



# Marine Zoning and Regulatory Review for the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary: *An Update for the Biscayne Bay Regional Restoration Coordination Team*

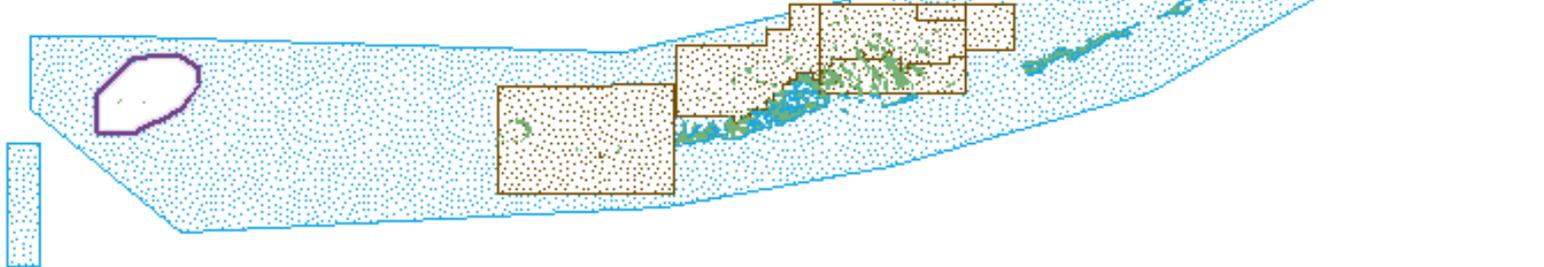
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# Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary



**Dry Tortugas  
Nat'l Park**

**Key West & Great White Heron  
National Wildlife Refuges**



# Marine Zoning and Regulatory Review Timeline



# Sanctuary Advisory Council Work-Plan (Completed)



- ✓ 12/11/2012 - Study Areas and Boundary Modifications
- ✓ 12/11/2012 - Personal Watercraft Tours / Fishing Conflicts
- ✓ 2/19/2013 - Vessel / Boating Licensing and Education
- ✓ 4/16/2013 - Education and Outreach
- ✓ 7/9/2013 - Alternative Funding / User Fee
- ✓ 8/20/2013 - Boater Education
- ✓ 2/18/2014 - Law Enforcement (Action – 4/15/2014)
- ✓ 6/17/2014 - Coral Reef Ecosystem Restoration
- ✓ 6/17/2014 - Shallow Water Wildlife and Habitat Protection
- ✓ 8/19/2014 - Ecosystem Protection: Ecological Reserves / Preservation Areas and Wildlife Protection

# Sanctuary Advisory Council Work-Plan Items accepted on Oct. 21



- ✓ Permit Procedures and Adaptive Management  
(Discussed at 2/13 and 8/13 Meetings)
- ✓ Artificial Habitats
- ✓ Water Quality  
(Discussed at 2/13 and 8/13 Meetings)
- ✓ Fishery Management Coordination  
(Discussed at 7/13 Meeting)

# Looking Ahead – Overall Next Steps



- ✓ Advisory Council Feedback & Recommendation for Agencies
- Proposed Actions and Alternatives released in a Draft Environmental Impact Statement
- Agency Review and Response to Public Comments
- Proposed Actions and Alternatives released in a Final Environmental Impact Statement
- Revised Rules and Marine Zones



For more information:

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Regulatory Review process:

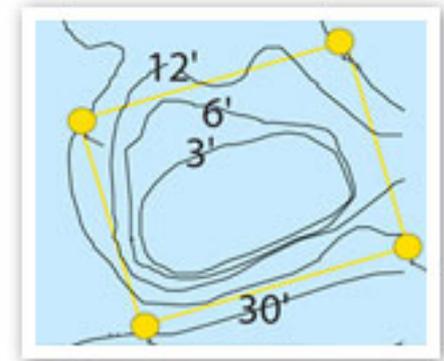
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National Environmental Policy Act

Implementation:

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