

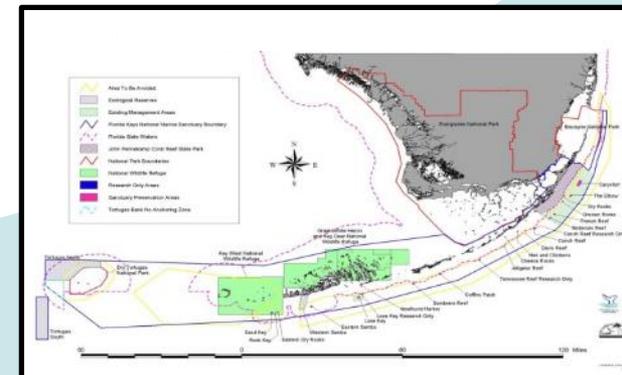


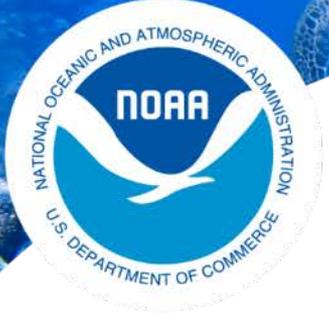
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# Joint Enforcement in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary

Acting Assistant Director Manny Antonaras  
Supervisory Enforcement Officer Pat O'Shaughnessy  
Southeast Office of Law Enforcement





Up to 2014 FKNMS enforcement was handled through an agreement between FKNMS and FWC.





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# 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



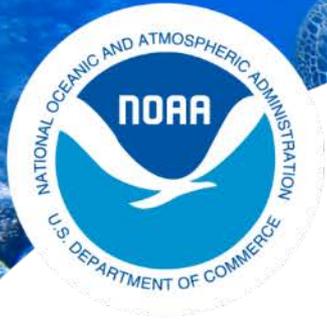


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- In FY2016, we merged the separate FKNMS JEA into the existing Florida JEA.
- FKNMS works with OLE to address their priorities based on the funding available.
- Program pays for hours of service (not individuals)
- FWC will utilize state assets on a reimbursable basis as like all other JEAs across the country.



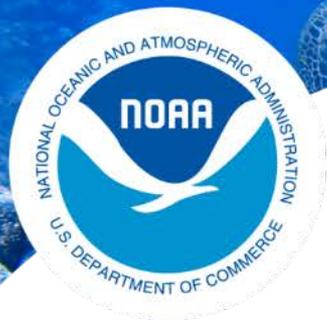
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- Florida JEA was funded at \$1.2 million dollars for the FY2016 JEA year.
- ONMS transferred an additional \$224,829 to OLE for dedicated FWCC enforcement activities in the FKNMS.
  - Anticipated 3,487 dedicated hours.
- OLE provided an additional \$100,156 for dedicated FWC enforcement activities in the FKNMS
  - Anticipated 2,000 dedicated hours.

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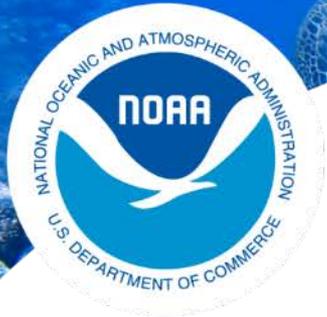
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- For FY2017, the ONMS program provided funding to support the hiring of a dedicated Enforcement Officer for the FKNMS.

- Person will be assigned to Marathon, FL and work closely with FWC officers patrolling throughout the FKNMS.





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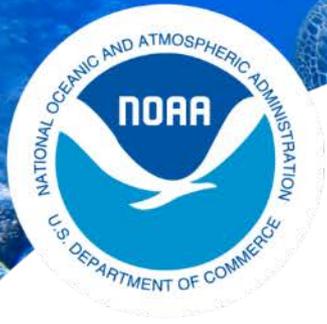
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- Enforcement Officer Mitchell Robb was hired on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

- Currently attending the Uniformed Police Training Program at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) in Glynco, GA – graduates April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017.



- Follow on training also at FLETC to complete the Maritime Law Enforcement Training Program – graduates May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017.



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- EO Robb is a prior FWC officer with previous experience working in the Florida Keys.



- Commences 12 weeks of Field Training in June of this year working in the Keys and completes training by the end of August.

- He will join Special Agent Blackburn as the second NOAA enforcement person in the Florida Keys.





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- The SED has hired six additional Enforcement Officers bringing the total to 10, **five** of which are located in Florida.



