



360 Panorama, *Acorn* Shipwreck, Elbow Reef

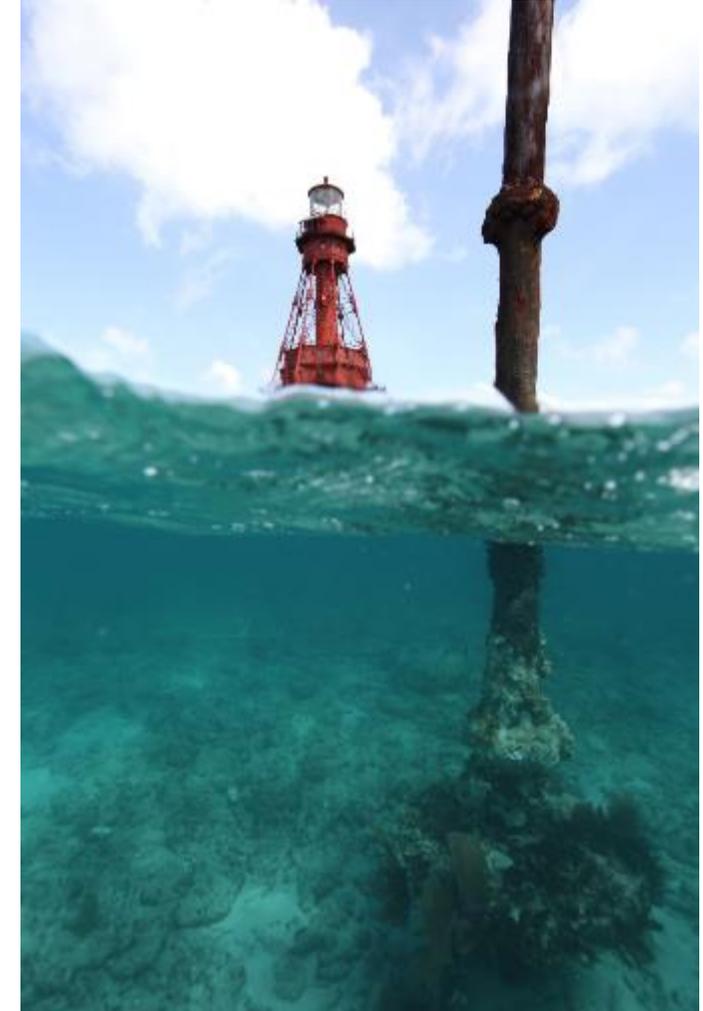
Cultural and Historical Resources of Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary

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Cultural and Historical Resources

- Florida Keys has a varied and rich maritime heritage
- Provide unique information about our past
- Provide exciting opportunities for recreational and educational experiences
- Attract visitors and increase opportunities for non-consumptive use
- Non-renewable sites/artifacts
- Common heritage, who we are



Reef Beacon and Lighthouse,
American Shoal

Current Historical Resources Permitting Regulations

- State and Federal Waters
- Survey/Inventory of Historical Resources
- Research/Recovery of Historical Resources
- Special-Use Deaccession/Transfer of Historical Resources
- Programmatic Agreement among NOAA, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and State of Florida for Historical Resource Management (SCR Agreement) – Expired in 2016



San Felipe Shipwreck

Current Historical Resources Permitting Regulations

- State waters
- Florida Administrative Code (FAC) 1A-32 – Archaeological Research
- FAC 1A-46 – Archaeological and Historical Report Standards and Guideline
- FAC 1A-31 – Procedures for Conducting Exploration and Salvage of Historic Shipwreck Sites – **Explicitly Prohibited in FKNMS**



M13 Wreckage, Molasses Reef

Identified Need to Revise Historical Resources Permitting Regulations

- 60% of FKNMS is Florida submerged lands, state holds title to historical resources
- Historical resource permit activities often occur in both Federal and State Waters
- Previous Programmatic Agreement expired, need to codify joint permitting of historical resources research activities
- FKNMS historical resources deaccession/transfer permits have never been used and are not consistent with Federal Archaeology Program

Proposed Historical Resources Permitting Regulations

- Eliminate Survey/Inventory, Research/Recovery, and Deaccession/Transfer permit categories
- Replace with a single archaeological research permit category aligned with FAC 1A-32
- New Programmatic Agreement for FKNMS Operations, Management, and Permitting (Appendix C)

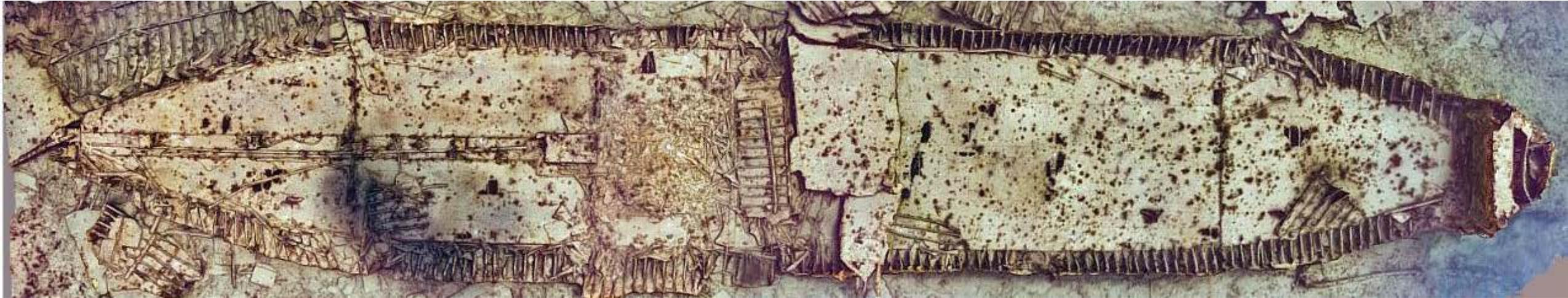


Thiorva Shipwreck, Turtle Rocks

Draft Programmatic Agreement for FKNMS Operations, Management, and Permitting (Appendix C)

- New Draft PA is focused on NOAA's obligations under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act
- Identifies streamlined policies for NOAA to follow for certain undertakings
- Details process for certain historical resource permits to facilitate co-management

Environmental Consequences



3D Model, *Benwood* Shipwreck, Courtesy Indiana University

Boundary Expansion

-Additional cultural and historical resources will be protected by sanctuary regulations

Sanctuary-Wide Regulations

-Regulatory changes will increase the efficiency of the permitting process and improve resource protection and reporting

-Some permittees may be affected and need to modify their research plans

Marine Zones

-Regulatory changes that expand marine zones or limit allowable activities in marine zones will also protect cultural and historical resources



THANK YOU