

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

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**Agenda Item IV:** Coral Reef Conservation Program Update

**Timeline Status:** Presentation and information

**Council input and next steps:** Staff will present an update from the current Coral Reef Conservation Program grant. The Committee should provide feedback and suggestions on completed and ongoing tasks.

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**Agenda Item V:** Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary Expansion Update

**Timeline Status:** Presentation and discussion

**Council input and next steps:** Mr. Schmahl will present a status update from the proposed expansion of the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary and the timeline for the release of the rule package. The joint Shrimp AP, Coral AP, and Coral SSC were also presented with the proposed expansion and made recommendations that are included in the summary report from that meeting.

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**Agenda Item VI:** Status of Coral Amendment 9

**Timeline Status:** Information

**Council input and next steps:** NMFS staff will provide an update on the implementation status of Coral Amendment 9.

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**Agenda Item VII:** Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary (FKNMS) Management Review

**Timeline Status:** Presentation and discussion

**Council input and next steps:** Ms. Sarah Fangman will present the Draft Environmental Impact Statement with the proposed alternatives, preferred alternatives, and proposed fishing regulations in the FKNMS. The proposed sanctuary expansion includes areas within the Council's jurisdiction. FKNMS staff presented this information at the joint Shrimp AP, Coral

AP, and Coral SSC; as well as the Reef Fish AP meetings. The APs and SSC comments have been included in the meeting summaries. Based on the recommendations of the SSC and APs, staff have prepared maps summarizing commercial reef fish activity and shrimp effort in the Florida Keys region including the FKNMS. The Committee is requested to review the materials and the APs and SSC recommendations, and provide direction to staff regarding comments on the FKNMS expansion so they can be forwarded in a letter. The Council has until January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 to provide comments.

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**Agenda Item VIII:** Remaining Items from the Joint Coral SSC, Coral AP, and Shrimp AP Meeting

**Timeline Status:** Information and discussion

**Council input and next steps:** Additional recommendations from the joint Shrimp AP, Coral AP, and Coral SSC were included in the meeting summary. There were two other motions that the Committee may want to consider and provide direction to staff.

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**Agenda Item IX:** Other Business

**Timeline Status:** Additional items that can be brought up for discussion

**Council input and next steps:** If time permits, additional items may be brought up for discussion by the Committee.

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