



# Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Marine Zoning and Regulatory Review

Presentation to the Key West City Commission

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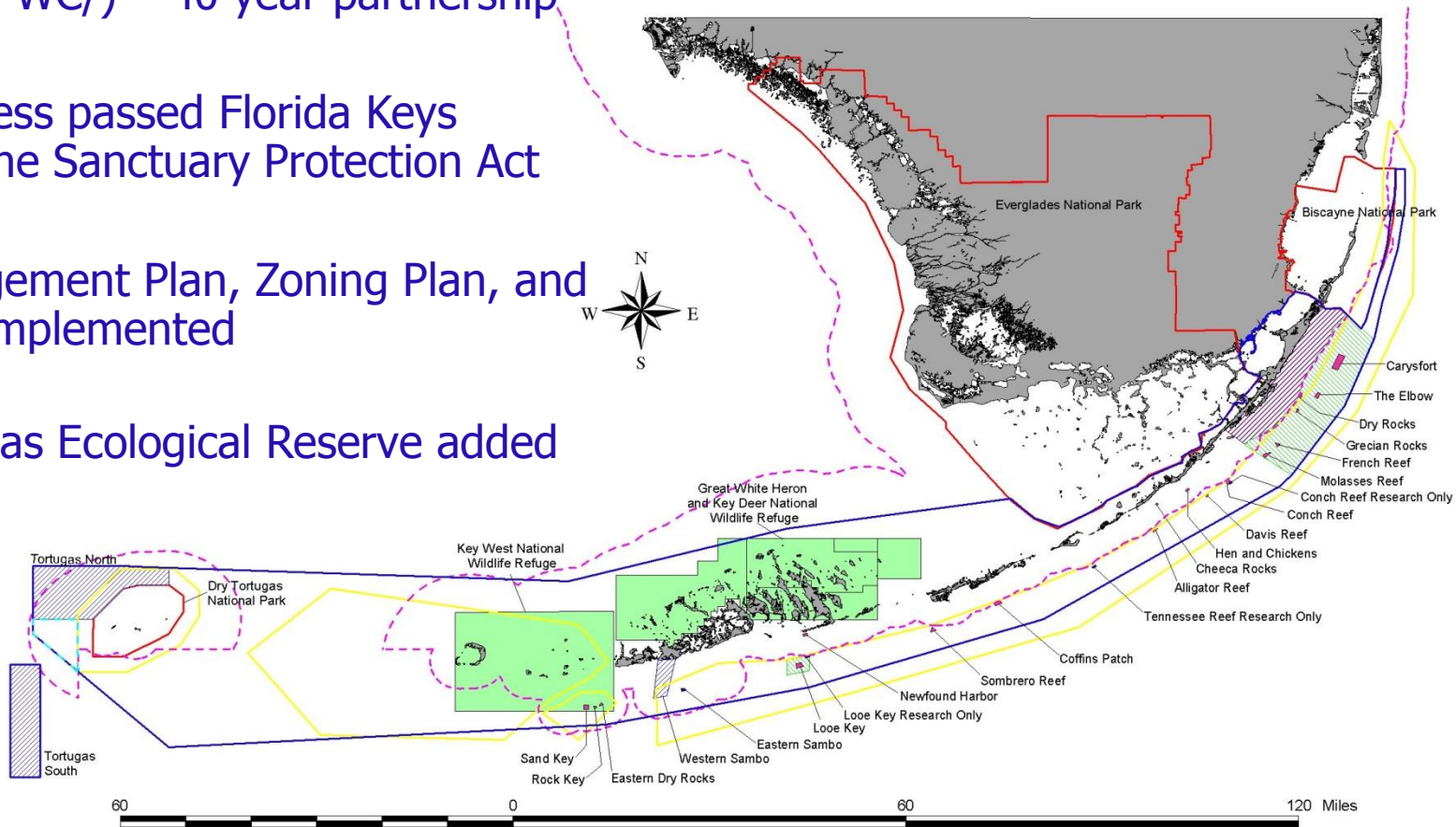


