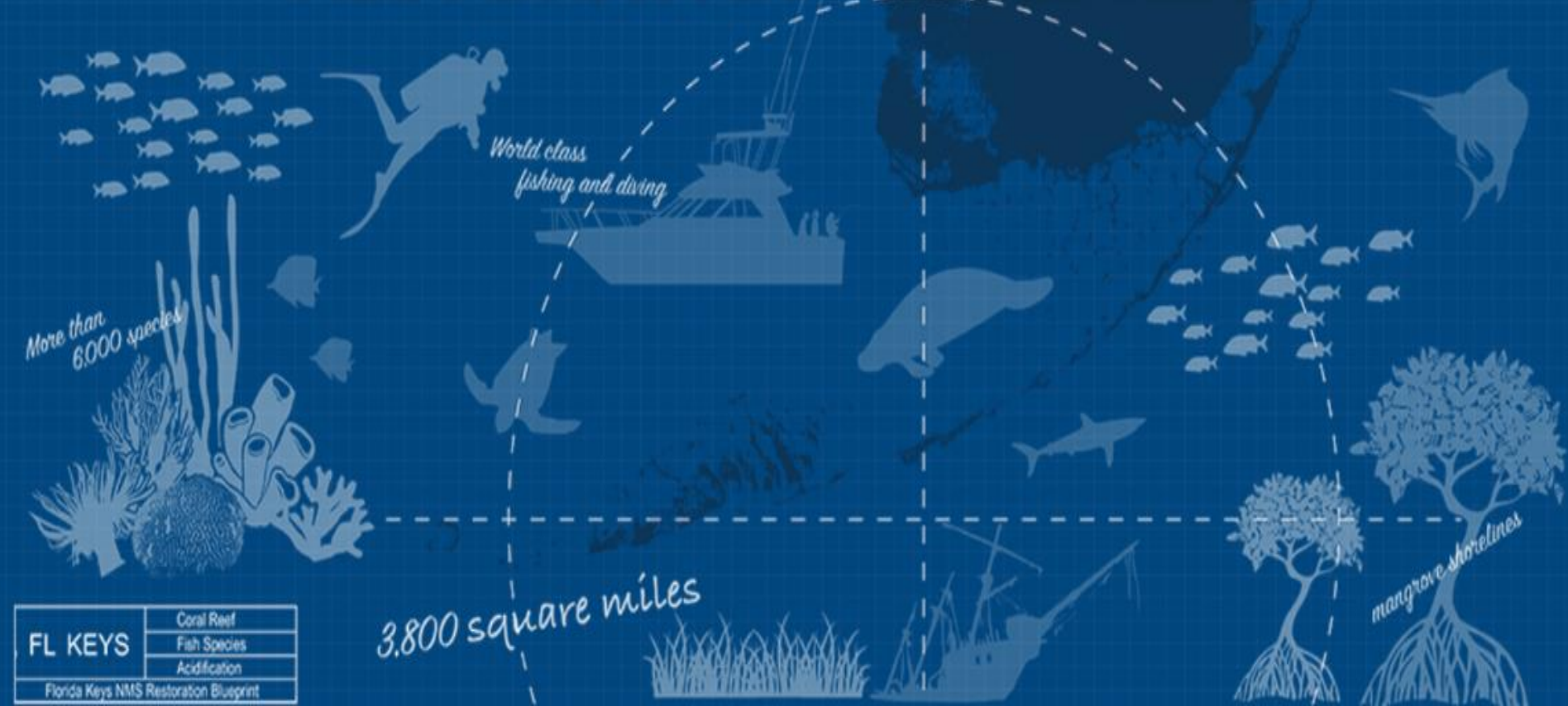




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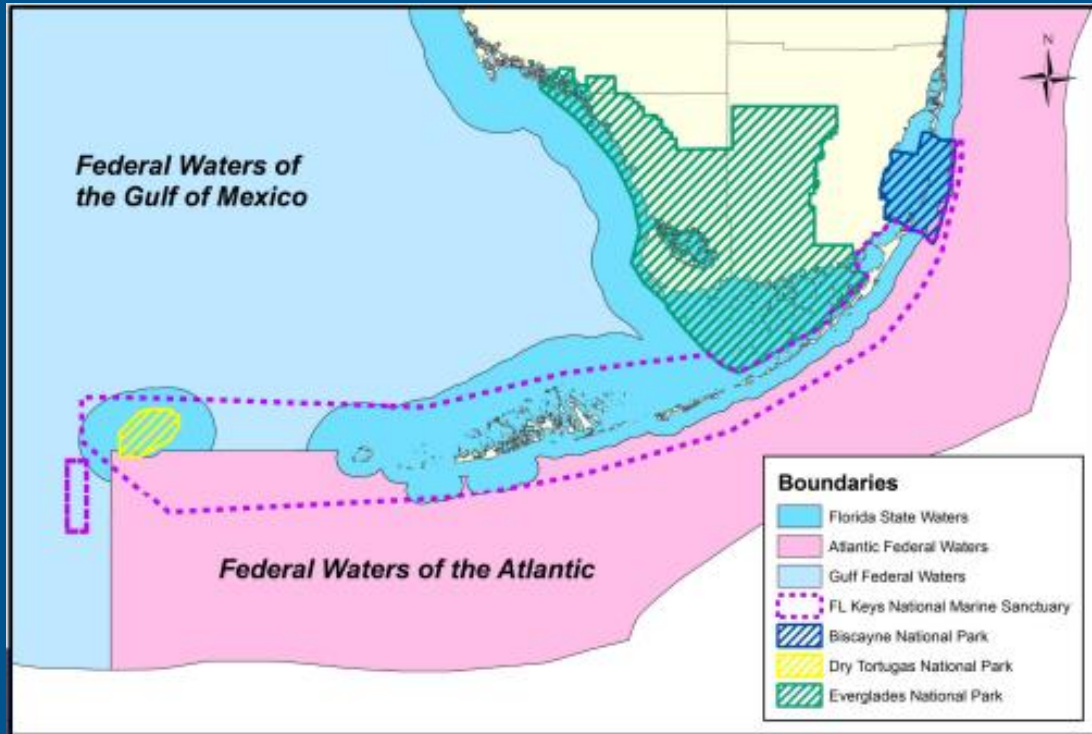




Protocol for Cooperative Fisheries Management

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What is the Protocol for Cooperative Fisheries Management?



1997 Agreement between NMFS, NOS, and FMFC.

Recognizes the multiple jurisdiction and authorities for fishery regulations in FKNMS.

Provides for flexible management while retaining state, federal, and public involvement.

