

## FWC Next Steps in FKNMS Process

- FWC staff will remain engaged and will be commenting on the proposal that the Sanctuary puts forward
- Staff will update you as we move through this process
- FWC rulemaking may be needed at a later date
- Staff will continue to ensure that core agency values are understood by our partners



## Guidance FWC has been using

- FWC will consider highly restrictive regulatory measures (i.e. closures associated with fishing or boating access) only after non-regulatory or the least restrictive regulatory measures have been tried, evaluated and determined to be ineffective
- Further consideration of highly restrictive regulatory measures can be considered if such measures are supported by compelling and credible rationale or scientific data and determined to be essential and effective for:
  - maintaining fisheries spawning areas
  - essential and effective for restoring or maintaining critical fisheries/wildlife populations or habitats
  - necessary for managing fishing/boating access to address significant public safety concerns or significant stakeholder conflicts

