



Scoping Summary Overview

Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary:
Marine Zoning and Regulatory Review

Florida Keys National Wildlife Refuges:
Backcountry Management Plan Update

Sean Morton
Sanctuary Superintendent

August 21, 2012

Scoping Summary Presentation



- Timeline Review
- Scoping Meetings
- Summary of Scoping Comments
- Categories of Comments
- Next Steps



Timeline Review



December 2011 – Goals, Objectives, Principles, Timeline Adopted by SAC

April – June 2012 – Scoping Period

Fall 2012 – Fall 2013: SAC Drafts Recommendations

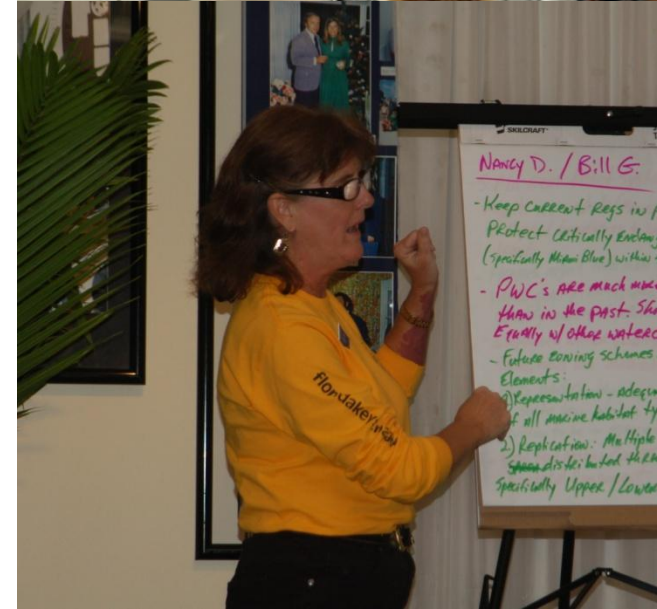
Spring 2014 – Fall 2014:

- Draft Environmental Impact Statement
 - State and Federal Coordination
 - Fishery Mgmt and Consultations
- Spring / Summer 2015
- Final Regulations / Final EIS / Record of Decision

Scoping Meetings



- Marathon, Key Largo, Key West, Miami, Ft. Myers
- Almost 500 people in attendance
- 1,056 comments submitted at the meetings
- 241 comments submitted on regulations.gov docket



Summary of Scoping Comments



- All comments compiled and read
- FKNMS /NWS staff looks for common themes & issues
- Staff's first attempt at "lumping" into logical categories
- This is a summary – additional materials: (charts, petitions, science references) available online
- Warning: Rough cut!



Comment Categories



- Administration
- Artificial Habitat
- Boundaries
- Coastal Development
- Coral and Reef Restoration
- Fishery Issues
- Invasive / Non-Native
- Nursery and Spawning Aggregations
- New or Modified Sanctuary Preservation Areas & Ecological Reserves
- Seagrass Protection
- Submerged Cultural Resources
- User Conflicts
- Water Quality
- Wildlife Protection

**Reminder: this
is just the first
attempt....**

Comment Categories....and subcategories



Administration

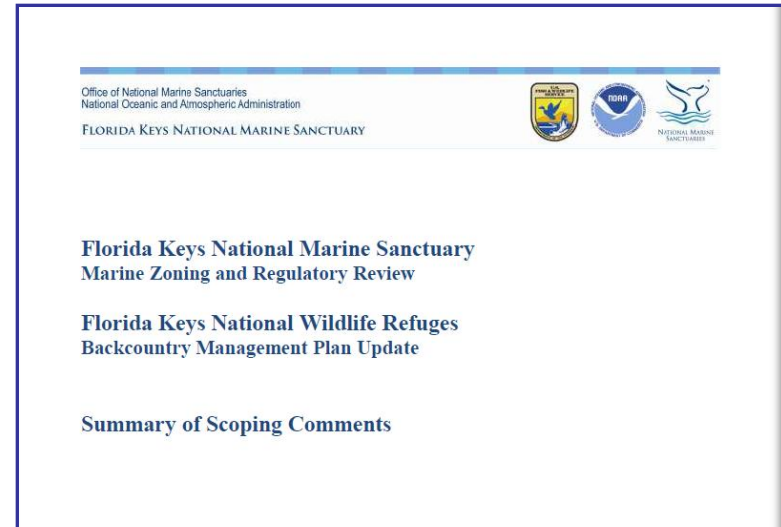
- Adaptive Management
- Aides to Navigation
- Displacement Effects
- Education (brochures, PSAs)
- Technology (social media, web)
- Enforcement
- Greening Operations
- Opposed!
- Permitting
- Regulations
- Research and Monitoring
- Scientific Basis
- State and County Management
- Support!
- User Fees

Reminder: this is just the first attempt....

Advisory Council Homework



- Hard copies available
- Read the variety of comments
- Review the Condition Report
- What are the priorities?



Good	Good/Fair	Fair	Fair/Poor	Poor	Undet.
------	-----------	------	-----------	------	--------

Trends:

- ▲ Conditions appear to be improving. ? Undetermined trend.
- Conditions do not appear to be changing. N/A Question not applicable.
- ▼ Conditions appear to be declining.

Next Steps: September - December



- SAC Reviews Scoping Summary
- “Core Group” meets develop Draft Work Plan
- Draft Work Plan Identifies:
 - Priority Issues and how they will be addressed
 - How recommendations will be developed
 - Schedule
 - Staffing
 - Council Member Participation
 - Constituent / Expertise Input and Participation
- SAC Reviews and Adopts Work Plan (October / December)

Questions and Feedback?

