

Submitted	County	Do you have any reef-related concerns or specific problems you would like to share?	Do you have any suggestions about how to improve the Our Florida Reefs	What's the best way to engage, inform, and work with your community?	Do you have any additional comments or suggestions about the Our Florida Reefs Process, the community meeting you attended, or any other aspect of the
3/25/2014	Broward	<p>beach should be a paramount concern to saving the reef system from West Palm Beach to Homestead and possibly further. The tunnel vision of only removal of these tires will result in the mass destruction of much of the reef system when a tidal surge deposits these tires up and down the coast of Florida.</p> <p>In the tight economic budgets of today to think that millions of dollars will be found for the removal of these tires seems unlikely. Better to have the option of stabilizing these tires by either rebundling them with stronger material or what our group believes is the most practical solution is to confine them with a series of nets secured to anchor points throughout the tire field. Once money is found to remove the tires they then would be placed on top of the nets and lifted to the surface.</p>	<p>Moritorium on off shore fishing and create NO FISH ZONES that has proven results on other reefs around the world</p>	<p>Dive shops, Dive clubs, and more visuals for the public. Problem with the ocean is that the cliché Out of Sight Out of Mind holds true. In my videos over the years I have stressed the dire changes of the reefs. No longer do you see schools of larger fish mostly now the small reef fish some of those are now destroying the reef system since they no longer have any predators.</p>	<p>Thinking out of the box is an asset</p>

On Sunday, March 23, 2014, I led a group of snorkelers off the beach at Lauderdale by the Sea at Datura Ave. We stopped by the Biorock Project. About 100 feet north of the project was a small boat anchored directly on the reef. I politely informed the woman aboard that it was a significant fine if they are caught. About 10 minutes later an FWC boat came by traveling South and was only about 300 feet away, yet he did not stop. People that are aware of the project know it is on the reef; hence, seeing a boat anchored directly north of

Palm  
3/24/2014 Beach

Background:

I recently moved to the area and understand teams have just been formed but still hope to get actively involved.

My interest started last spring while diving on a shallow, area wreck. There was significant damage to the surrounding reef likely caused in large part by divers. I swam a short distance north, off the reef and was treated to a vigorous reef.

Suggestion:

It occurred to me that sections of reef could be placed off limits for a period of time, on a rotational basis, to allow for regrowth. An analogy would be the farmer who allows fields to lay fallow on a rotational basis so that they are more productive. Establishing alternating segments of reef of X length (fallow/open) would ensure that shore based

evening or weekend meetings. I can't attend day long meetings.

Palm  
3/12/2014 Beach

3/11/2014 Seminole

I am wondering if there is any more room for a citizen member from central FL. It is disconcerting to me that, while FL is second only to AK in coastal miles, the reef program appears to be relegated to a handful of southern counties. As a life-long

Connect with scuba operators throughout the state and make them aware of your program.

Is there a state-wide Coral Reef Initiative?

wrote for REEF. While the targeted audience is other divers the important take-away is the biodiversity that abounds in a long-standing SPA, I would hope this information can shed light on just how important these SPAs are. We only see about 60% of the species on nearby reefs outside the protected area.

The 100 Species Challenge on Alligator Reef, Sanctuary Preservation Area (SPA) Islamorada, Florida

Its easy to take for granted places that you see regularly and miss out on how special they are, Alligator Reef in the Florida Keys is such a place for me.

I just put down the latest edition of one of the dive magazines touting some of the most amazing dive sites in the world; my mind wanders as I daydream Anchoring on the reef and garbage on the reef (old traps, fishing line, anchors and anchor

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