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Enforcement of Priorities in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary
Up to 2014 FKNMS enforcement was handled through an agreement between FKNMS and FWC.
Agreement provided funding for salaries for dedicated personnel and enforcement platforms

- Patrol Vehicles
- Medium range outboard patrol vessels
- Large Off Shore patrol vessel (Delivered in Jan 2006)

- Fuel
- Maintenance
OLE has worked with state law enforcement agencies since 2002 through a program in which funding can be provided for enforcement services

Cooperative Enforcement Program

- Authority
  - Magnuson-Stevens Act (MSA)—Governor of a State may apply for execution of a joint enforcement agreement 16 USC 1861(h)

- Authorizes certain coastal state and territorial marine conservation law enforcement agencies to enforce Federal laws and regulations in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)
Nine Active Partners
7 States
2 Territories
Federal Priorities/Focus Enforcement

Funding allocated annually to the SED JEA to address Federal priorities through patrol, monitoring, and inspection services.

Top Priorities
- TED’s
- IFQ/Red Snapper
- HMS
- MMPA
NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY SYSTEM

Olympic Coast
Greater Farallones
Cordell Bank
Monterey Bay
Papahānaumokuākea
Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale
Channel Islands
American Samoa (U.S.)
Thunder Bay
Stellwagen Bank
Monitor
Gray’s Reef
Florida Keys
Flower Garden Banks

Scale varies in this perspective. Adapted from National Geographic Maps.
Participated in Pulse Ops Program for the first time being able to patrol the NMS Flower Garden and made over 219 contacts during those patrols.

Work with other NMFS Programs through JEA:
- Sanctuary: Grays Reef NMS
- Protected Resources: Right Whale
In the 2014 funding from NOS was transferred to OLE to incorporate it into the CEP as a separate agreement from the base FL JEA.
Funding and priorities were addressed through a JEA.

Structured as a separate JEA for FWC

FKNMS continued to provide enforcement platforms.
Recent events, to include funding trends,

Program at a crossroads.
“There is nothing permanent except change”

HERACLITUS
Our dilemma is that we hate change and love it at the same time; what we really want is for things to remain the same - but get better.

Sydney J. Harris
CONFUSION
You're not making any sense at all.
WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?
Merge the separate FKNMS JEA into the existing Florida JEA.

FKNMS will work with OLE to address their priorities based on the funding available.
Program pays for hours of service (not individuals)

FWC will utilize state assets on a reimbursable basis as with all other JEAs

Program will be based on over-time, (offices benefit from participation)
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- Able to provide compliance assistance and training
- Work closely with state partners to ensure they were conducting proper inspections, thus increasing quality data points.
Future success will require flexibility
Questions
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