

# WASTE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING PLAN FOR THE 2012 Florida Keys Seafood Festival

## ***Introduction***

The Key West Seafood Festival Waste Reduction and Recycling Plan (Plan) is one component of the festival. The purpose of this plan is to improve special event waste reduction and recycling (recycling). The scope of the project includes conducting waste audits at the event, and developing a manual based on the results of the plan, audits and recycling activities taking place in 2012.

The Key West Seafood Festival continues to improve their recycling measures to reduce the volume of waste requiring disposal from the event. The Plan is intended to provide the City of Key West and event organizers with a strategy for implementing an expanded recycling program specific to the needs of the event. The Plan is based on quantitative and qualitative information gathered from discussions and email correspondence with event organizers, and attendance at the 2010 event.

## ***Event***

The Key West Seafood Festival is scheduled for January 14, 2012, 11:00am to 8:00pm, at Bayview Park, in Key West. The event is organized by the Florida Keys Commercial Fishermen's Association, and features great food and drink vendors, activities, exhibits, art, live entertainment, dancing and more. This is a family fun and feasting event.

## ***Material Generation and Management***

Trash, recycling and composting stations will be set up all around the park for use by event attendees and vendors. Bags of trash and recycling inside the containers will be removed and replaced by event volunteers, as they fill up during the event.

Event organizers have indicated that there will be atleast three 30-cubic-yard dumpsters. a recycle bin next to every trash bin and approximately 12 Port o Lets.

## ***Composting***

Composting efforts will be led by Trashed in the Keys, a local organization that promotes household, business and restaurant composting. Event organizers are also trying to coordinate with local organizations that feed the homeless, to give vendors the option of donating any leftover food.

## ***Plates and Eating Utensils***

Event organizers will be purchasing compostable plates and eating utensils for event attendees to use.

If you have any additional questions feel free to contact Vickie Gale (305) 797-2183 or Rosa Washington (305) 294-9894.