

**Coral Management Committee
Action Guide and Next Steps for Tab N**

Agenda Item IV: Recommendations to the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary (FKNMS)

Timeline Status: Presentation and Feedback

Council input and next steps: Staff will present a summary of the changes proposed in the FKNMS Restoration Blueprint, and a compilation of comments provided by the Council’s Advisory Panels, and Science and Statistical Committees. The Committee should provide feedback on the proposed changes, with special consideration to the Sanctuary boundary expansion, the changes proposed to the Dry Tortugas Region, and Pulley Ridge. The Protocol for Cooperative Fisheries Management in the Florida Keys has been provided as background materials. This is a guiding document that describes the roles of the Florida Wildlife Conservation Commission, the Gulf and South Atlantic Councils, NOAA Fisheries, and NOAA National Ocean Service in the management of fishery resources of the FKNMS.

Agenda Item V: Recommendations from the Joint Gulf and South Atlantic Spiny Lobster Advisory Panels

Timeline Status: Information

Council input and next steps: A meeting summary from the Joint Gulf and South Atlantic Council’s meeting of the Spiny Lobster Advisory Panels has been provided. The group was convened to discuss the changes proposed in the FKNMS Restoration Blueprint, with their comments included and discussed in Agenda Item IV. The AP also discussed additional issues related to the Spiny Lobster fishery that the Committee could consider.
