

FLORIDA KEYS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY ADVISORY COUNCIL

**Monroe County Government Center
Emergency Operations Center/Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room
2798 Overseas Highway, Marathon, FL 33050
Tuesday, April 17, 2012**

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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 resiliency 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**
 Pledge of Allegiance
 Roll Call
 Approve Minutes from February 21, 2012 Meeting
 Adopt Agenda for this Meeting
 Chairperson’s Comments
 Introduction of New SAC Appointees: Sean Morton, FKNMS
- 9:15** **Report from SAC on Community Outreach Efforts on FKNMS Marine Zoning/USFWS Backcountry Management Plan/Regulations Review: Sean Morton, FKNMS and SAC**
- 10:30** **Break**
- 10:45** **Public Comment**
- 11:00** **FKNMS Media and Community Outreach Efforts: Karrie Carnes, FKNMS**
- 11:45** **SAC Chair and Vice-Chair Election: Sean Morton and Lilli Ferguson, FKNMS, and SAC**
 (possible SAC Action)
- 12:00** **LUNCH – on your own**

- 1:00** **Staffing Plans for June 2012 Public Scoping Meetings:** Sean Morton, FKNMS
- 1:30** **Presentation: Tracking Life on the Reef – Monitoring Benthic Communities
in FKNMS Management Zones:** Steven Miller, NOVA Southeastern University
Oceanographic Center
- 2:15** **Public Comment**
- 2:30** **Break**
- 2:45** **Superintendent's Report and Agency Report Highlights:** FDEP, FWC, NOAA
NMFS Southeast Region, NOAA OGC Southeast Region, NOAA OLE, USCG,
USFWS, and USN
- 3:15** **Upcoming Meeting and Closing Remarks:** Bruce Popham, SAC
- 3:30** **Adjourn**