



City of Key West

Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee Meeting

24 May 2011

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Key West City Manager

Welcome to Paradise!



Fleming Key

Dredgers Key

Salt Pond Keys

Raccoon Key

Stock Island

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Thompson Island

Cow Key

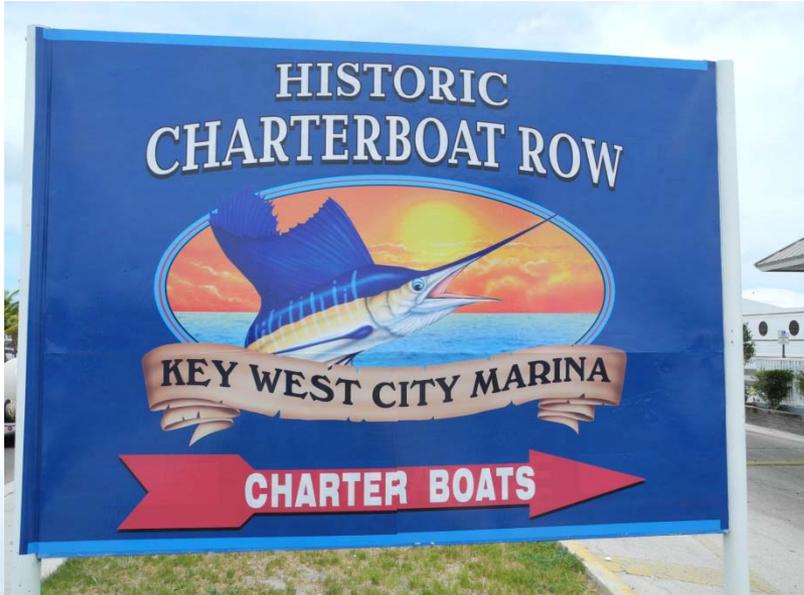
Key West

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St. Ignace Island

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City owned marina at Garrison Bight





Deep Sea
Fishing



Flats and Backcountry
Fishing

Reef Fishing



World Sailfish Tournament April 2011



9th Annual Key West Sailfish World Championship winners...



...Tournament also exceeded **\$2,000,000** mark in aggregate charitable donations

Pick Your Tournament... Year Round...



Professionals...

Hook and Line...



... and Amateurs

...and Spear Fishing

Or just enjoy the environment while fishing...



Florida Spiny Lobster “BUGS”



Stone Crab Claws



City Marinas

- 2 owned and operated by the City
 - Garrison Bight and Key West Bight
 - Bay Bottom Leases with State of Florida for shared revenue and public access
 - Both City marinas are **Clean Marina** designated
 - Permitted mooring field
 - Pump out boats and dingy docks
 - Three public boat ramps
 - Support Key West's Charter Fishing Fleet
 - Support the contract ferry to Fort Jefferson in the Dry Tortugas National Park
 - Key West Bight is a Community Redevelopment Area (CRA)

Ferry Boats and Cruise Ships



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Ferry Terminal Operations

- Two active ferries routes serving Key West
 - Fort Myers
 - Marco Island (seasonal Jan-Apr)
- 85,000 passengers per year
- International terminal approval in work with terminal expansion plan to support more daily arrivals/departures

Cruise Ships

- Major impact to the local business economy
 - \$6.0M annual gross revenue to City Govt
 - \$2,000,000 net revenue to City's General Fund
 - 3 Cruise ship piers
 - 350 annual ship visits
 - 850,000 passengers



Channel Widening Proposal

- “The reconnaissance study has resulted in the finding that a Federal interest in National Water Policy and economic development exists for Navigation improvements to Key West Harbor.” (US Army Corps of Engineers Reconnaissance Study Report Nov. 2010)
- Widen a portion (Cut B) of the main ship channel from 300’ to 450’
- Improved safety margins for newer, larger hull cruise ships
- Approx \$35M project.
- Sustain current annual passenger visits (approx. 850,000)
- Benefit to Cost Ratio is at least 2.36 (1.00 required for US Govt support)
- Prevent loss of revenue and jobs to Key West, Florida and USA...
 - No other US ports of call in the region...



Ship crab angle issue for newer cruise ships

Diving

- National Marine Sanctuary and the Florida Keys Coral Reef
- USS Vandenberg
 - Sunk on 27 May 2009
 - 520 feet long
 - 140 feet of water (45' depth to top of ship)
 - 6 miles south of Key West
 - Second largest artificial reef in Florida



USS Vandenberg
27 May 2009
10:21 AM



6 Miles South of Key West

Perfect Sinking





Massive Vandenberg Radar Antennas

SSM

SubsurfaceMedia.com

Pre / Post Vandenberg Impact Data

- Annual Divers: 22,636 / 57,708
(28% are local, 72% are visitors)
- Preliminary economic data:
\$2,895,671 / \$5,726,196

Issues for Consideration

- Boating, Fishing & Diving are all essential to Key West
- **Thoughtful and necessary** actions to balance fragile economic and fragile environmental resources is essential
- Education first, enforcement second
 - Reef habitat protection and public use access
 - Fishing regulations for the multiple dimensions of use
 - Recreational vs. Commercial limits
 - Grouper protection???
- Port facility sustainment -- long lead time issue
 - Major economic issue for Key West
- Offshore Oil drilling... Concerned...
- Climate Change and Sea Level Rise



Questions?