Describes the roles and outlines the process of state, federal, and fishery management councils for ongoing fishery management in FKNMS.

Link current Protocol: https://nmsfloridakeys.blob.core.windows.net/floridakeys-prod/media/archive/mgmtplans/man_proto.pdf



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Who is the agreement between?



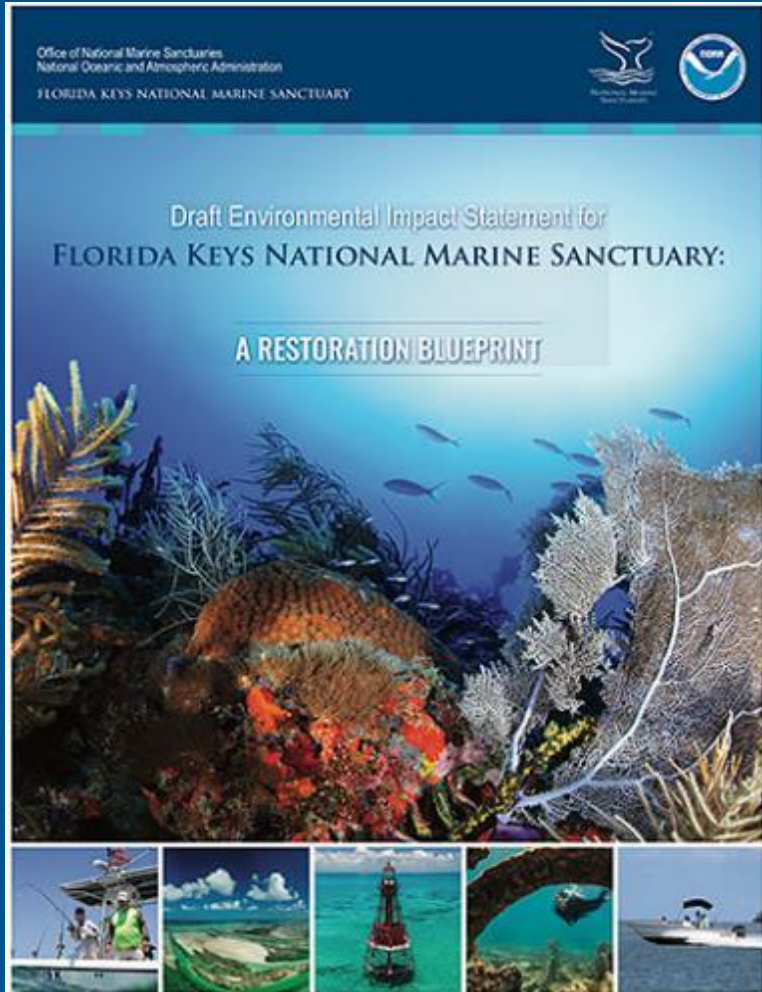
1997 Agreement signatories:

- Florida Marine Fisheries Commission
- National Marine Fisheries Service as signatory and as designee of the FMCs
- National Ocean Service



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Why is it being updated?



