

Special Recreation Zone Goals/Benefits

- Larger than Marine Reserve Zone
- Balances visitor use and resource protection
- Provides unique opportunity to experience healthier reef system
- Reduces coral damage
- Allows for unique fishing experience
- Allows for adaptive management



Special Recreation Zone, **ALTERNATIVE 6** *(New Agency Preferred)*

- Fishing access allowed via state and federal dual permit system
 - 430 permits for public
 - 70 permits for guides

See poster for proposed permit details

FWC supports and will participate in implementation of this alternative



Special Recreation Zone, **ALTERNATIVE 7**

- Same as **ALTERNATIVE 6**, except for zone management.
- Same Special Recreation Zone geographic area and location.
- Differences in zone fishing access:
 - No zone fishing permits required
 - Open to fishing from October–May
 - Seasonally closed to fishing (June–September)

FWC would not participate in implementation of this alternative



Adaptive Management Strategy for Special Recreation Zone (both alts)

- Monitor/evaluate/adjust 
 - Data reviews at 3, 5, 8, 10 years
 - Monitor Resource Trends – fish, benthic communities, etc.
 - Evaluate Management Tools – education, law enforcement, buoys
 - Adjust – number of permits (Alt 6 only), mooring buoys, education and law enforcement
- Independent panel review at 5 and 10 years
 - Provides recommendations on the science plan, monitoring results, and long-term management

After 10 years - NPS makes decision to continue special recreation zone or convert to marine reserve zone

Schedule





Thank You!

In a moment, it's your turn
to comment.

Ways You Can Comment

- **Verbal Comments Today**

- Sign up to speak at the microphone
- Give your comments to staff at an easel pad

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- Online via PEPC
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