

FLORIDA KEYS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Hyatt Place
1996 Overseas Highway
Marathon, FL 33050
Tuesday, August 15, 2017

MEETING SUMMARY

The following serves as a summary of the August 15, 2017 FKNMS Advisory Council Meeting. This summary does not constitute official minutes of the meeting. Draft meeting minutes will be distributed in advance of the October 17, 2017 Advisory Council Meeting for approval by the council.

ONMS Director Welcome and Remarks

John Armor, ONMS Director, provided background on Executive Order on the Review of Designations Under the Antiquities Act and Executive Order Implementing and America First Offshore Energy Strategy. The public comment period for the latter Executive Order was set to close on August 15 with over 80,000 comments submitted to date. He then provided a status update on the proposed Fiscal Year 2018, which remains relatively stable as compared to Fiscal Year 2017. Finally, he introduced new Sanctuary leadership: Sarah Fangman as Superintendent and Lisa Symons as Deputy Superintendent.

FKNMS Superintendent Welcome and Remarks

Sarah Fangman, the newly appointed Superintendent for Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary provided brief remarks. Of note, she shared her passion for working with the advisory councils and the value she places on listening to and engaging with the community and advisory council.

Sanctuary Advisory Council Member and Alternate Introductions & Constituent Priorities

Each advisory council member and alternate introduced themselves and shared their perspective of their respective seats and the constituency represented. Specifically, they provided information about the various constituencies including: interests, issues of concern, and opportunities for strengthened or targeted engagement. Constituencies represented on the advisory council include:

- *Boating Industry*
- *Citizen at Large (Upper, Middle, and Lower Florida Keys)*
- *Conservation and Environment*
- *Diving (Upper and Lower Florida Keys)*
- *Education and Outreach*
- *Fishing*
 - *Recreational*
 - *Charter Flats Fishing*
 - *Charter Sports Fishing*
 - *Commercial – Marine/Tropical*
 - *Commercial – Shell/Scale*
- *Research and Monitoring*
- *South Florida Ecosystem Restoration*

- *Submerged Cultural Resources*
- *Tourism (Upper and Lower Florida Keys)*

Draft Advisory Council 2017-2018 Work-Plan

Beth Dieveney, FKNMS staff, presented an overview of the upcoming advisory council work-plan including meeting dates for the remainder of 2017 and 2018 and highlights of potential agenda focus areas. Much of the upcoming advisory council work-plan will be in preparation for and in support of the release of the Marine Zoning and Regulatory Review Draft Environmental Impact Statement and associated public comment period.

Public Comment

Public comment was heard from 4 individuals:

- Barry Wray, Florida Keys Environmental Coalition
- Douglas Happendorf, representing Mama Ocean
- Alison Johnson, Oceana
- Monica and Frank Woll, Florida Bay Outfitters