

**FLORIDA KEYS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**MEETING**

**Tuesday, April 16, 2024**

***Marathon City Council Chambers  
Marathon, FL 33050***

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**DRAFT AGENDA**

***SANCTUARY ADVISORY COUNCIL MISSION STATEMENT***

***(adopted unanimously, December 6, 2005)***

***The Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council is an interactive liaison between the residents and visitors of the Florida Keys and the staff and management of the FKNMS. In this role, and with the understanding that a healthy ecosystem is essential to the economy and quality of life in the Florida Keys, the SAC will promote restoration and maintenance of biodiversity and ecological resilience in the South Florida environment. We will strive to achieve a vibrant, ecologically sustainable ecosystem and economy through application of the best available science and balanced, conservation-based management.***

**9:00 Call to Order with Roll Call**

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call & SAC Mission Statement

Adopt agenda for this meeting

Adopt meeting notes from February 2024 meeting

Opening Comments

**9:10 Council Updates**

**9:20 Marine Preservation Society of the Florida Keys**

*Sara Rankin, Marine Preservation Society, Director*

**9:50 I.CARE: Sponge Outplanting Alongside Coral Restoration**

*Dr. Kylie Smith, I.CARE, Co-Founder*

**10:50 Break**

**11:00 FKNMS Volunteer Program Updates**

*Liz Trueblood, FKNMS, Community Engagement Coordinator*

**11:20 Florida's Coral Reef Disturbance Response Monitoring Program Updates**

*Cailin Harrell, FWC Fish and Wildlife Research Institute, Biological Scientist*

**11:50 LUNCH**

**1:15 Western Dry Rocks Seasonal Closure: Updates and Findings**

*Danielle Morley, FWC Fish and Wildlife Research Institute, Research Scientist*

**2:00 Monroe County Artificial Reef Program Introduction**

*Dr. Hanna Koch, Monroe County, Artificial Reef Program Director*

**2:30 Public Comment Opportunity**

**2:45 Agency/Member Reports**

**3:15 Closing Remarks**

Chairperson and Superintendent

**3:30 Adjourn**