Cooperative Management with State of Florida (DEP/FWC/) – 40 year partnership

1990 - Congress passed Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Protection Act

1997 - Management Plan, Zoning Plan, and Regulations Implemented

2001 - Tortugas Ecological Reserve added



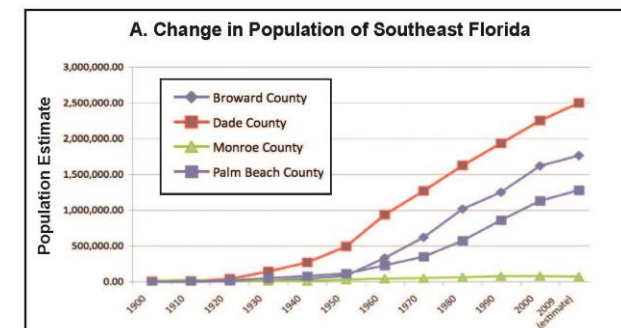
# 2011 FKNMS Condition Report: Foundation for Regulatory and Zoning Changes

- History of discharges, coastal development, habitat loss, and over exploitation of large fish and keystone species
- Poaching, vessel groundings and discharging of marine debris
- Can be improved with long term management efforts, regulatory compliance and community involvement



#### Trends:

- ▲ Conditions appear to be improving.
- Conditions do not appear to be changing.
- ▼ Conditions appear to be declining.
- ? Undetermined trend.
- N/A Question not applicable.



# Sanctuary Advisory Council Leads Planning Efforts



50 Person volunteer community advisory group providing advice to Florida Keys NMS Management.

- Boating Industry
- Elected County Official
- Citizens at Large (3)
- Conservation (2)
- Research
- Education
- Upper / Lower Keys Tourism
- Upper / Lower Keys Diving
- Charter Fishing
- Charter Fishing Flats Guides
- Commercial Fishing
- Commercial Fishing – Marine Life
- Recreational Fishing
- Cultural Resources





