

FLORIDA KEYS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY ADVISORY COUNCIL

MEETING

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

**Marathon City Council Chambers
9805 Overseas Hwy Marathon, FL 33050**

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DRAFT AGENDA

**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.

9:00 Call to Order with Roll Call

Roll Call & SAC Mission Statement
Adopt agenda for this meeting
Adopt meeting notes from December 2025 meeting
Opening Comments

9:15 NOAA & ONMS Leadership Update

9:45 Goal Clean Seas: Florida Keys

*Cortney Benson, Marine Debris Removal Stewardship Coordinator, National Marine Sanctuary Foundation
Marlies Tumolo, Education Team Lead, Florida Keys NMS*

- 10:15** **Florida Keys Science Conference: Research Priorities Identified**
*Danielle Morley, Research Administrator, Florida FWC Fish and Wildlife
Research Institute*
- 10:45** **Development of a Sponge Restoration Strategy for Florida Bay: Integrating
Ecological Research into Adaptive Management**
*Bill Sharp, Research Administrator, Florida FWC Fish and Wildlife Research
Institute*
- 11:15** **2025 Mission: Iconic Reefs Invertebrate Survey Results**
Dr. Katey Lesneski, M:IR Monitoring Coordinator, Florida Keys NMS
- 11:45** **Lunch**
- 1:15** **SAC Adaptive Management Working Group Updates and Council Input**
*Capt. Greg Eklund, SAC Member: Charter Fishing, Working Group Co-Chair
Dr. Jerry Lorenz, SAC Member: Conservation & Environment (Seat 2), Working
Group Co-Chair*
- 2:15** **Public Comment Opportunity**
- 2:30** **Member Reports**
- 3:00** **Adjourn**