



Restoration Blueprint

Update: Draft Rule & Management Plan

Sanctuary Advisory Council Meeting
October 20, 2020

Why Create a Blueprint?



Healthy Florida Keys

A healthy Florida Keys marine ecosystem is the foundation for a strong economy.

Natural Resources

Numerous stressors are putting the future of the Florida Keys marine environment at risk.

Planning for the Future

We need a plan that addresses the threats to our marine environment and helps us maintain the natural resources that are key to our economy.

Regulatory Review Process

Draft Rule and Management Plan Development



Estimated Timeline	Milestone
Fall 2020	Develop draft rule & updated management plan
Winter/Spring 2021*	Vet and clear through agency
Spring/Summer 2021*	Release for public comment

*Timeline is dependent on external factors outside FKNMS influence.

Draft Rule to include:

Management Plan activities

Boundary expansion

Sanctuary-wide regulations

Marine zones & zone specific regulations



Management Plan & Management Agreements

Priorities based on agency and public comment received:

- Education and Outreach
- Mooring buoys, channel markers, etc
- Habitat Restoration
- Water Quality
- Enforcement



Photo: Shawn Verne

Management Plan & Management Agreements

Other items:

- Evaluate design of a network of marine reserves
- Visitor Use Management
- Adaptive management
- Management effectiveness evaluation
- Artificial habitats/reefs
- Review state co-management agreements



Sanctuary Advisory Council Meetings

September 23

Water quality

October 20, 2020

Water quality

Visitor use management

December 8, 2020

Proposed: Habitat restoration

February 16, 2021

Proposed: Artificial habitat

April 20, 2021

June 15, 2021

August 17, 2021

October 19, 2021

December 14, 2021





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