

Good Afternoon,

I am Dottie Moses representing Last Stand

Last Stand supports the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary's and the Florida Keys National Wildlife Refuge's efforts to assess the current uses of the marine environment so that they can identify those areas that are most vulnerable to Concentrated Uses and Marine Events. We are encouraged by and support the consideration of potential alternative management practices listed in the draft resolution and agree these should be evaluated as part of the Environmental Impact Statement. Such an assessment can help identify the best way to provide protection for the natural resources while at the same time accommodating compatible uses for residents, tourists and commercial events.

Last Stand will continue to support the need for increased education of sanctuary and refuge users in our communications with state and federal agencies as well as with our elected representatives. We have also prioritized funding for enforcement as high on our list of support these entities can provide to help the sanctuary and refuge fulfill their mission.

Today's resolution begins a process. It is not a decision. Bringing consideration of these alternatives into the scrutiny of the Environmental Impact Statement should help guide the sanctuary and refuge managers to propose and implement solutions that will allow continued enjoyment of our natural resources while at the same time providing for sustainable preservation for the benefit of future generations.

We urge you to pass the draft resolution and look forward to participating in the process of better understanding the impacts of these alternative management practices so they can be aligned with the goals of the management plan.

Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary
Advisory Council

PUBLIC COMMENT

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Name: Archer Miller Organization: _____

Email: _____

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TOPIC TO BE ADDRESSED

PUBLIC COMMENT

Since COMMERCIAL FISHER MAN CAP TAKE TONS OF FISH AND THE RECREATIONAL FISHER MAN IS LIMITED TO A FEW, WHY NOT MAKE THE SIZE LIMIT DIFFERENT LIKE SNAPPER 12" FOR REC + 13" FOR COMMERCIAL?

WHY DONT YOU ALL CLOSE FISHING FOR ALL SPECIES DURING SPawning?

WHY ARE YOU CHARTERING BOATS FOR \$6,000 OR \$7,000.00 DOLLARS A DAY? WHY NOT BUY A BOAT YOU CAN ALWAYS HAVE?

over

Going Through shallow AIRS, Why Dont you Have clearly Marked Routes To ELIMINATE Prop damage from people who are trying To learn Their way To and From different places.

IS you so concerned ABOUT DAMAGE from Anchors in popular Aires, WAY NOT put more Morning Buys. in These Aires

Again you said you want INQUIRY from The Public BUT you're NOT TAKING questions from The Public.

Point you close AN AREA for Fishing And The FISHERMAN Go To ANOTHER AREA if you close off Picnic Aires what makes you THINK People Arnt Going To Go To ANOTHER AREA.

~~Just Like you said in The Biscayne Park you Have A LOT of vessel Groundings The Back Country of The Keys is The same, why dont~~

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TOPIC TO BE ADDRESSED

Marine Concentrated Uses and Events

PUBLIC COMMENT

By closing areas that have been used for decades by Florida Key's residents, I believe, will cause "New Party Spots" to be found which means areas that are healthy will be open to degradation.

The FKNMS does not have the resources to educate, ~~and~~ enforce new party management zones. The enforcement that the FKNMS does have, should be put to higher priority use such as enforcing fishing regulations, ~~and~~ existing preservation areas, and educating the public. Party spots are the least ~~of~~ the issues of the Sanctuary.

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TOPIC TO BE ADDRESSED

Party spots + Sand Bars
any and All

PUBLIC COMMENT

Spots that have been around for Decade to many ~~Decades~~ ^{Decades} should be left alone. you'll should try to stop any more of them from popping up! all others should be grandfathered in. That is common sense!

Save All the spots that have all ready been used for Decades + Generations.

—Original Message—

From: Sylvia [REDACTED]

Sent: [Tuesday, August 18, 2015 9:13 AM](#)

To: David L Williamson

Subject: Boats gathering on sandbar at southern end of Duck Key

For the last few months we have experienced noise, trash, and possible damage to the bay bottom from boaters gathering on the newly formed sandbar. Many of the boats play loud music, throw trash overboard, and make the weekends of the residents in the area very uncomfortable. On occasions, they have climbed the break-wall and ventured into empty lots. What can be done to restore the peace and quiet and to protect our precious environment that we value so much as residents of Duck Key?

