



# Update: Recreational & Charter Fishing Working Group

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# Working Group Resolution

The Sanctuary Advisory Council of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary resolves to create a Recreational – Charter Fishing Working Group to cultivate a voluntary recognition program for charter fishing operators which aims to:

- Recognize charter fishing operators who meet set criteria to educate their customers to conserve the special ecosystem of the Florida Keys,
- Increase the awareness and stewardship of the FKNMS within the resident and visiting angling community,
- Increase communication and partnership between FKNMS and the recreational and charter fishing community , and
- Promote FKNMS as a multiple use recreational area.

# Possible Members: SAC Volunteers

Name	Position
William Benson	Charter Flats Fishing (alt)
Jack Curlett	Recreational Fishing
Bruce Frerer	Recreational Fishing (alt)
Tad Burke	Charter Flats Fishing
Steve Leopold	Charter Sports Fishing
Rob Harris	Charter Sports Fishing (alt)
Ken Reba	Boating Industry (alt)
Suzy Roebling	Citizen at Large – Upper Keys (alt)
Martin Moe	Education
Joe Weatherby	Tourism – Lower Keys (alt)
Andy Newman	Tourism – Upper Keys
Lisa Mongelia	Tourism – Upper Keys (alt)

# Possible Members: Local Stakeholders

- Key West Charter Boat Association
- Lower Keys Guides Association
- Matecombe Anglers
- Islamorada Charter Boat Association
- Florida Keys Fishing Guides Association
- BTT
- FWC
- USFSW
- NMFS
- CCA
- ASA

# Working Group: Tentative Schedule

- Initial workshop with WG members
- Scoping meetings open to public
  - Upper Keys
  - Middle Keys
  - Lower Keys
- Final workshop with WG members

Schedule to be finalized and distributed in coming months

# Working Group: Next Steps

- Select an Advisory Council Chair
- Finalize membership
- Finalize schedule
- Send invitation letter to members

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