

FKNMS Large Vessel Working Group Planning Meeting
May 8, 2002, FKNMS Lower Region Office
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Discussion:

BDC – charge the working group with developing its own mission: assess situation; come up with solutions.

DK – look to “mitigate the impact”

NK – “acknowledge cruise ship impacts”

General Purpose – is for a large working group with participation by all affected parties to determine how to mitigate the impacts of cruise ships and other large vessels on sanctuary resources. The working group is to:

- set up its own operating structure, ground rules, etc.
- assess the situation
- set up fact finding workshops as necessary
- bring in experts as necessary
- do problem solving/generate solutions

Prospective Membership –

- tri-chairs: (SAC Reps) Don, Nancy, (FKNMS Rep) Fritz
- Billy will try to keep some kind of distance (
- state – Gov’s office, FDEP regulatory, Parks, FWC
- cruise industry
- tourism/chamber
- port/city
- bar pilots
- Corps
- Sport fishing
- Commercial fishing
- Commercial diving
- Conservation
- School kids
- Navy
- Coast Guard
- EPA, etc.

Facilitator – look for local professional facilitator or someone like Mike Ling, or from Conflict Resolution Consortium.

Scientific panel – no second working group

Fact Finding sessions - invite public to Old City Hall commission chambers for expert panel presentations

General Projected Timeline – estimated 18 months to develop recommendations

- Summer '02 - convene/charge group /develop structure/issue identification
- Fall '02 - fact find sessions
- Winter '03 - issue clarification/brainstorming solutions
- Spring '03 - generate recommendations
- Summer '03 - finalize recommendations

Fall '03 - prepare report

Action Steps:

BDC/FW – generate agency rep lists

Don/Nancy – look at private side representation

All – think about facilitator possibilities

BDC – look at budget for meeting space, facilitator, travel, report production

Next Meeting: Friday, June 7th, 9am Old City Hall, Key West