

Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

June 16, 2020

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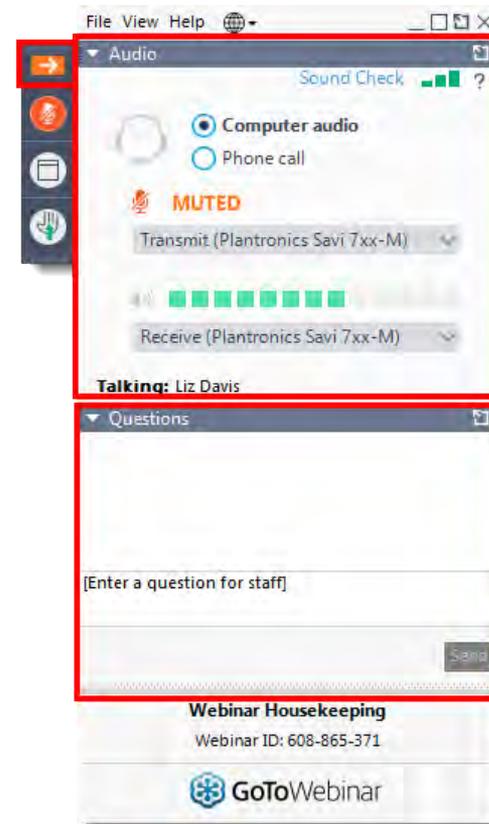
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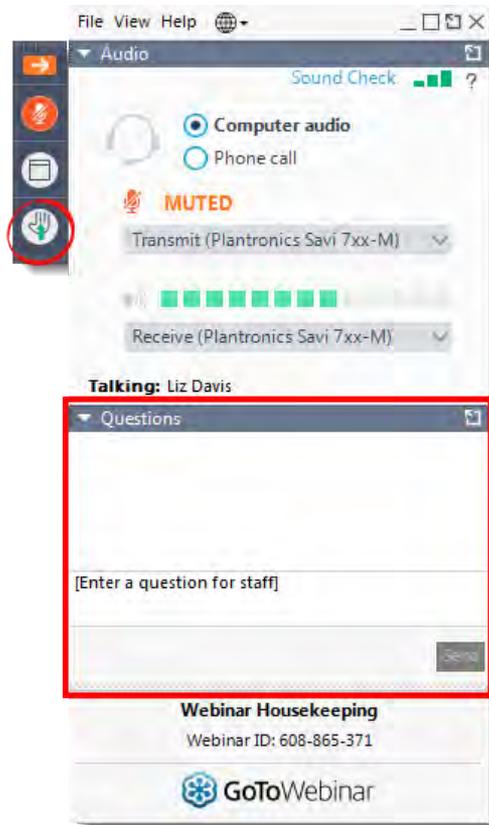
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GoToWebinar Housekeeping: Questions and Discussion

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Your Participation

- Please continue to submit your text questions and comments using the Questions panel
- Please raise your hand to be unmuted for verbal questions.

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Webinar Tips & Tricks

Every participant is in Listen Only mode. Advisory Council participation will be facilitated.

Advisory Council Members

During Advisory Council discussion periods, Advisory Council members can:

- 1) Type a question into the Question box
- 2) Raise your virtual hand

Individual Advisory Council members will be unmuted by a FKNMS staff facilitator to speak. Only one person will be unmuted at a time.

Members of the Public

Written public comment for Advisory Council member consideration for today's agenda will be accepted from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. today.

Submit written comments at floridakeys@noaa.gov.

These written comments will be made available to Sanctuary Advisory Council members following today's session.

