

Biscayne Bay Regional Restoration Coordination Team
January 14, 2014

MEMBERS, ALTERNATES, INTERESTED PARTIES/PERSONS, AND GUESTS:

"The January 2015 meeting of the Biscayne Bay Regional Recreational Coordination Team (BBRRCT) to be held on Wednesday, January 14, at our regular meeting location - NOAA Southeast Fisheries Science Center Statistics Building - Conference Room (rear of main building), 75 Virginia Beach Drive, Key Biscayne, FL 33149 – meeting beginning at 10:00 AM, will focus on perhaps the **most critical environmental problem** facing coastal communities around the world including here in South Florida - **SEA LEVEL RISE**.

Our agenda for this meeting promises to be one of the most exciting and informative ones in the entire decade-plus history of our Team. It features a number of presentations on the subject of Sea Level Rise, and two of our presenters who have been confirmed are particularly noteworthy:

I. **JOHN ENGLANDER** is an oceanographer and sea level rise expert. Mr. Englander has a broad background in marine science as well as degrees in geology and economics. John has been a leader in both the private sector and the non-profit arena, serving as CEO of such noteworthy groups as the Cousteau Society and The International Seakeepers Society. He has written a best-selling book on the subject: *High Tide on Main Street: Rising Sea Level and the Coming Coastal Crisis*. The book explains the science behind sea level rise, the impending devastating economic impacts and the "intelligent adaptation" that all businesses and coastal communities must consider today. Mr. Englander brings the diverse viewpoint and well-rounded perspective of a scientist, CEO and entrepreneur, and as the Founder of the Rising Seas Group, works with businesses, government agencies, and communities to help them understand the financial risks of sea level rise. He is a dynamic speaker, and his presentation will both help us understand the gravity of the problem and inspire us to help develop meaningful and effective solutions.

II. **KAREN BOLTER** has a PhD in Geosciences from Florida Atlantic University. Ms. Bolter is a hydrologist and a research assistant at the FAU Center for Environmental Studies. Karen's research focus is to increase the awareness of the need for adaptation to sea level rise in South Florida. Her research to date includes mapping and analysis of the impacts of sea level rise that addresses both physical and socioeconomic implications.

We urge all who have an interest in Biscayne Bay and the future of Miami and South Florida to join us on January 14th to learn more about the critical issues of sea level rise and climate change."

Best,

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Phil Everingham
Chair

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