

Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

**February 15, 2005
Marathon Garden Club**

M O T I O N S

1. Proposed Ken Nedimyer, seconded Ralph Boragine. Passed unanimously on roll call vote.

That the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council advises sanctuary managers of its proposal to endorse and support the draft letter written jointly by the chairs of the National Marine Sanctuary Program's advisory councils to Secretary of Commerce The Honorable Carlos Gutierrez at their meeting at Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary on February 11th, 2005.

2. Proposed Debra Harrison, seconded Richard Grathwohl. Passed unanimously on roll call vote.

That the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council recommends that sanctuary managers oppose actions to weaken U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service regulations in the Backcountry Management Plan for the Florida Keys that would allow the use of personal watercraft, airboats, hovercraft, aircraft landings or water skiing within currently prohibited areas.

3. Proposed Martin Moe, seconded Richard Grathwohl. Passed unanimously on roll call vote.

That the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council requests sanctuary managers to investigate and promote ways to protect inshore rays and sharks from commercial bait fishing because of the vulnerability and great susceptibility to depletion of these populations.