SANCTUARY ADVISORY COUNCIL MISSION STATEMENT

(adopted unanimously, December 6, 2005)

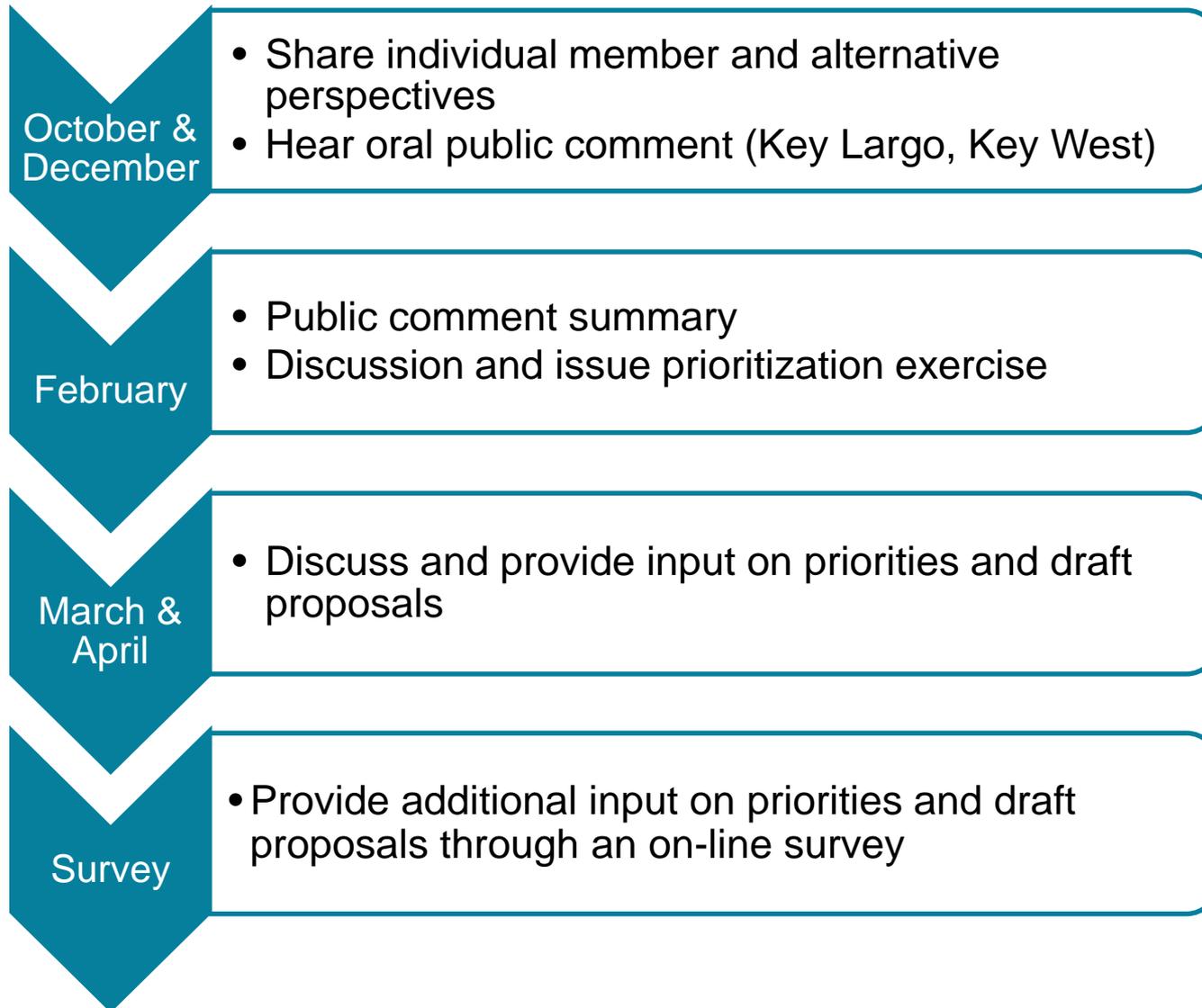
The Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council is an interactive liaison between the residents and visitors of the Florida Keys and the staff and management of the FKNMS. In this role, and with the understanding that a healthy ecosystem is essential to the economy and quality of life in the Florida Keys, the SAC will promote restoration and maintenance of biodiversity and ecological resilience in the South Florida environment. We will strive to achieve a vibrant, ecologically sustainable ecosystem and economy through application of the best available science and balanced, conservation-based management.

