

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

**December 17, 2025**

**8:45 AM – 10:45 AM**

This meeting will be held virtually via GoToWebinar. To register and join:

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**Meeting Purpose:** Convene the Water Quality Protection Program (WQPP) Steering Committee to share updates from the member agencies and organizations, and discuss ongoing and future efforts within the WQPP.

**Objectives:**

- Provide brief updates and an open forum for information sharing and discussion on efforts and emerging topics of relevance to the Water Quality Protection Program.

**Meeting Materials:**

- July 24, 2025 WQPP Steering Committee meeting notes

**Agenda**

- 8:45 AM**      **WQPP Log-In and Technology Check, \*WQPP Steering Committee Members and Presenters Only\***  
(15 min) GoToWebinar sound check with Steering Committee members and presenters.
- 9:00 AM**      **I. Welcome, Opening Remarks and Administrative Business**
- Call to Order and Opening Remarks, *Wade Lehmann, EPA/ Lawrence Glenn, DEP*
  - Steering Committee Roll Call and Housekeeping
  - Review and Adopt Agenda
    - *Steering Committee Vote*
  - Approve Minutes from July 24, 2025
    - *Steering Committee Vote*
  - Confirm new SAC representative on the WQPP Steering Committee
    - *Steering Committee Vote*
- 9:15 AM**      **II. Management Committee Update, Karen Bohnsack (NOAA FKNMS), Nick Parr (DEP), Wade Lehmann/Beth Smith (EPA)**  
(10 min) Overview of ongoing efforts and planning by the Management Committee. Updates will include planning for a Technical Advisory Committee meeting in early 2026, the current status of the 2025 WQPP Congressional Report, and tentative process and timeline for future report cycles.
- *Steering Committee Q&A/Discussion (10 min)*

- 9:35 AM**      **III. Communications Subcommittee Update, Scott Atwell (NOAA FKNMS)**  
(5 min) Update on the Communications Subcommittee's efforts and progress
- *Steering Committee Q&A/Discussion (10 min)*
- 9:50 AM**      **IV. Canal Restoration Subcommittee Discussion, George Garrett (City of Marathon)**  
(5 min) Proposal and discussion to reconvene the Canal Restoration Subcommittee to help expedite canal restoration progress.
- *Steering Committee Q&A/Discussion (10 min)*
    - *Potential Steering Committee Vote*
- 10:05 AM**      **V. Public Comment (10 minutes)**
- 10:15 AM**      **VI. Round Robin Steering Committee Member Updates**  
(25 min) Opportunity for Steering Committee members and/or their invited staff provide updates on recent activities or emerging topics of relevance to the Water Quality Protection Program.
- 10:40 AM**      **Wrap-Up and Review Action Items**
- 10:45 AM**      **Adjourn**