- OLE intends to conduct periodic pulse operations with additional Enforcement Officers with NOAA smallboats to work alongside the existing NOAA officer and FWC officers in the FKNMS.



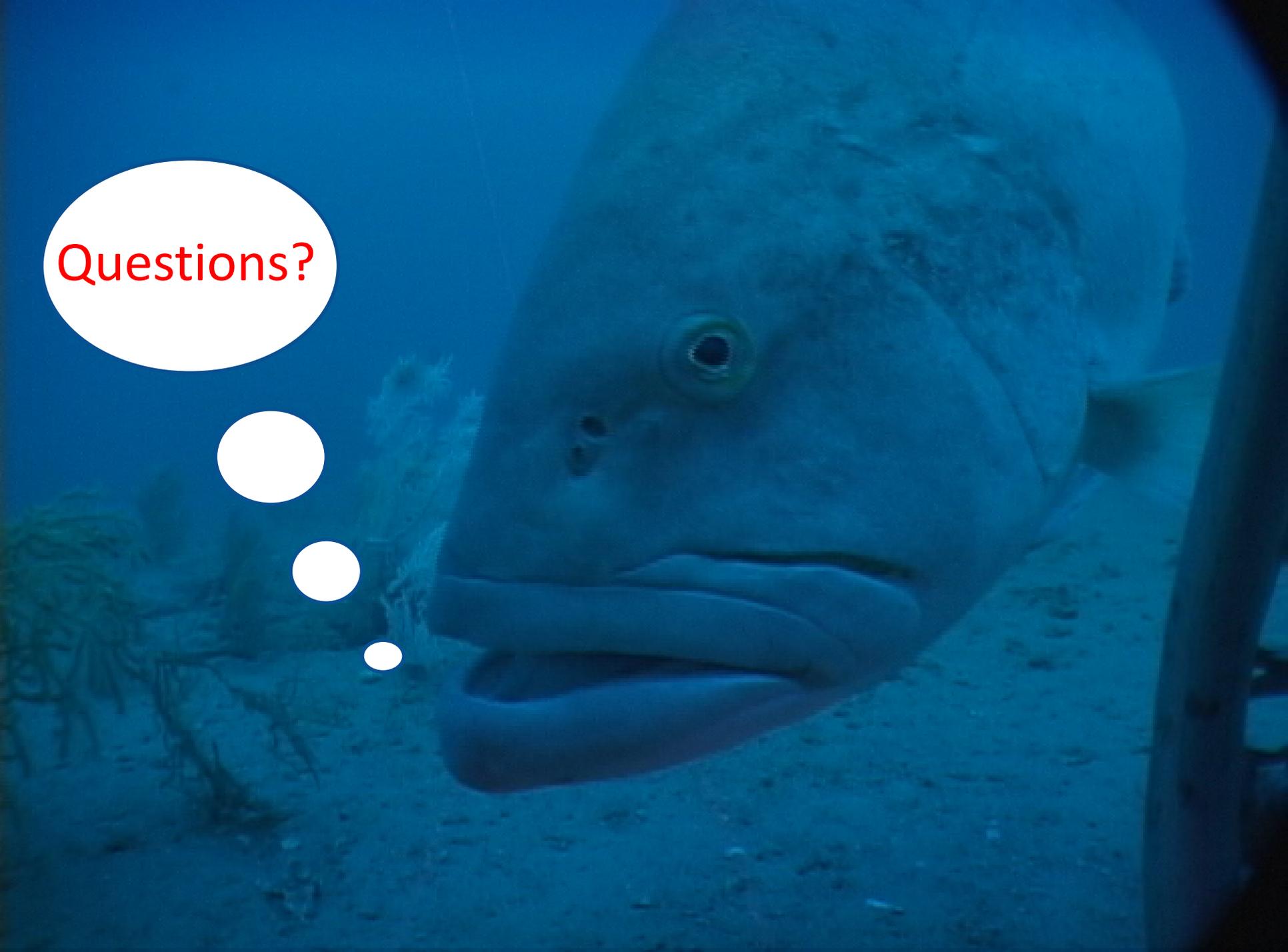
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## In Summary

- The addition of an OLE uniformed Enforcement Officer to further support an existing highly successful Cooperative Enforcement Program with FWC will further strengthen the overall enforcement efforts in the FKNMS.



A blue-tinted underwater photograph of a fish, likely a sea bream, swimming towards the left. The fish's mouth is slightly open. A large white thought bubble is positioned to the left of the fish's head, containing the word "Questions?" in red text. Three smaller white circles of decreasing size lead from the bottom of the thought bubble towards the fish's head, suggesting a line of thought.

Questions?