery.

As you can see, the Sanctuary Preservation Areas that have been designated by the FKNMS have had very little to do with these positive changes.

Stony corals are completely protected from harvest. Water quality continues to improve. According to Florida's research, sea grasses are expanding dramatically in the inshore areas. What else needs to be protected? Is it sand, rocks or mangroves (already protected), turtle grass (which is already increasing), algae, birds? What about people and people's livelihoods? People are part of this habitat. How are they to be protected?

What does the Sanctuary actually need to do to further enhance its area? Fisheries including spiny lobsters seem to be covered and longspine urchins are struggling but still present, and stony corals are being protected. Unfortunately, the major coral areas are in Sanctuary Preservation Areas, which are areas off limits to everyone except divers, who, according to many scientific studies, are the user group who causes the most damage to stony corals. This use was allowed when the Sanctuary was first proposed so that the Sanctuary had a better chance of passing Congress. It passed, even though a straw vote of the people in the Keys defeated it.

The basic reason people were against it at the beginning was that Sanctuaries can only restrict the public's access. It cannot improve water quality or enhance fisheries recruitment of larvae.

The FKMNS's original "representative areas" that would be restricted, has been accepted. Now, the Ecosystem Protection Working Group (actually 4 people) has proposed a lot of additional new Sanctuary Preservation areas, plus enlarging a lot of others, in order to "make people take notice". Then, these 4 people wanted the rest of the working group to vote on each change, and if the member has no opinion one way or the other, his vote would be counted as a "yes". This seems a little biased to me.

The purpose of the working group was to see if the present zones were still valid, and to determine if any new ones were needed, based on actual scientific evidence.

Many of these "justifications" are useless. One, for instance, "provides a protective buffer for one of the Keys best coral reefs", but still allows diver damage to the corals within it. Another talks about essential oceanographic currents, as if this has anything to do with zoning. Others state "no justification specified for this SPA". Why then are they being pushed? "Protect deeper fore-reef habitats – from what?"

As I said before, the current Sanctuary zoning regime has been accepted, even though it can do little to protect the corals or fisheries. It really can do nothing but restrict people. Making major changes in how it manages people, without significant scientific facts to justify them, is only going to generate major opposition to the Sanctuary without any significant improvement to the habitat.

Increasing the number and size of SPAs will actually result in degradation of the fisheries within them, because this will create SPAs for lionfish, which prefer coral areas and eat everything living that fits in their mouths. At present, marine life fishermen harvest them along with other organisms. In SPAs, only lionfish harvest would be allowed, which would make it economically unfeasible for marine life fishermen to enter the SPAs.

Another threat looming on the horizon is the presence of orange cup coral on the habitats and artificial reefs in the Keys, off Miami, and in the Gulf of Mexico. This coral kills other corals. When it establishes itself on natural bottom (as it has done in Curacao and in the Gulf of

Mexico), it will devastate the corals that you are required to protect. You need to look into this right away, and determine control methods, before it is too late.

The Sanctuary cannot even patrol the SPAs that it already has. How can it cope with all these others that are being pushed?

The Sanctuary should do the following things:

- Keep the current SPAs and their current boundaries, and do not add any others. Commercial fisheries are already severely restricted by the presence of Everglades National Park, John Pennekamp State Park, Key Largo NMS, and the current SPAs.
- Do not allow anyone into SPAs, no exceptions, so that the corals can be protected from damage and can thus recover faster. After all, according to Dante Fascell, this was the basic stated reason for establishing the Sanctuaries in the first place.
- Study possible control measures for the orange cup coral.
- Insist that the EPA continue to improve water quality, especially the fresh water coming from the Everglades, and Peace River, which contribute nutrients that cause algae blooms.
- Do more to educate the people who come to the Keys. These people are unfamiliar with Sanctuary regulations.
- Increase the number of Patrolmen in order to ensure that everyone obeys the rules.
- Base any changes on valid specific science.

Above all, do what doctors vow to do for patients: First, do no harm.

Henry Feddern

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Henry Feddern", written in black ink.

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