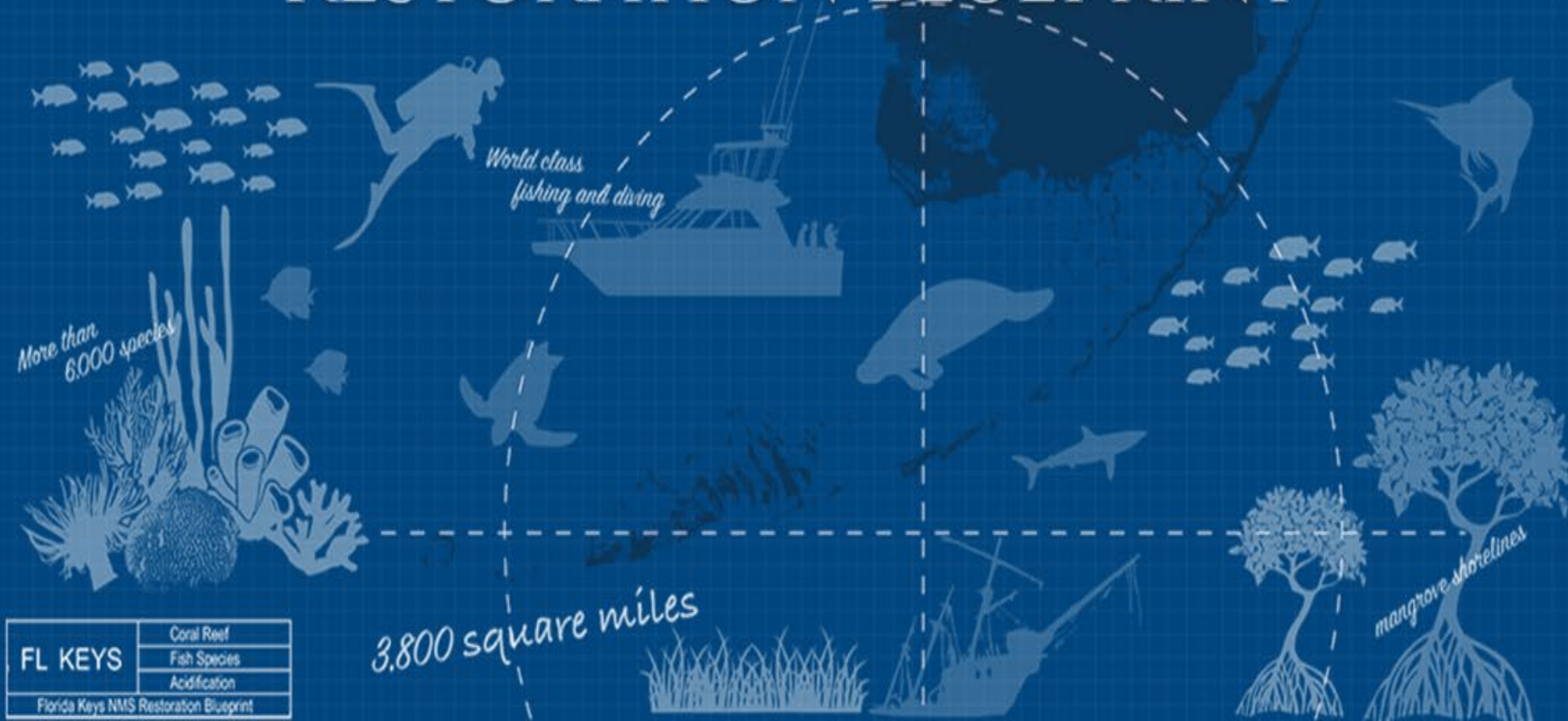




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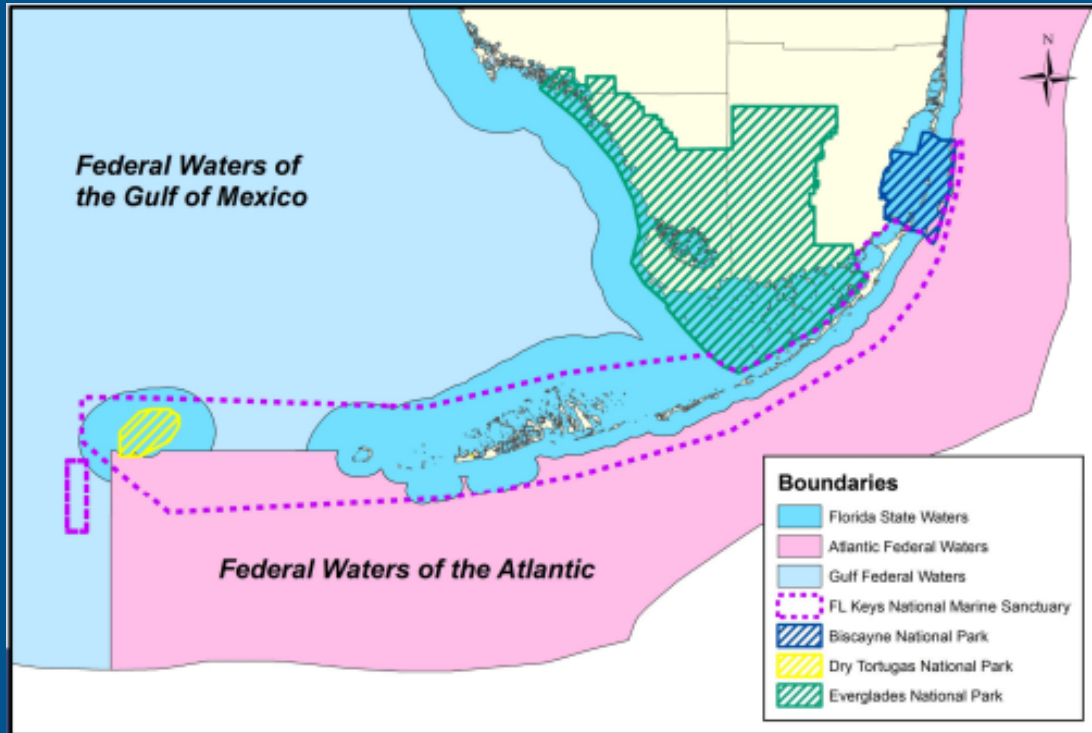
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Protocol for Cooperative Fisheries Management

