

**Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary (FKNMS) Sanctuary Advisory Council (SAC)
Southern Everglades and Florida Keys Ecosystem Restoration Workshop
AGENDA**

Date: November 18, 2008

Time: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Location: Tavernier Elks Lodge, 92600 U.S. Hwy. 1, Tavernier, FL 33070. 305-852-5615

Purpose: Educate SAC members and Keys residents on the Florida Keys connection to the Greater Everglades and Florida Bay.

Desired Outcome: A galvanized SAC and Keys community that understands what is happening with Everglades restoration and becomes more involved with how Everglades restoration will (or will not) affect Florida Bay and Florida Keys marine ecosystem as a whole.

9:00 – 9:20 - Welcome and Ground Rules - Bruce Popham, SAC Chair, and CDR David A. Score, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), FKNMS Superintendent

9:20 - 9:40 - Introduction to Connectivity; Placing FKNMS in Everglades Restoration - Billy Causey, NOAA, Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, Southeast Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Region

9:40 - 10:00 - Injuries to Florida Bay Due to Changes in Broad Scale Water Flows and Management -The Crisis State of Florida Bay - Jerry Lorenz, National Audubon Society

10:00 – 10:20 - Recovery Targets - What Do We Expect with Restoration - Ecological Targets - Bob Doren, South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force (SFERTF)

10:20 - 10:30 - Break

10:30 - 12:00 - EVERGLADES WATER FLOWS TO THE KEYS MARINE ENVIRONMENT – Sara Fain, National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA), Moderator

Overview of the Essential Projects that Will Actually Have an Impact on Florida Bay and the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary - Sara Fain, NPCA

PANEL MEMBERS

- Kimberley Taplin, P.E., U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Dennis Duke, SFERTF
- John Ogden, Audubon of Florida
- Tommy Strowd, South Florida Water Management District
- Bob Johnson, National Park Service, Everglades and Dry Tortugas National Parks

12:00 – 1:00 - Lunch (provided for listed agenda participants; on your own for other attendees, with an option available to purchase nearby)

1:00 - 2:30 - USER GROUP PERSPECTIVES ON RESTORATION, PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE – Jack Curlett, South Florida National Parks Trust, Moderator

Overview of the Economic Importance of Florida Bay - Jack Curlett, South Florida National Parks Trust

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- Farming/Agricultural Interests and Restoration - Don Pybas, Miami-Dade County Extension
- Upstream Flood Control and Ecosystem Restoration - Tom Van Lent, Everglades Foundation
- Fisheries Impacts - Doug Gregory, Florida Sea Grant, UF Monroe County Extension
- Potential Impacts to Florida Bay Economics – Tad Burke, Florida Keys Fishing Guides Association
- Bass Fishery Perspective - Al Ovies, South Florida Anglers For Everglades Restoration

2:30 – 2:45 - Break

2:45 – 3:00 - How to Be Involved in the Process - What Can You Do? - Bruce Popham, SAC Chair

3:00 - 4:30 - EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK FLORIDA BAY GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN - Jason Bennis, NPCA, Moderator

PANEL MEMBERS

- Overview of the General Management Plan Process - Fred Herling, Everglades National Park (ENP)
- Ecology of Florida Bay - Dave Hallac, ENP
- Boater Education - Habitat Protection - Rob Clift, NPCA
- Alternative E - Jim Trice, Alternative E
- User Impacts to the Ecology of Florida Bay – Jerry Lorenz, National Audubon Society

4:30 - 4:45 – Public Comment

4:45 – 5:00 - Wrap-up and Concluding Remarks – Bruce Popham, SAC Chair