# Advisory Council Leads Planning Efforts From The Beginning for All Management Changes



## Community Based Stakeholder Driven Process:

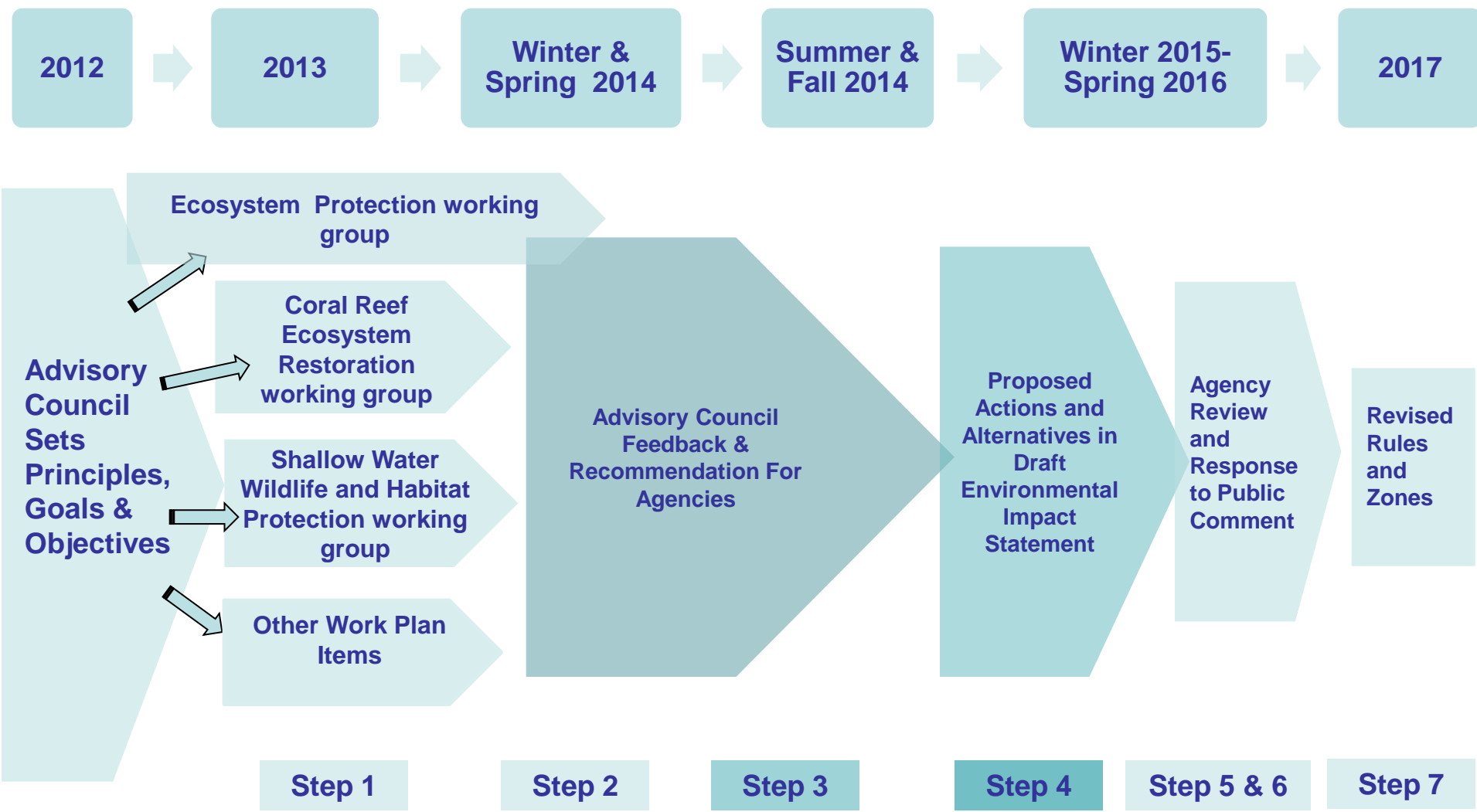
Public Input → Advisory Council → Agency Proposals



*"The Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary is a fine example of a government program that works in its intended form... for the people, by the people, specific to its unique region. It is a group that listens, speaks, and acts on input from all the various stakeholders of that region."*

Captain Steve Leopold,  
Charter/Sports Fishing Seat

# Marine Zoning and Regulatory Review Timeline



For more information:

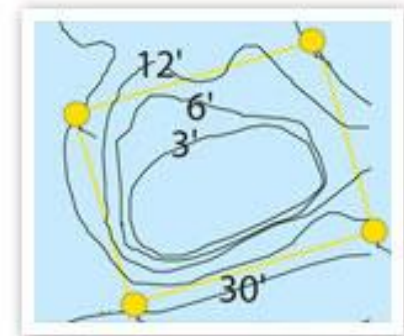
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The screenshot shows the website for the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. The header includes the NOAA logo and the text "FLORIDA KEYS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY" and "NATIONAL OCEANIC & ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION". A navigation menu on the left lists: Home, About Your Sanctuary, Visit the Sanctuary, Explore the Sanctuary, Get Involved, Management, Advisory Council, Harms Zones, Sanctuary Science, Maritime Heritage, and What's New. Below the menu is a search bar and social media links for Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and LinkedIn. The main content area features a large image of a coral reef and several smaller images with captions: "Advisory Council working groups help develop recommendations", "Experience and protect the resources of the sanctuary", "In preparation for Lululemma", and "Workshops highlight existing risks and best practices". A "SANCTUARY SPOTLIGHT" section at the bottom contains four tiles: "2014 CALENDAR OF EVENTS", "ECO-DISCOVERY CENTER", "SANCTUARY CONDITION REPORT", and "MARINE ZONING & REGULATORY REVIEW".



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