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What is the Protocol for Cooperative Fisheries Management?



1997 Agreement between NMFS, NOS, and FMFC.

Recognizes the multiple jurisdiction and authorities for fishery regulations in FKNMS.

Provides for flexible management while retaining state, federal, and public involvement.

Describes the roles and outlines the process of state, federal, and fishery management councils for ongoing fishery management in FKNMS.

Link current Protocol: https://nmsfloridakeys.blob.core.windows.net/floridakeys-prod/media/archive/mgmtplans/man_proto.pdf



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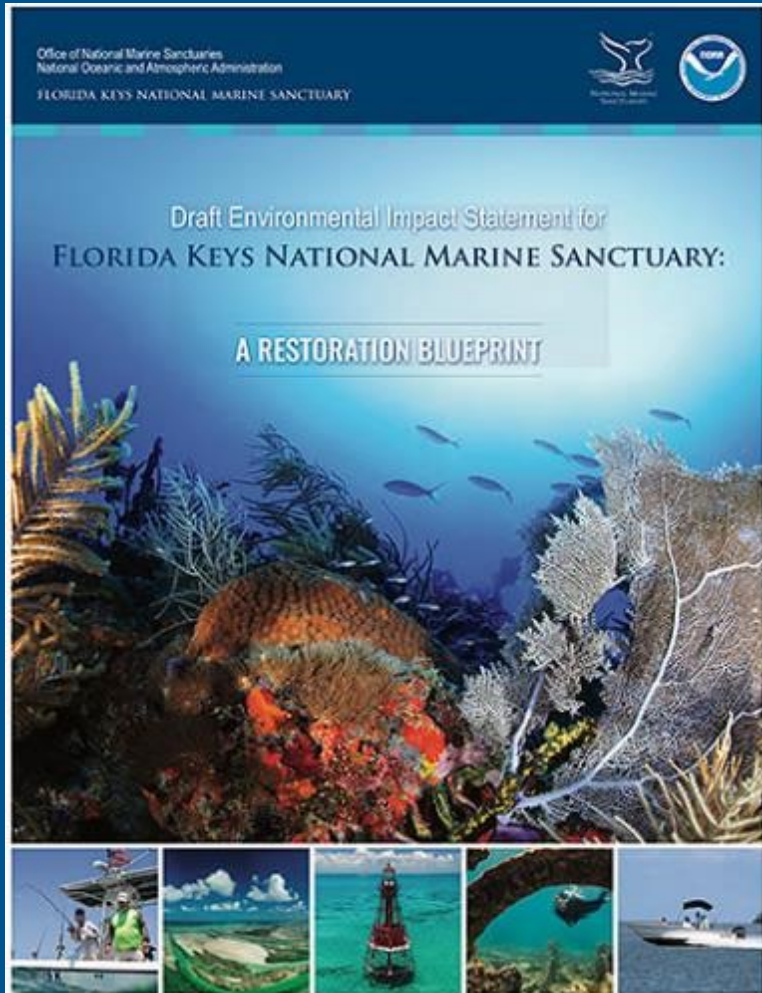


1997 Agreement signatories:

- Florida Marine Fisheries Commission
- National Marine Fisheries Service as signatory and as designee of the FMCs
- National Ocean Service



Why is it being updated?



FKNMS Restoration Blueprint:

- regulations
- management plan
- cooperative management agreements
 - Protocol for Cooperative Fisheries Management



Key topics to address:

- Update to include Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
- Clarify respective authorities and jurisdictions for fisheries management
- Review process for communication and coordination among signatories for fishery management action
- Include new section for Traditional Fishing:
 - clarify traditional fishing activities, and
 - develop a transparent process to evaluate new or modified fishing activities and other relevant changes to fisheries management.



What is the estimated timeline?:



Protocol

Staff (NOAA/FWC/FMC) review and develop draft for consideration

Agency and FMC review and input

Develop final Protocol for clearance and FEIS

Final document preparation and clearance

Rulemaking

Final rule development including agency coordination and consultation

NEPA

Final Environmental Impact Statement development





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