

**FLORIDA KEYS NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY**  
**Water Quality Protection Program Steering Committee**

**November 13, 2019**

**9:00 am – 3:30 pm**

Marathon City Hall (Council Chambers), 9805 Overseas Highway, Marathon, FL

**Meeting Purpose:** Share information on the status of WQPP initiatives, current issues and new research, and generate input on the future direction of the WQPP.

**Objectives:**

- Increase the Steering Committee's understanding of WQPP project status, in order to monitor progress towards achieving completion of those priorities.
- Review current FKNMS initiatives and provide recommendations to DEP and EPA regarding the future direction of the WQPP.
- Encourage awareness of current issues and new WQPP-relevant research, in order to inform WQPP priorities.

**Agenda**

- 09:00 am**      **I. Introduction and Opening Remarks**
- Call Meeting to Order and Opening Remarks (5 min), *Natalie Ellington, USEPA / Jon Iglehart, FDEP*
  - Steering Committee Member Introductions (5 min)
  - Review and Adopt Agenda (2 min), *Chair*
  - Approve minutes from April 18, 2019 (3 min)
    - *Steering Committee Vote*
- 09:15 am**      **II. Wastewater Project Updates**
- Monroe County (5 min), *Kevin Wilson, Monroe County*
  - Cross Creek/Manatee Bay (5 min), *Julie Cheon, FCAA*
  - Marathon (5 min), *George Garrett, Marathon*
  - KLWTD, Solar Project (5 min), *Peter Rosaco, KLWTD*
- 09:35 am**      **Public Comment**
- 10:00 am**      **Canal Project Updates**
- **III.** Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Canal Work Plan Update (10 min.), *Barbara Powell, Florida DEO*
    - *Steering Committee Q&A*
  - **IV.** Canal Management Master Plan Guidance Document Review (15 min), *Greg Corning, Wood Group*
    - *Steering Committee discussion and feedback (15 min)*
  - **V.** Study Update: Do Canals in the Florida Keys Contribute to Nearshore Water Quality Degradation? (10 min), *Kathleen Sullivan Sealy, University of Miami*
  - **VI.** Canal Restoration Updates (NRCS Marine Debris and Sediment Removal, RESTORE Funding, Restoration Project Status) (20 min), *Rhonda Haag, Monroe County*
- 11:10 am**      **Break (15 minutes)**

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- 11:25 am**      **New Initiatives and Future WQPP Direction**
- **VII.** FKNMS Water Quality Priorities (15 min), *Sarah Fangman, FKNMS*
    - *Steering Committee Q&A*
  - **VIII.** FDEP Grant update (5 min), *Gus Rios, FDEP*
  - **IX.** EPA Grant update (5 min), *Steven Blackburn, EPA*
  - **X.** WQPP Priorities update (15 intro), *Steve Blackburn, EPA*
    - *Steering Committee discussion (15 min)*
- 12:20 pm**      **Lunch (1 hour 10 minutes)**
- 1:30 pm**      **XI.** Technical Advisory Committee (10 min), *Gus Rios, DEP*
  - *Steering Committee discussion (20)*
- 2:00 pm**      **Topical Issue Spotlights**
- **XII.** Stony Coral Tissue Loss Disease: Status and Response Update (15 min), *Tori Barker, NOAA*
  - **XIII.** Sargassum Status Update (10 min), *Shelly Kruger*
  - **XIV.** Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals in the Florida Keys: Spatial Distribution and Sampling Effort (20 min), *Luke McEachron, FWC/Renee Duffey, FWC*
- 2:45 pm**      **Public Comment**
- 3:15 pm**      **Meeting Wrap-Up and Closing Remarks**  
*Natalie Ellington, USEPA/Jon Iglehart, FDEP*
- 3:30 pm**      **Adjourn**