Meeting Goals

- Restoration Blueprint Status & Next Steps
 - Review Sanctuary Advisory Council Survey Input
 - Public and Agency Comment informs Draft Rule Development
- Sanctuary Advisory Council Business
 - Meet and greet – new and returning members
 - Chair and Vice Chair elections
- Resource Protection Updates
 - Water Quality Protection Program
 - Mission Iconic Reef
- Agency Updates

Advisory Council Input & Survey Outcomes

Advisory Council Input Process



Restoration Blueprint

Opportunity for Sanctuary Advisory Council Input

Priorities Identified at the February 18 meeting

- Spatial Priorities
 - Boundary – incorporate Pulley Ridge
 - Marine Zones
 - Western Dry Rocks
 - Key Largo Management Area
 - Marquesas Turtle zone
 - Alligator Reef and Carysfort Reef SPAs
 - Large Contiguous Areas
 - Lower Keys Wildlife Management Areas
- Regulatory Priorities
 - Shoreline Slow Speed
 - Historical Resource Permitting
- Management Plan Priorities
 - Water Quality
 - Artificial Reefs
 - Channel Marking
 - Funding
 - Carrying Capacity/User Fees

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Opportunity for Sanctuary Advisory Council Input

Priorities Discussed at March and April Special Sessions

- Regulatory Priorities
 - 3.2.1: Live rock prohibition update
 - 3.2.2: Discharge regulation exception
 - 3.2.3: Shoreline slow speed
 - 3.2.4: Emergency regulations
 - 3.2.5: Historical resources permit categories
 - 3.2.6: Fish feeding
 - 3.2.7: Vessel groundings and derelict and deserted vessels
 - 3.2.8: Large vessel mooring buoy regulation
 - 3.2.9: Overnight use of mooring buoys regulation
- Marine Zone Regulations
 - 3.4.1: Motorized personal watercraft
 - 3.4.2: Tortugas North Ecological Reserve access permits
 - 3.4.3: Catch and release fishing by trolling in four sanctuary preservation areas
 - 3.4.4: Baitfish permits
 - 3.4.5: Limited use access restrictions for specific sanctuary preservation areas

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Opportunity for Sanctuary Advisory Council Input

Priorities Discussed at March and April Special Sessions

- Marine Zones
 - Western Dry Rocks
 - Key Largo Management Area
 - Marquesas Turtle zone
 - SPAs to include deep reef habitats: Alligator Reef and Carysfort Reef SPAs
 - Large Contiguous Areas
 - Lower Keys Wildlife Management Areas
- Management Plan Activities
 - Water Quality, Law Enforcement, Education and Outreach
 - Channel Marking
 - Artificial Habitats/Reefs
 - Carrying Capacity/User Fees
 - Adaptive Management

Restoration Blueprint Survey Sanctuary Advisory Council Responses by Seat

data pulled: May 15, 2020; includes March 24 and April 21 survey responses

30 of 42 potential SAC member and municipality members responded

Advisory Council Responses by Seat

- Boating Industry (1)
- Citizen at Large – Upper Keys (2)
- Citizen at Large - Middle Keys (1)
- Citizen at Large – Lower Keys (2)
- Conservation and Environment (3)
- Education and Outreach (2)
- Diving – Upper Keys (2)
- Fishing – Charter Flats (2)
- Fishing – Charter Sports (2)
- Fishing – Recreational (1)
- Fishing – Commercial Shell/Scale (1)
- Fishing – Commercial Marine Life/Tropical (1)
- Research and Monitoring (2)
- South Florida Ecosystem (2)
- Submerged Cultural Resources (2)
- Tourism – Upper Keys (2)
- Tourism – Lower Keys (1)
- Municipality – (1)

Are you the Member or Alternate for this seat?
73 responses



Note: responses reflect individual member perspective and do not reflect full Advisory Council perspective or decision.

Restoration Blueprint Survey Format

Generally two questions asked for each priority and draft proposal:

1. Do you support the Advisory Council draft proposal/motion for the sanctuary boundary proposal?
2. Please provide any additional input you may have for the proposal.

