

**EXCERPT FROM DRAFT MINUTES OF AUGUST 18, 2009 MEETING OF THE
FLORIDA KEYS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY ADVISORY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION REGARDING ADDRESSING OCEAN ACIDIFICATION**

August 18, 2009

Whereas, the Advisory Councils of the Gulf of the Farallones, Monterey Bay, Olympic Coast and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries have passed resolutions recognizing ocean acidification as a significant threat to the long-term conservation and health of sanctuary resources, warranting additional National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) research, monitoring, education and outreach, and management action to reduce and mitigate its impacts; and

Whereas, ocean acidification is a significant threat to the marine resources of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary;

Therefore be it resolved, the Advisory Council for the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary recommends to the Acting Superintendent that NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries support coordinated national and regional approaches to addressing ocean acidification throughout the National Marine Sanctuary System, and that the approaches be coordinated with the sanctuaries' research and community partners.

Passed unanimously on this date: August 18, 2009.

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