



HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE

Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary wants your feedback on a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, the latest phase of Restoration Blueprint and the first comprehensive update of regulations since the sanctuary was designated. A public comment period of 100 days commenced on July 13, 2022.



COMMENT UNTIL OCT. 26, 2022

We invite you to submit comments in one of several ways:

- Online at www.regulations.gov, using docket number NOAA-NOS-2019-0094

- ORAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

August 30 – Virtual – 6 p.m. (register at website below)

September 20 – Key Largo – Coral Shores High School Auditorium – 6 p.m.

September 21 – Marathon – Marathon High School Auditorium – 6 p.m.

September 22 – Key West – Key West High School Auditorium – 6 p.m.

October 18 – Sanctuary Advisory Council Meeting, 9 a.m., Marathon

- Mail written comments to: Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, 33 East Quay Road, Key West, FL 33040, Attn: Proposed Rule.

Join us for a Virtual Q&A on August 16 at 6 p.m. to get your questions answered! Register at the website below.

PROPOSED SANCTUARY-WIDE REGULATIONS



CRUISE SHIPS

Cruise ships would only be allowed to discharge cooling water.

TEMPORARY EMERGENCY

Emergencies could be mitigated with rapid, temporary rulemaking.

ANCHORING

No anchoring in sanctuary preservation areas, restoration areas, conservation areas (with one exception), and some wildlife management areas.

DERELICT VESSELS

No anchoring, mooring, or occupying any boat deemed at-risk; deserting a vessel; or leaving harmful matter aboard a grounded or deserted vessel, plus requirements for reporting grounded vessels.

FISH FEEDING

Prohibits feeding and attracting of fish (including sharks) from vessels or while diving, but does not impact chumming for traditional fishing.

LARGE VESSELS

Large vessels would be required to use designated large vessel moorings.

ARCHAEOLOGY PERMITS

A single archaeological research permit category for historical resources.

Learn more at:

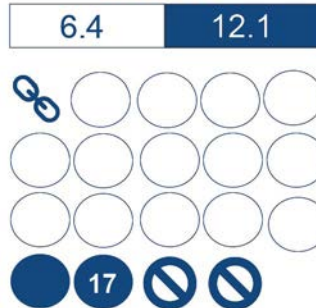
FloridaKeys.noaa.gov/Blueprint

Proposed Rule by the Numbers

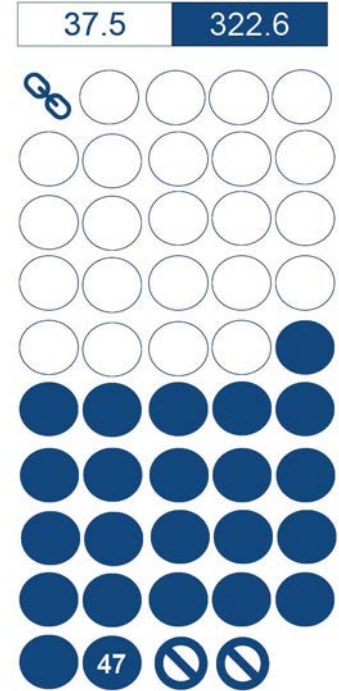
Marine Zones



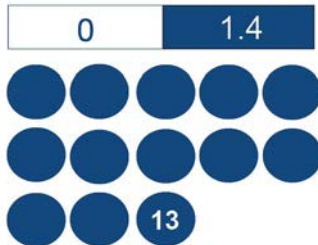
Sanctuary Preservation Areas



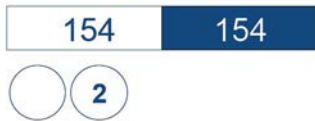
Wildlife Management Areas**



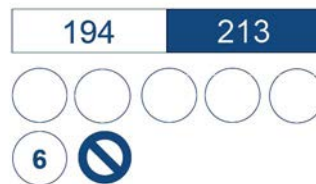
Restoration Areas



Management Areas



Conservation Areas*



*Formerly Ecological Reserves and Special Use Areas
 ** Includes Pulley Ridge and Tortugas Bank



Square Miles

ZONING TOOLS



Idle Speed



No Motor



No Entry



No Anchor



No Fishing

Various access and use restrictions are applied to certain zones to protect specific resources while maximizing compatible use.