A few examples –

Sanctuary-wide Regulations: 3.2.2 – Discharge regulation

- **Status Quo:** Prohibits discharge of any material except “water generated by routine vessel operations” (e.g., deck wash down and graywater)
- **Preferred Alternative:** Prohibits discharge of any material from a cruise ship except **clean** cooling waters, **clean** bilge water, or **clean** anchor wash water

Draft proposal/motion for Advisory Council consideration

The Advisory Council supports the Preferred Alternative.

Do you support the Advisory Council draft proposal/motion for the 3.2.2 Discharge proposal?

22 responses



Please provide any additional input you may have on the Discharge proposal:

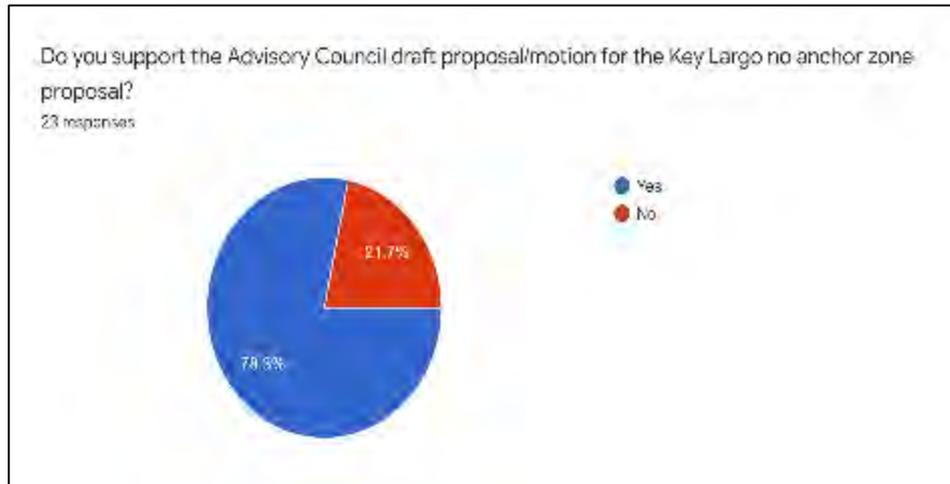
- The devil is in the details. There would need to be a clear guideline on what "clean" means.
- Ballast water has to be restricted.
- make sure to add sterile
- I agree and support.
- I agree that the definitions of "clean" and "routine vessel operations" need to be more clearly defined.

Marine Zones: Key Largo Management Area

- **Status Quo:** no change to existing Key Largo Management Area regulations
- **Preferred Alternative:** proposed anchoring prohibition

Draft proposal/motion for Advisory Council consideration

The SAC supports Status Quo.

