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Monroe County Marina PumpOut Program (MPOOP) Updates

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Monroe County MPOOP Update

- In June 2021, the BOCC approved the launch of a new program entitled the Marina Pump-Out Outfitting Program ("MPOOP") to assist marine facilities in unincorporated Monroe County in complying with the provisions of the Monroe County Comp Plan and Land Development Code that require on-site pump-out facilities
- The goal of the program is to provide targeted public assistance to reduce vessel wastewater discharges and protect and improve nearshore water quality in the Keys
- The County estimates that only 30% of the 200+ marinas in unincorporated Monroe County have on-site pump-out facilities



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- County Code specifies that:
 - Facilities with 10 or more wet slips, or at least one live-aboard slip, shall provide a fixed pump-out facility,
 - The equipment must remain operational at all times and be available to all patrons of the facility,
 - All marinas, regardless of size, must provide educational signage about the importance and availability of pumpouts, and
 - Existing facilities must comply with this provision within 12 months of receiving formal notice from the County
- The County launched this program to provide marina owners and operators with an opportunity to move forward in a proactive way prior to the County's formal notification requirement



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- In December 2021, staff sent courtesy notices to 25 facilities in proximity to existing anchorages with limited pumpout opportunities
- 9 facilities have contacted our offices for follow-up
 - 2 facilities responded positively that have a true need (upper keys sailing club & Sugarloaf Marina)
 - 7 facilities had significant issues with the requirements



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- The biggest issue is that these facilities DO NOT or CANNOT support vessels that require MSDs under state law (*and, therefore, don't need pumpouts*) because either:
 - controlling depth into the facility limits vessel draft/size
 - customers only use the facility (such as hotels or seasonal campground resorts) for short-term use with their small, trailerable boats (ie. open fishermen-style hulls)
 - facility is mostly for dry storage which cannot support large vessels with MSDs
- Therefore, staff is looking into the current policy further for retooling.
 - We may consider allowing these type of facilities to comply with use of a mobile cart rather than having to install a fixed pump station that would be a major investment with little/no demand