

FLORIDA KEYS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY
Water Quality Protection Program Steering Committee Meeting
With the Sanctuary Advisory Council

September 23, 2020

8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

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Meeting Purpose: Enhance collaboration and information-sharing between the Water Quality Protection Program (WQPP) and Sanctuary Advisory Council (SAC) regarding the status of water quality issues within FKNMS. Identify priorities, and provide feedback on next steps for developing action plans to pursue water quality improvements.

Objectives:

- Recognize the complementary roles of the WQPP and SAC and accept feedback from both bodies on water quality priorities.
- Review the fall 2019 WQPP resolution to identify a subset of WQPP priorities and the Prioritization Working Group process.
- Understand the primary water quality issue areas and associated priorities.
- Receive feedback from the community on water quality priorities.
- Evaluate the Draft WQPP Priorities Recommendation for the Steering Committee.
- Discuss next steps for developing action plans and implementing the WQPP priorities.
- Look for opportunities to establish a working relationship between the WQPP and SAC.

Participation Guidelines: Unless otherwise noted, discussion sessions will be organized so that WQPP Steering Committee members have the first opportunity to speak. Given the virtual nature of this meeting, all members will be muted and can indicate a desire to speak by ‘raising their hands’ in the GoToMeeting platform or typing into the question box.

Agenda

8:30 AM **WQPP/SAC Log-In and Technology Check**

9:00 AM **I. Introduction and Opening Remarks**

- Call to Order (*Jon Iglehart, FDEP*)
- Roll Call of Steering Committee Members
- Housekeeping (*Karen Bohnsack, FKNMS*)
- Steering Committee Opening Remarks (*Jon Iglehart, FDEP/Natalie Ellington, USEPA*)
- Sanctuary Advisory Council Opening Remarks (*George Garrett, SAC Chair*)
- Review and Adopt Agenda and SAC Participation Guidelines
 - *Steering Committee Vote*
- Approve Minutes from November 13, 2019
 - *Steering Committee Vote*

9:30 AM **II. WQPP Prioritization: Resolution, Process, and Recommendation**

- *Overview Presentation (Karen Bohnsack, FKNMS)*
- *Steering Committee Q&A*

- 10:00 AM** **III. Priority Review: Water Quality Issues and Associated Priorities**
- South Florida Regional Influences and Tidal Flooding and Climate (35 min)
 - *Introductory Presentation (Chris Bergh, TNC)*
 - *Steering Committee and Sanctuary Advisory Council Q&A, feedback and discussion*
- 10:35 AM** **Break (15 minutes)**
- 10: 50 AM** **IV. Priority Review: Water Quality Issues and Associated Priorities (continued)**
- Local Wastewater (60 min)
 - *Introductory Presentation (Gus Rios, DEP)*
 - *Wastewater Connections Update (Kevin Wilson, Monroe County)*
 - *TAC Engagement on Wastewater Issue (Nick Parr, DEP)*
 - *Steering Committee and Sanctuary Advisory Council Q&A, feedback and discussion*
 - Local Stormwater (30 min)
 - *Introductory Presentation (Mike Roberts, Monroe County)*
 - *Steering Committee and Sanctuary Advisory Council Q&A, feedback and discussion*
- 12:20 PM** **Lunch (45 minutes)**
- 1:05 PM** **V. Priority Review: Water Quality Issues and Associated Priorities (continued)**
- Canal Restoration and Sargassum and Organic Debris (35 min)
 - *Introductory Presentation (Rhonda Haag, Monroe County)*
 - *Steering Committee and Sanctuary Advisory Council Q&A, feedback and discussion*
 - Marinas and Liveboards and Emerging Pollutants of Concern (30 min)
 - *Introductory Presentation (Shelly Krueger, FL Sea Grant)*
 - *Steering Committee and Sanctuary Advisory Council Q&A, feedback and discussion*
- 2:10 PM** **VI. Public Comment**
- 2:45 PM** **Break (15 minutes)**
- 3:00 PM** **VII. Priority Review: Overall Evaluation**
- *Steering Committee and Sanctuary Advisory Council discussion and feedback*
 - *Steering Committee Vote*
- 3:30 PM** **VIII. Next Steps for Further Developing and Implementing WQPP Priorities**
- *Update Presentation on Coral Reef Management Issues and Opportunities (Joanna Walczak, DEP)*
 - *Steering Committee and Sanctuary Advisory Council discussion and feedback*
- 4:15 PM** **IX. Wrap-Up**
- 4:30 PM** **Adjourn**