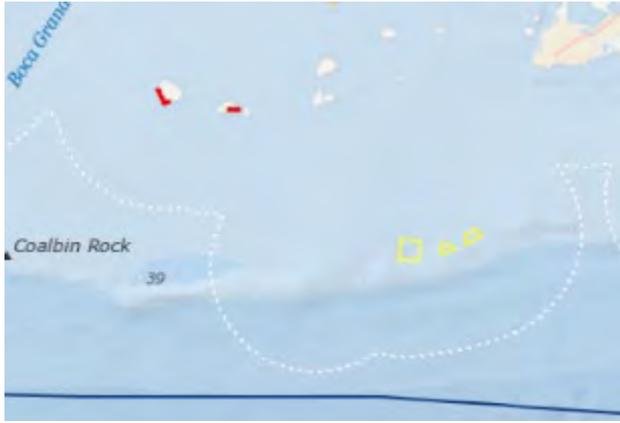


Marine Zones: Western Dry Rocks

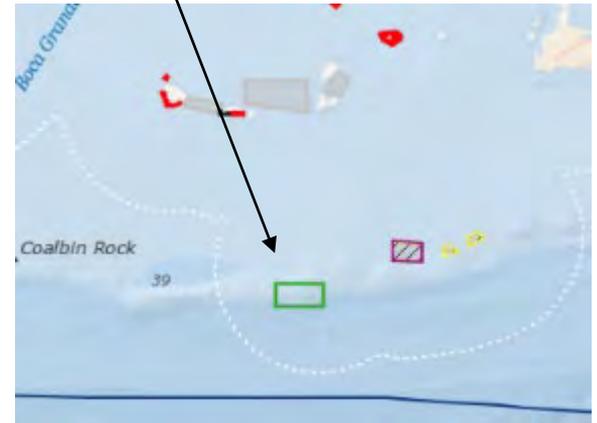
Alternative 1: Status Quo - No Zone

Alternatives 2 & 3: Wildlife Management Area

Alternative 4: Conservation Area



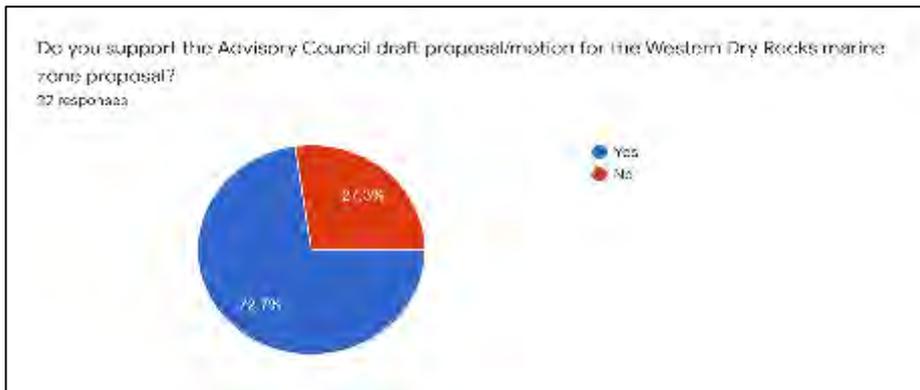
 Trolling Only



 Transit Only

Draft proposal/motion for Advisory Council consideration:

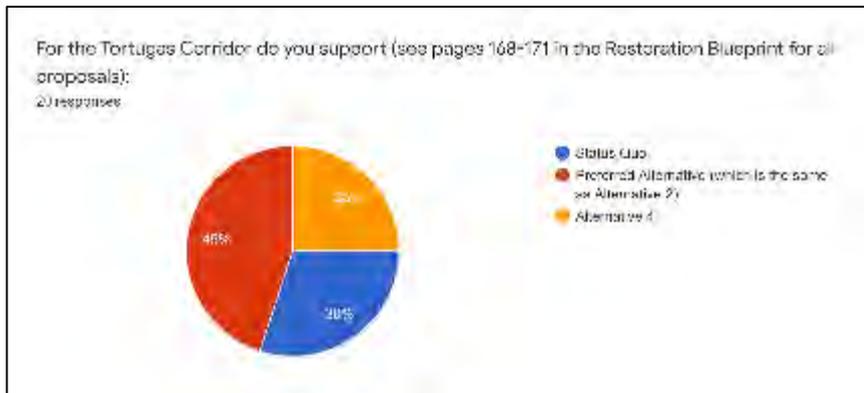
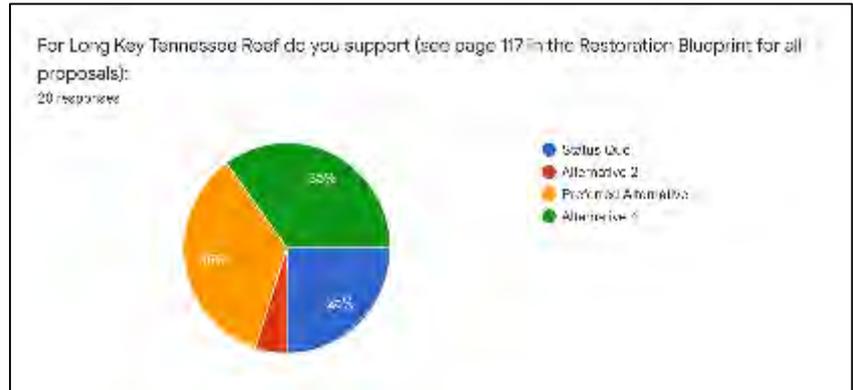
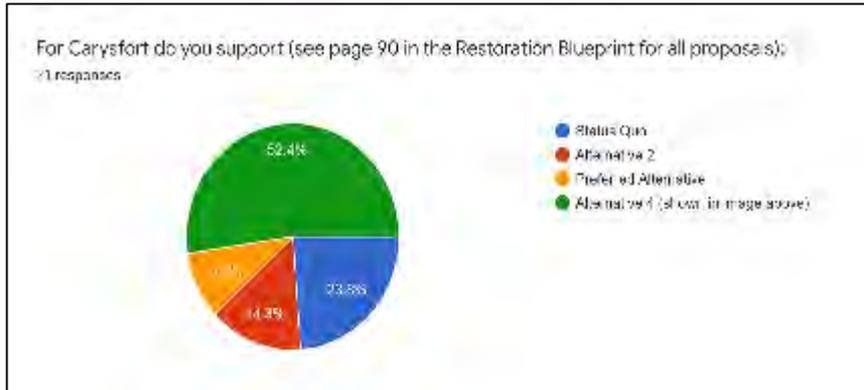
Amend the proposal at Western Dry Rocks to be a seasonal closure during the spring and early summer to protect springtime fish spawning aggregations.



