



Feedback on proposed changes in Gulf Council's jurisdiction



List of Meetings

September 16: Joint Coral SSC, Coral AP, Shrimp AP

October 2: Reef Fish AP

October 21: FKNMS presentation to the Council

November 13: Joint Gulf and South Atlantic Spiny Lobster AP

January 9: Standing SSC and Coral SSC

January 27: Council meeting

General Comments from Stakeholders

- The complexity of the DEIS makes it difficult to provide detailed comments.
- Fishermen are concerned about future restrictions that may influence their ability to fish in Sanctuary waters.
- Stakeholders are concerned about enforceability of the regulations proposed.
- Stakeholders requested tables with the coordinates of all marine zones.
- Stakeholders requested clarification and guidance to determine what “idle/no wake”, “no motor”, and “trolling” (speed?) refer to.
- Installation of navigational aids instead of closing areas.

General Comments from Stakeholders

- There is concern regarding water quality and nutrient load impacts on the ecosystem.
- There is recognition that the ecosystem has been in decline, but the data needs to support the closures (more background information).
- The FKNMS should increase outreach efforts with boat users (locals and tourists).
 - Education
 - Signaling
 - Direct collaboration with fishermen



Motions from Shrimp AP

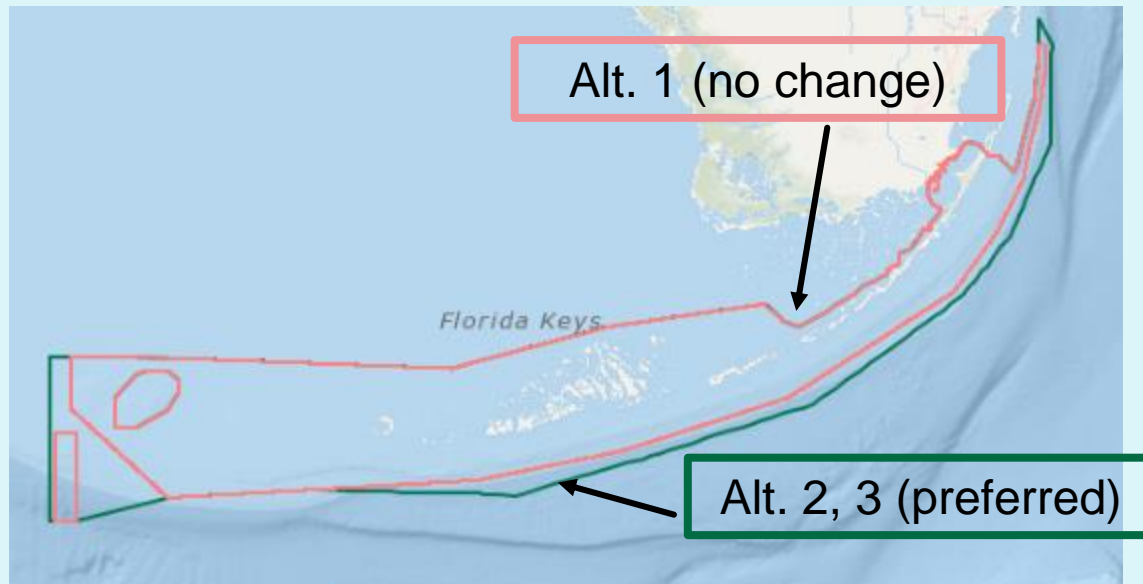
Motion 1: To oppose the proposed northwestern expansion of the FKNMS boundary.

Motion carried with no opposition.

Motion 2: The Shrimp AP is not in favor of the FKNMS southern boundary expansion.

Motion carried with no opposition.

Proposed Sanctuary Boundaries





Motions from Jt. Spiny Lobster AP

Motion 1: To consider adding additional regulations, specifically no anchoring and no harvest of lobster by all user groups, to the areas identified in Spiny Lobster Amendment 11.

Motion carried with no opposition.

Motion 2: To recommend the Council oppose the closure of any new areas to lobster trap fishing as proposed in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Restoration Blueprint.

Motion carried with no opposition.



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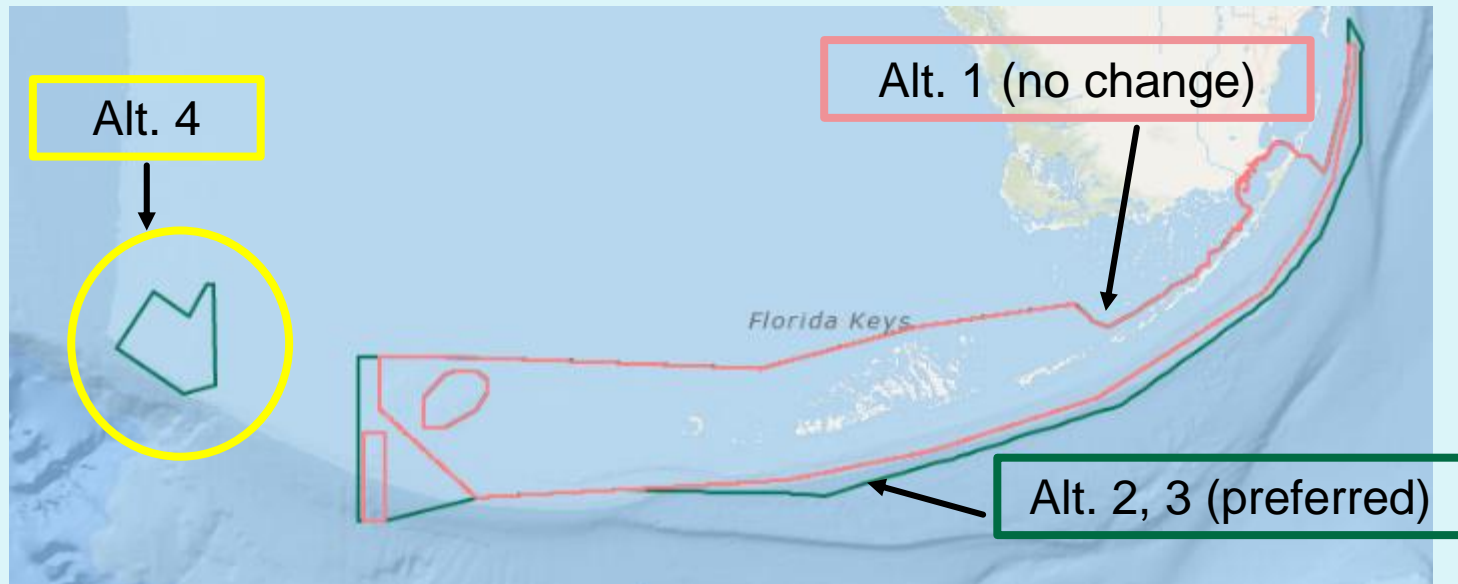
Motion 3: To recommend the Council oppose the use of idle speed or navigational restrictions in the Hawk Channel area.

Motion carried with no opposition.

Motion 4: To recommend removal of Alternative 4 from the FKNMS proposed actions.

Motion carried with no opposition.

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Feedback from SSC

- Does the SSC support the:
 - Sanctuary boundary expansion?
 - Proposed changes in Dry Tortugas region?
 - New areas included as part of the Sanctuary
 - Proposed Tortugas Corridor
 - Inclusion of Pulley Ridge areas as part of the Sanctuary?
- Are there any concerns with the data supporting the proposed changes?