Update: Recreational & Charter Fishing Working Group

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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

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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
- FWC
- USFSW
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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