Marine Zones: Large Contiguous Areas

Draft proposal/motion for Advisory Council consideration

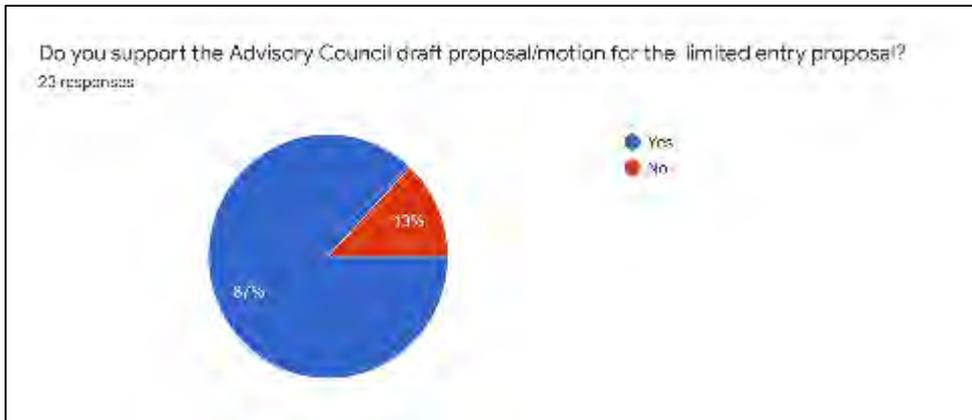
No draft proposal/motion was submitted in advance for this topic.



Marine Zone Regulations: 3.4.5 – Limited use access restrictions for specific sanctuary preservation areas

