December 1, 2021

To Potential Sanctuary Advisory Council Applicants:

We are in the process of filling the following seats on the Sanctuary Advisory Council for the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary: Citizen at Large: Middle Keys (alternate), Conservation and Environment, Seat 2 of 2 (member and alternate), Education and Outreach (alternate), Fishing: Charter Flats (alternate), Fishing: Commercial Shell/Scale (member and alternate), South Florida Ecosystem Restoration (member and alternate), Submerged Cultural Resources (member and alternate), Tourism: Lower Keys (alternate), Tourism: Upper Keys (member and alternate).

Applications are accepted through February 18, 2022. The Sanctuary Advisory Council for the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary was established pursuant to Federal law to ensure continued public participation in the management of the sanctuary.

Enclosed is an application form for this appointment to the council, a link to the council charter, and a press release about the sanctuary seeking applicants for the Sanctuary Advisory Council. Per the charter, voting members and alternates are normally appointed for a term of three years, and may compete for reappointment. If necessary, terms of appointment may be changed to provide for staggered expiration dates or member resignation mid-term.

Please note that if you have been a federally registered lobbyist in the two-year period before your potential appointment date to the council, you will not be eligible to serve as a member of a sanctuary advisory council. Please contact Elizabeth Trueblood at 305-797-7226 if you have any questions about this restriction.

Applications will be accepted via secure email, mail, or fax. Applications will be reviewed by a preliminary review panel consisting of: myself, the Sanctuary Superintendent; the Chair; the Vice-Chair; the former Chair; and our state of Florida partner, Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

All applicants will be notified once decisions have been made regarding appointments for the positions to be filled. If at any point you have a change in circumstance that will prevent you from serving on the council, please notify Elizabeth Trueblood via the email listed above or via phone at 305-797-7226. You may also contact her if you have any questions about the sanctuary, the advisory council or the advisory council selection process.

Sincerely,

Sarah Fangman
Sanctuary Superintendent