

FLORIDA KEYS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY
Water Quality Protection Program Steering Committee Meeting

February 10, 2021
8:45 AM – 1:15 PM

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Meeting Purpose: Review the Water Quality Protection Program (WQPP) operating guidelines and membership, and identify opportunities to reinvigorate the Steering Committee's role in implementing the Program. Provide updates on project milestones and gather input on priority water quality issues.

Objectives:

- ^a Review WQPP Bylaws and membership list. Reaffirm Steering Committee roles and representatives, and discuss approaches to improve WQPP operating guidelines, participation and staff support.
- ^a Reinvigorate the Steering Committee's role in implementing the WQPP. Identify next steps to advance water quality priorities, including opportunities for the Committee and individual members to contribute.
- ^a Review progress and explore next steps in the development of a South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Working Group.
- ^a Understand the new DEO work program requirements for canal restoration and discuss the Steering Committee's role in those efforts moving forward.
- ^a Receive a status update on the Monroe County mobile vessel pump-out program.
- ^a Report on the special studies that received 2020 EPA South Florida Geographic Initiative funds and provide feedback on potential priority topic areas for 2021 funding.

Meeting Materials:

- Minutes from September 23, 2020 WQPP Steering Committee meeting
- WQPP Bylaws
- WQPP Steering Committee membership list
- WQPP Priorities Recommendation document
- SAC SFER Working Group Resolution
- Final rule for the Florida Keys DEO Work Programs
- Annotated list of 2020 EPA funded projects
- Draft recommended priority topic areas for 2021 EPA funding
- Reference list of regional councils and task forces working on water quality issues (requested during September 2020 meeting)

Participation Guidelines: This meeting will be held virtually via the GoToMeeting platform. All members of the WQPP Steering Committee, Management Committee and Technical Advisory Committee will have the ability to unmute their own microphones to speak, with WQPP Steering Committee members provided the first opportunity. Prior to speaking, WQPP members are asked to use the 'raise hand' feature in the GoToMeeting platform to be recognized by the Chair. All other attendees will be muted by the meeting organizer and can indicate a desire to speak by using the 'raise hand' feature or typing into the question box. Additional input from non-WQPP members will be allowed at the discretion of the meeting Chair. There will be an opportunity for public comment.

Agenda

- 8:45 AM** **WQPP Log-In and Technology Check**
- 9:00 AM** **I. Welcome and Opening Remarks**
- ^a Call to Order (*Wade Lehman, USEPA, WQPP Chair*)
 - ^a Roll Call and Housekeeping
 - ^a Opening Remarks (*Wade Lehman, USEPA /Jon Iglehart, FDEP*)
 - ^a Review and Adopt Agenda
 - *Steering Committee Vote*
 - ^a Approve Minutes from September 23, 2020
 - *Steering Committee Vote*
- 9:20 AM** **II. WQPP Administrative Business** (*John Iglehart, FDEP/WQPP Management Committee*)
Review WQPP Steering Committee Bylaws and membership list; discuss approaches to improve WQPP operating guidelines, participation and staff support.
- 10:05 AM** **III. WQPP Priorities and Future Direction** (*Gil McRae, FWC*)
Reinvigorate the Steering Committee's role in implementing the WQPP. Identify next steps to advance water quality priorities, including opportunities for the Committee and individual members to contribute.
- 10:50 AM** **Break (10 minutes)**
- 11:00 AM** **IV. South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Working Group** (*Karen Bohnsack, FKNMS*)
Review progress and explore next steps in the development of a South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Working Group.
- *Steering Committee Vote (TBD as needed - accept SAC resolution, approve participants on behalf of the WQPP, etc.)*
- 11:30 AM** **V. Canal Restoration Work Plan** (*Rhonda Haag, Monroe County*)
Understand the new DEO work program requirements for canal restoration and discuss the Steering Committee's role in those efforts moving forward.
- 12:00 PM** **VI. Status of Monroe County Mobile Vessel Pump-Out Program** (*Celia Hitchins, Monroe County*)
Status update on the Monroe County mobile vessel pump-out program.
- 12:10 PM** **VII. EPA Special Studies: 2020 Funded Projects and 2021 Priority Topics** (*Steve Blackburn, EPA*)
Report on the special studies that received 2020 EPA South Florida Geographic Initiative funds and provide feedback on potential priority topic areas for 2021 funding.
- 12:55 PM** **VIII. Public Comment**
- 1:15 PM** **Wrap-Up and Adjourn**