

**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 15, 2011 MEETING OF
FLORIDA KEYS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY ADVISORY COUNCIL**

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RESOLUTION

February 15, 2011

Be it resolved, the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council (SAC) commends NOAA for developing a sound Draft Aquaculture Policy which is responsive to the SAC's historic concerns about aquaculture in the Gulf of Mexico. The SAC requests that the Superintendent of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary forward a copy of this resolution along with a copy of the SAC resolution on aquaculture from June 17, 2008 to the administrator of the NOAA Aquaculture Program with our recommendation that items 1-4 in the June 2008 resolution are the kinds of actions that would partially satisfy Item #2 in the current Draft Aquaculture Policy.

Furthermore, the SAC recommends that aquaculture for coral reef restoration should be explicitly mentioned in the final policy in much the same way that shellfish restoration is mentioned in the draft policy.

Passed on this date: February 15, 2011

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