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Shawn:

Please assist me with placing a resolution on the May 19<sup>th</sup> City Commission agenda supporting the FWC recommendations to the FKNMS. Perhaps other commissioners would like to co-sponsor.

Thank you,

***Samuel J. Kaufman***

*Commissioner, District 2*  
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Madam Mayor and City Commissioners,

We are sure you are aware that the Florida Wildlife Commission issued their comments concerning the Restoration Blueprint proposal by the Florida keys national Marine Sanctuary. The Key West Charter Boat Association (KWCBA) has been working closely with FWC as well as the South Atlantic Fishing Council and the Gulf of Mexico Fishing Council concerning the Restoration Blue Print. We have big concerns that the FKNMS is overstepping their management practices into fisheries management that his handled by these councils. FWC manages all the fishing regulations in Florida State waters, the South Atlantic Council handles fisheries management in Federal Atlantic Waters, and the Gulf of Mexico Council handles the fisheries management for the Gulf Federal waters.

The KWCBA fully supports the FWC letter and formal comments to the FKNMS. The FKNMS Blueprint proposal has 60% of its recommended closures in state waters managed by FWC, leaving the remaining 40% to the federal waters. FWC states that closures to stakeholders should be a last resort and they want more data and supporting documents to warrant closures in state waters. FWC is in the business of law enforcement, wildlife conservation, and fisheries management. They have the biologists and science to manage our resources. The majority of our citizens oppose closures.

We are asking the City of Key West to go on record and support our Florida Wildlife Commission recommendations to the FKNMS. The decisions are based on true science and data by the organization that enforces and manages the resources. Keep our state wasters and islands managed by the state of Florida and not by the Federal FKNMS.

As you can see, the South Atlantic Council as well as the Gulf Council also are telling the FKNMS to leave the fisheries management to the Councils that were formed to do so and actively handling.

FWC states in their letter that water quality has not been "appropriately addressed in the DEIS" and the South Atlantic Council says to take a "leadership role" in water quality. We feel that the FKNMS should be concentrating more on water quality that will improve the overall condition of the reef and resources.

Attached are the FWC comments, as well as the South Atlantic Fisheries and Gulf of Mexico Council comments to the FKNMS.

Thank you all for your time and consideration.

Thank you,

Captain Brice Barr  
President Key West Charter Boat Association