

Biscayne National Park Fisheries Management Plan Advisory Committee

CONSENSUS RULES

- EVERY ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TO MAKE DECISIONS BY CONSENSUS
- VOTING WILL ONLY BE USED IF CONSENSUS CANNOT BE REACHED IN A REASONABLE AMOUNT OF TIME
- CONSENSUS IS DEFINED AS EVERYONE HAVING NO LESS THAN 3 FINGERS SHOWING DURING A RANKING
- A QUORUM OF VOTING MEMBERS IS NEEDED TO HAVE A MEETING; A QUORUM IS DEFINED AS 2/3 OF THE VOTING MEMBERS.
- 80% OF MEMBERS PRESENT, WITH A MINIMUM OF 50% OF THE VOTING MEMBERS PLUS ONE, IS REQUIRED TO PASS AN ITEM.
- CONSENSUS SHOWN AS FOLLOWS WITH A SHOW OF FINGERS:
 - 5 FINGERS MEANS WHOLEHEARTED SUPPORT
 - 4 FINGERS MEANS SUPPORT
 - 3 FINGERS MEANS NEUTRAL BUT WILL SUPPORT FULLY TO OUTSIDE WORLD
 - 2 FINGERS MEANS YOU STILL HAVE QUESTIONS YOU NEED TO ASK
 - 1 FINGER BLOCKS ANY DECISION (NO MIDDLE FINGERS!!)

In the event anyone has a show of 1 or 2 fingers, discussion will continue to either answer questions or concerns of those blocking. If there are no 1's or 2's, then consensus is reached on that issue and you will move on to the next issue to be discussed.

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