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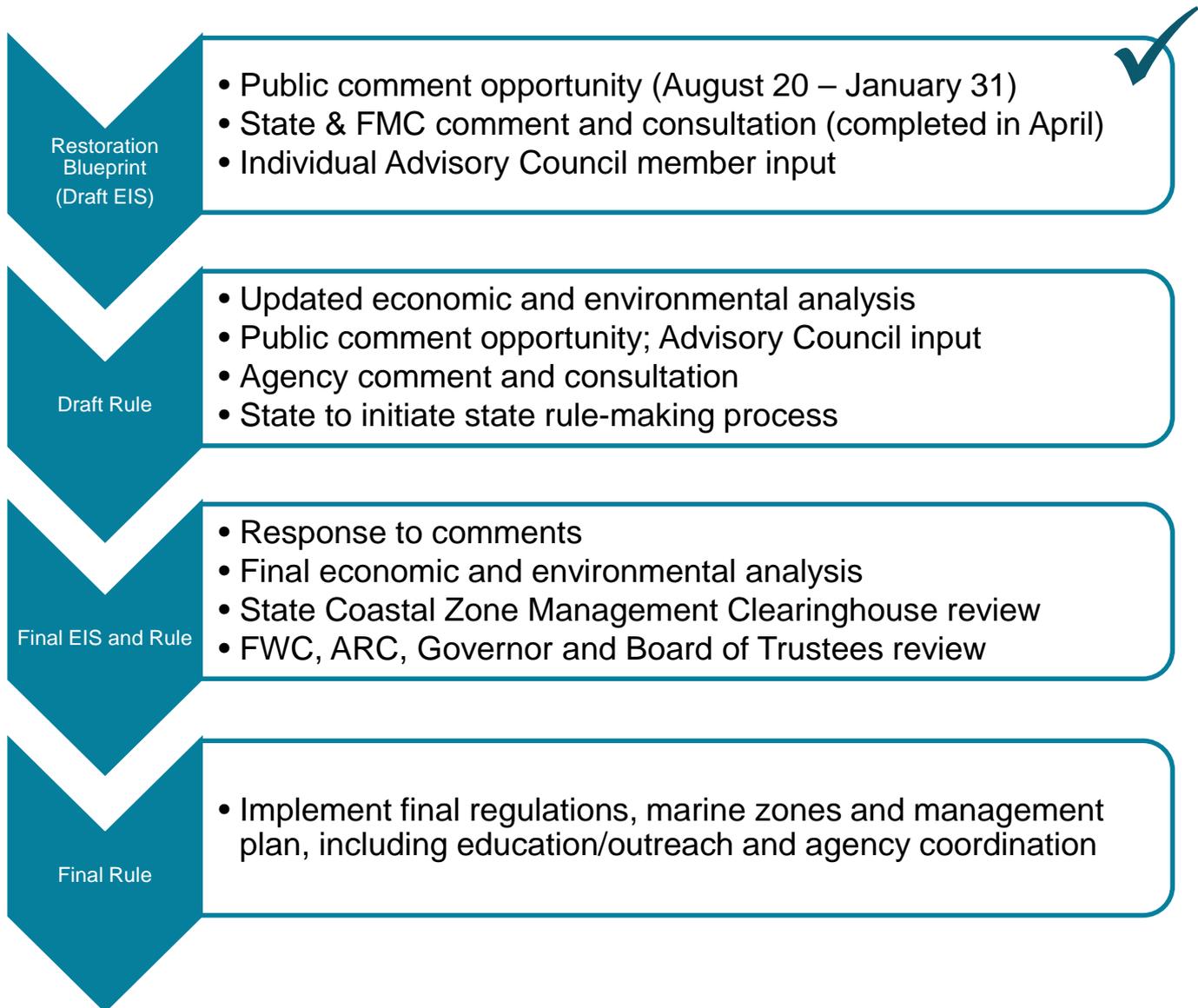
The SAC supports further examination of limited use access restrictions on heavily used sanctuary preservation areas such as Sombrero and Sand Key and other areas, SPAs or otherwise, but the SAC does not support the idea of Blue Star Dive/Snorkel Operators being the only commercial operators granted access to these or any other area. The Blue Star Program has benefits for sanctuary resources and its participants, but it is voluntary, should remain strictly voluntary, and should not be used as described. The SAC strongly recommends that access restrictions focus on commercial users, not the general public. Other regulatory tools, such as Wildlife Management Areas, Special Use Research Only Areas, and Special Use Restoration Areas should be used to address excessive impacts by the general public if warranted.



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Status & Next Steps

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Welcome New Advisory Council Members



Erinn Muller, Mote Marine Laboratory
Research and Monitoring, Primary member



Patrick Rice, College of the Florida Keys
Research and Monitoring, Alternate member



Billy Litmer, Honest Eco
Boating Industry, Alternate Member

Recognize Outgoing Advisory Council Members



David Vaughan, Plant a Million Corals
Research and Monitoring, Primary member



Shelly Krueger, Florida Sea Grant
Research and Monitoring, Alternate member



Clint Barras, Two Oceans Digital
Tourism – Lower Keys, Primary Member

Advisory Council Chair and Vice Chair Elections

August 2020 – August 2022



Roles of the Chair and Vice Chair

- Chair
 - Schedules and sets agendas with sanctuary staff
 - Presides over meetings and ensures they are run according to accepted meeting practices
 - Signs all correspondence and documents authorized by the council
 - Represents the council's interests and concerns to the public
 - Continues to represent their constituency
- Vice chair:
 - Serves as chair in the absence of the chair
 - Assists as necessary in performing executive duties of the council
 - Continues to represent their constituency

Eligibility

Any member of the advisory council, including government seats and non-voting seats, may be nominated and elected as an officer.

