

FLORIDA KEYS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY ADVISORY COUNCIL
August 15th, 2006
Marathon Garden Club

M O T I O N S

- 1) Moved by Martin Moe, seconded by Brad Simonds. Approved unanimously upon roll call vote.

That the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council accepts the recommendations of the Ballyhoo Working Group on hairhooking in selected Sanctuary Preservation Areas in the upper Keys and requests that sanctuary managers implement the following recommendations:

RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING PROGRAM FUTURE AND ELIGIBILITY:

- The hair hook permit program shall remain open / continue subject to a change in data, environmental conditions, or fishing activity.
 - The Ballyhoo Working Group shall meet yearly to check-in, review previous years' data, and make necessary recommendations to FKNMS.
1. Permit conditions and log form requirements shall remain the same as current.
 2. The permit and log form will be edited to more clearly note that catch must be reported to FKNMS by the given deadline (May 31 of year), even if no catch was taken from the SPAs.
 3. The FKNMS will mail a renewal letter to all hair hook permit holders in April/May of given year as a reminder of log requirements and to note that non-respondents are not eligible for renewal.
 4. All previous permit holders and new applicants shall be eligible for the issuance of a hair hook permit, with the exception of those who did not report on-time in the past season (2005-06; see #4b, below).
 - a. All applicants who submit the required catch log on time (May 31 of given year) shall be eligible for a permit renewal. Applicants stating they did not use the permit but reporting this on time shall also be eligible for renewal. An un-written, 10-day grace period will apply to the deadline for all log submissions. No exceptions beyond this grace period will apply.
 - b. Applicants who do not submit a log form or who submit it late (>5/31 + 10-day grace period) are not eligible for a permit renewal until the next full hair hook permit season (e.g., one year hiatus from program).

5. Permittees who are found to be in violation of the permit conditions by FKNMS law enforcement shall be ineligible for the permit in the following year.
6. It is recommended that the same requirements regarding log form submission and renewal eligibility (#4a and b, and #5, above) apply to holders of cast net/baitfish permits in the interest of consistency in the FKNMS permitting program.

- 2) Moved by Debra Harrison, seconded by Richard Grathwohl. Approved by 12 Ayes, one abstention upon roll call vote.

That the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council accepts the resolution (forthcoming attachment) concerning the C-111 Spreader Canal Project and requests that sanctuary managers recommends to the South Florida Water Management District and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers that:

- (1) The backfilling of the lower C-111 canal is the main project element that will provide the most significant benefits for the restoration of Florida Bay and should be conducted in conjunction with the construction of the C-111 spreader canal;
- (2) The spreader canal should be aligned to follow the topographic contours of the land to maximize restoration benefits;
- (3) Water quality standards must be met, including a potential stormwater treatment area, to be constructed at the same time as the spreader canal;
- (4) Acquiring the necessary lands for the spreader canal, wetland restoration, and stormwater treatment area should be immediately undertaken to ensure the other components can be properly implemented.

- 3) Moved by Debra Harrison, seconded by Ken Nedimyer. Approved by 12 Ayes, one abstention.

That the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council requests sanctuary managers inform and educate the President of the U.S. Senate on the importance that the appropriation requested in the President's budget for Everglades Restoration be restored in the Senate appropriation for FY07.

- 4) Moved by Richard Grathwohl, seconded by Jerry Lorenz. Approved unanimously upon roll call vote.

That the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council (FKNMSAC) asks sanctuary managers to request of the South Florida Water Management District that it determines the cause of the blue-green algae blooms in north east Florida Bay and southern Biscayne Bay. If the problem is related to the construction work on the 18 Mile Stretch, all necessary actions should be taken to alleviate any anthropogenic causes of the problem as soon as possible.

The FKNMSAC further requests that Florida Department of Transportation and South Florida Water Management District work with the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary to alleviate this problem and inform the FKNMSAC of their findings at the bimonthly advisory council meeting on Tuesday, October 17th, 2006 at the Marathon Garden Club, Monroe County, Florida.