

**Annotated Agenda**  
**MAFAC meeting – May 24-May 26, 2011**  
**Key West, FL**

**1. Title of Discussion:**           **Key West Marine Policy Issues**

**2. Presenters:**                   Jim Scholl, Key West City Manager  
Ed Barham, Environmental Director of Naval Air Station, Key West  
Billy Causey, Regional Director, National Marine Sanctuary Program  
(NOAA NOS)

**3. Objective/Purpose:** To provide an opportunity for MAFAC to learn more about marine issues facing Key West and the region.

**4. Background/Synopsis:**

Local Governance Perspective: Key West, Florida is an iconic island community, well-known for its eclectic people, beautiful beaches, and rich ocean ecosystems. From a management perspective, the challenge lies in balancing conservation and stewardship of its resources with an economic development strategy that sustains the viability of the area. Jim Scholl's presentation, which will focus on the Key West Harbor Dredging project, underscores the complexity and interconnectedness of the marine ecosystem and island development, an issue that resonates with those familiar with other coastal communities.

Naval Air Station – Overview of Navy Environmental Challenges: The Key West Naval Air Station comprises several facilities and a military airport located around the central business district of Key West and on neighboring islands, and has an extensive array of missions, including training activities that take place offshore. The Navy, like the city of Key West, faces a suite of environmental challenges that effect operations. Ed Barham, Environmental Director of the Naval Air Station in Key West, will discuss marine regulatory issues; coordination between the Navy and NOAA on protected resources and habitat protection; the kinds of letters of authorization and permits that the Navy must seek and get approved to be able to accomplish its training and defense mission; and the kinds of conditions or mitigation the Navy has been able to agree to, for the protection of corals, other protected species, essential fish habitat, and other marine resources.

Key West National Marine Sanctuary Overview: Few marine environments in the U.S. compare to the Florida Keys in terms of natural beauty and natural resources. The 2,800 square nautical mile Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary (FKNMS) surrounds the entire archipelago of the Florida Keys and includes the productive waters of Florida Bay, the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic Ocean. Bill Causey's presentation will provide an overview of the Key West National Marine Sanctuary, including the challenges and approaches to managing such a heavily-used marine environment.

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