Motion of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council
Personal Watercraft Tours / Fishing Conflict Options for Analysis in the Marine Zoning and Regulatory Review Process
Motion passed December 11, 2012

After a count of the numbers of fingers held up by SAC members, Chair Nedimyer deemed the motion passed. Below is the final text approved by the motion.

The SAC recommends to the staff that they include in the draft Environmental Impact Statement consideration of the agreement between the Lower Keys Guides Association and the Key West area PWC operators.

The PWC Co-Op and LKGA requested the following changes to existing FKNMS regulations:
• Relief of regulations to allow passage west of seasonal/high use fishing grounds in the instance that doing so will avoid conflict between fishing boats and PWC tours in the immediate area South and West of Fort Zachary Taylor. Specifically, recommended changes to the existing regulations are:
  o Open Key West National Wildlife Refuge and FKNMS to PWC such that PWC operators can go around the G13 marker.