

Below are some of the more important gains we've made since this negotiation process started:

1. All references to human remains deleted from rule.
2. All references to bottom lands survey and restoration deleted from rule.
3. Rule/permit not applicable within the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary.
4. Rule/permit not applicable to existing admiralty claims or state contracts.
5. Longer permits, 3 years.
6. Larger permit areas, 3 square miles.
7. Buffer zones reduced to 100 yards for admiralty arrests. No other buffers (500 yard buffers first proposed deleted, buffers to channels deleted).
8. Permits in inland waters allowed.
9. Share protecting permit area with state.
10. Time limits set for Division to respond to permit requests.
11. Division can't unreasonably suspend or revoke permits. Must take into consideration unknown variables in exploring wrecks. Must notify permittee of options.
12. Prop wash deflectors allowed. 10 inch suction dredges allowed
13. Survey of permit area with emphasis on shipwreck being looked for. Do not have to survey the entire area and check all anomalies.
14. Artifacts found under an exploration permit are now included in pool of divisible artifacts recovered under the recovery permit.
15. Division and permittee to decide jointly when a recovery permit is appropriate.
16. "No Interest Conveyed" deleted.
17. Distribution of materials discussed. Specifics to be in permit.
18. Some references to "completing" project deleted and replaced with "conducting" project.
19. Archaeologist doesn't have to be on board at all times. Up to permittee's archaeologist to decide.
20. Archaeologist's time of experience cut in half.
21. No expectation of permit renewal deleted.