FKNMS Restoration Blueprint:

- regulations
- management plan
- cooperative management agreements
 - Protocol for Cooperative Fisheries Management

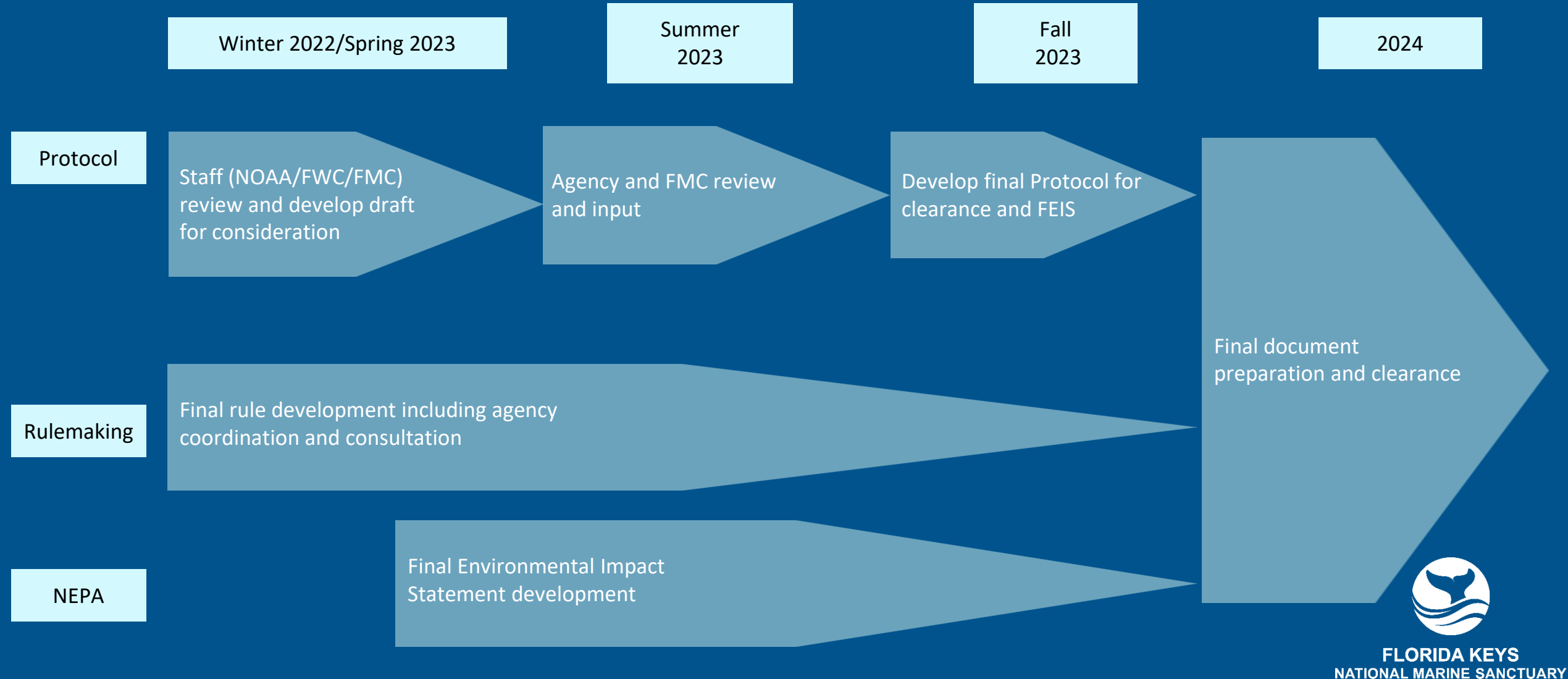


Key topics to address:

- Update to include Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
- Clarify respective authorities and jurisdictions for fisheries management
- Review process for communication and coordination among signatories for fishery management action
- Include new section for Traditional Fishing:
 - clarify traditional fishing activities, and
 - develop a transparent process to evaluate new or modified fishing activities and other relevant changes to fisheries management.



What is the estimated timeline?:





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