

**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 19, 2010 MEETING OF  
FLORIDA KEYS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY ADVISORY COUNCIL**

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**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE BONEFISH AND TARPON TRUST'S  
PROPOSALS TO FWC COMMISSION ON CHANGES TO PERMIT  
FISHERY REGULATIONS**

OCTOBER 19, 2010

**WHEREAS** Permit are an economic and ecologically significant fish species in the waters of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary (FKNMS), and

**WHEREAS** there are no regulations for Permit in federal waters and the Magnuson-Stevens Act allows state regulations to extend into federal waters in the absence of federal rules, and

**WHEREAS** the benefits of proposed regulations would aid enforcement of state fishery rules and protect Permit spawning fishery stocks within federal waters, and

**WHEREAS** there is a need to have a by-catch limit in place for Permit due to the fact of possible indirect by-catch by commercial fishery in pursuit of Pompano, and

**WHEREAS** even though commercial harvest is small there is the potential for this fishery to grow and to manage Permit separately in this action would keep a harvest growth incentive low, and

**WHEREAS** there is a lack of data on spawning aggregations and no current stock assessment on Permit

**NOW THEREFORE** the FKNMS Sanctuary Advisory Council (SAC) resolves to support the below recommendations which were drafted by Bonefish & Tarpon Trust.

- \* Extend state Permit regulations into federal waters
- \* Set a minimum length of twenty six inches for harvest
- \* Establish a spawning season closure for Permit (with a catch and release provision)
- \* Establish Gamefish designation for Permit
- \* Do not allow spearfishing of Permit in State or Federal Waters
- \* Teach anglers how to tell the difference between Permit and Pompano
- \* Manage Permit as a separate fishery
- \* Establish a commercial by-catch limit on Permit
- \* Keep set Bag Limit of One fish per angler and two per vessel per day

The SAC further resolves to request that the superintendent forward this resolution to the FWC Commissioners: [commissioners@myfwc.com](mailto:commissioners@myfwc.com) and CC to Jessica McCawley: [jessica.mccawley@myfwc.com](mailto:jessica.mccawley@myfwc.com) and Mark Robson: [mark.robson@myfwc.com](mailto:mark.robson@myfwc.com).

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