Sincerely,

Sylvia Hernandez

[REDACTED]
[Duck Key, FL 33050](#)

Sent from my iPad

I reside [REDACTED] in Duck Key on an oceanfront house. I have been letting all relevant people (Duck Key Security Advisory Committee, Duck Key Community Benefit, etc) know about the serious problem we have on the Marine Sanctuary (MS) with boaters.

To remind you, the boaters are anchoring in a small sandbar that is surrounded by seagrass & coral on the Southwest corner of the Sanctuary directly on the oceanside entry to Duck Key. The main impacts of this activity are:

- Damage to the MS bottom
 - o They frequently beach the boats when the tide goes out & gun the engines to get out
 - o They leave large amounts of trash including bottles, cans, and packaging, which we go out & pick up
 - o They "explore" all the area with smaller boats and/or jet skis and do not slow down in order to avoid bottom damage

- Noise issues
 - o They blare radios (sometimes up to 3-4 at a time) and carry on in a loud & disorderly manner
 - o There is a lot of alcohol consumption, along with smoking of marijuana (It is noticeable and you can smell it), while riding on kayaks.

- Security issues
 - o As mentioned above the boaters "explore" the area on foot and cross the breakwater onto Duck Key properties
 - o They swim across the canal & come onto private property
 - o We have had to ask them to leave on numerous occasions & they are generally uncooperative

- o They have boarded boats moored on residents private property

- Fishing guides livelihood is being compromised

- o The guides are very respectful of the MS and have a right to earn a living. The boaters are interfering with their activities as they are noisy and come in at high speeds

- o Fly fishing is the main activity and silence/calm waters are essential to success here. They are generally poling in order to be quiet & not create waves

- o The MS is a great catch & release venue that should be maintained

We have videos of some of these activities and would be more than happy to share. I can't emphasize enough the damage that is being done to the MS and activities such as fishing. All residents in DK agree that something needs to be done longterm to preserve the beauty of the MS and the Duck Key area.

I would be happy to cooperate in any way.

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Duck Key Property Owners Association

August 18, 2015

To the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary:

As President of the Duck Key Property Owners Association (DKPOA), I have been receiving countless complaints recently regarding offensive noise, garbage, trespassing, and destruction of sea grass directly offshore of our island. Our residents have chosen to live here because of the tranquility and beauty of the natural environment. This recent explosion of offensive activities is extremely alarming. It seriously threatens the natural beauty of our island. Any recommendations and actions that the Marine Sanctuary can make on our behalf would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

David L. Williamson, President

Duck Key Property Owners Association



THE CITY OF KEY WEST

P.O. BOX 1409
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August 18th, 2015

To whom it my concern:

As a representative of District IV and the citizens of Key West I feel compelled to speak out against this proposal—or any proposal for that matter-- that further disenfranchises the rights of our citizens by closing up or limiting access to the sandbars and out islands.

This tradition of getting in our boats and sharing time with family and friends in these places-- that we have been going to for many generations--is one of the last things we have to cherish, or can afford in our community.

Furthermore, this suggestion coming on the heels of a proposed sea bottom grab by the NOAA, adding yet another financial burden to those that make their living by working out on the water-- by using fish size and bag limits as their rationale—which are clearly the domain of FWC—is a clear slap in the face to the residents of our island.

The comments that there is too much public use is hypocritical and self-serving, these places are exactly for public use. To those that cry over the sea grass, etc. I can only say that there is very little or no grass in the areas mentioned.

To those that say it's just a suggestion from the Advisory Council I say that historically when we don't form grass root support teams to counter this bureaucratic punch to the gut early on, by the time we get it together, we are told it's too late.

For the record, keep your paws off the sandbars and out islands. It is one of the last few vestiges that keep us in touch with our island, our culture and our maritime heritage.

Respectfully,

Tony Vaniz

Key West City Commissioner

Key to the Caribbean - Average yearly temperature 77° F.