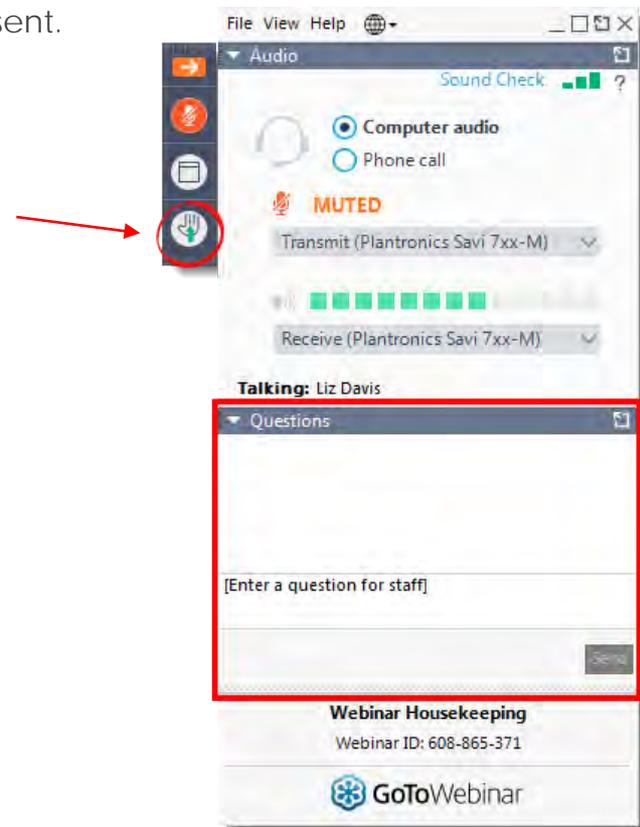
- Alternates are not eligible

Terms are for two years, can be renewed once for a total of four years

Election Process

Nominations

- Any member including governmental members and non-voting members may nominate the chair and vice chair.
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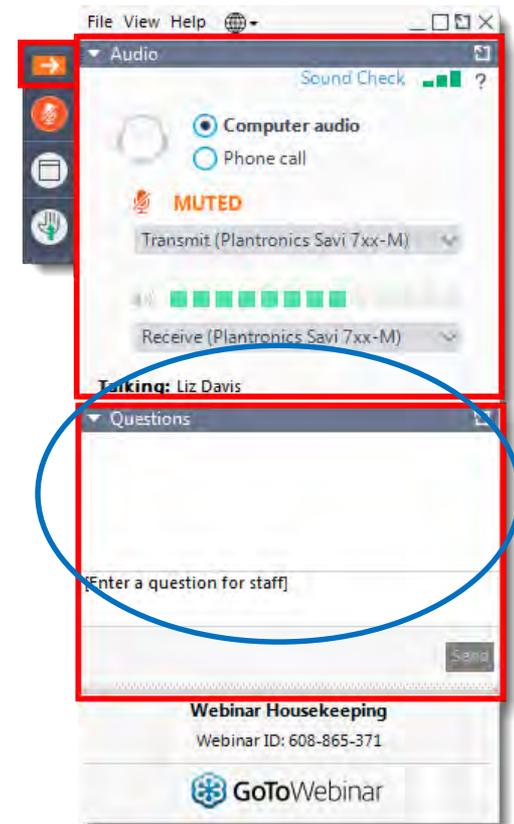
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Voting

- All primary members and non-voting seats may vote
 - Alternates can only vote if primary member is not present
 - Please type votes into the Question box (Note: only FKNMS staff will see these responses)
- Simple majority of primary members and nonvoting seats is needed to elect new officers



The new officers will take their seats at the next council meeting.

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10 Minute Break

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