

| County Meeting Attended | 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 Community Planning Process? | What's the best way to engage, inform, and work with your community? | What is the best way to communicate with you? Please specify names of publications, broadcast channels or social media. | 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 Southeast Florida Coral Reef Initiative? |
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| Martin | Concerned about local saballerid work reef and protective efforts. Also concerned about water quality issues. | | | | |
| Martin | Have the estate of people buried at sea to find reef relief related stories | | website and public meetings | email, website, social media | |
| Martin | | Better event PR would've probably resulted in increased attendance. | email | email | Relate work to economy |
| Martin | 1. Like to participate on group to raise \$ for Martin County to install mooring balls on M.C. Reefs that are heavily used. 2. Like to see OFR sign (w/web address) on bottom and on inlet jetties from Stuart to Biscayne Bay. 3. Consider having a SEFCRI membership program where a small membership fee could go to working group recommendations. Membership could be tailored to Working Group title too. | | Get a Facebook page for SEFCRI. Place OFR sign on inlet jetties. Place few on selected reefs heavily dived on bottom next to scientific sampling markers. | Through Florida Association of Environmental Professionals | Thank you all for working to protect our Florida reef tract. Your public outreach program is terrific! |
| Martin | 1. St. Lucie Inlet near shore reefs in Martin County: a. Damages from massive freshwater discharges. B. Sedimentation on reefs. C. Inclusion of Sabellarid worm reefs D. Inclusion of supporting coastal habitats such as seagrass beds, oyster reefs, mangrove shorelines and marshes. E. Stressors -mooring buoys- For all SEFL reefs: concern for impact from class 1 injection pollution. Concern for keeping the Ocean Outfall Act of 2008 intact and meeting goals by 2025. | | | | |
| Martin | Don't know enough to share yet - have programs directed at middle school, high school students | More advertising-ex. IRSC website or any college | A healthy mixture of both emphasis community sharing | email, Facebook, yahoo | Need more advertising. I am very interested and believe I pay attention to announcements but I did not know until yesterday about your meeting. |
| Martin | | Mass email - have listed on risk website | community meetings, private citizens | email, Facebook | find a way to inform more of the public |

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| Martin | My concerns are those that are currently being addressed, in particular 1. stormwater runoff; 2. Lake "O" discharges; 3. Ocean acidification; 4. Over-fishing | Provide information through presentations at area nature centers (Hobe Sound Nature Center, Loxahatchee River Center, FOS, Environmental Studies Center) | See #5. Do presentations at area nature centers in the fall/winter to engage more people. | email, Facebook, website | Good presentation-I'm interested in getting involved with a community working group. |
| Martin | | Organized so we can sign up for specific activities or groups for which we could provide a benefit. | I'm a teacher. I would love an educational program concerning the status of our reef and how we can improve it for middle school. | email or phone | |
| Martin | | The speakers were very informative but it didn't really answer the question of what we can do. What is your mission? Is it simply to get the word out that we need to protect the reefs? | Schools. To me FL needs to legislate that the study of coral reefs is a mandatory curriculum topic in all science classes. | Facebook | Besides gathering information and learning more about the importance of protecting coral reefs you need to tell people how. What do you want the community of Stuart to do? |
| Martin | | | | Facebook, Instagram, YouTube | |
| Martin | 1. How to eliminate/slow growth of lionfish population and 2. How to communicate this initiative on a broader bases, larger scale? | Have a local area communication through the country clubs/gated community newsletters | See #5 | email | |
| Martin | Mooring buoys on map application | | | IPhone | Great presentation! Local lobbying! |
| Martin | Our reefs of Martin County are threatened by government decisions-Lake Okeechobee discharges and dredging specifically. Can SEFCRI really change government behavior? | | | | |
| Martin | Beach renourishment impact on reefs and dredging | Improve information dissemination. While we were in CT for 5 years (transfer) we have been back since 2005. The newspaper notice of today's meeting was the first we had heard of SEFCRI and SEAFAN. | Private citizens, local businesses, newspapers, etc. | Local newspapers and TV. Social media through dive shops, etc.. | Get the word out! |
| Martin | | Be present in the terrestrial water quality. I think that taking on the aquatic preserve possibility here on is timely. | local schools and educational organizations | email and environmental organizations | nicely done. I look forward to getting more involved. |
| Martin | | Good process. Reach out to the Press for some onsite news crews to promote (website and such). | See #5 | Florida Sportsman magazine and diving websites and blogs. | Keep up the great work! |
| Martin | Add mooring buoy gaps location to map mobile app. | | | | |
| Martin | | Use public radio and TV to advertise meetings | 30 minute targeted videos on specific reef related issues | EXEL and news items in local TV and newspapers | Better advertising |
| Martin | lionfish | | local businesses and clubs | email | Please make it clear where SEFCRI fits in with the other gov't and NGOs out there and how it was founded to fill what others are missing. Give an overview of what we're trying to accomplish early on in the talk. |

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| Martin | We need to stop mitigation banking. It is crucial to incorporate "in kind/like" mitigation. If we are impacting near shore reef/hard bottom, it makes logical sense to focus on the area of impact rather than place artificial reefs in 50-100 feet of water or use previous artificial reefs as "credit" to move forward with damaging coastal projects. Also the freshwater discharges are affecting what reef we have left. Studies have shown zooxanthelle are sensitive to large flux in salinity. Ex. St. Lucie Inlet splits to Bathtub Reef and St. Luce Preserve Park. | | Stuart News (print and online), local TV stations | Email, Facebook | |
| Martin | St. Lucie Inlet State Park: 1. Need more interpretive/education prog. 2. Freshwater discharges and water quality on near shore reefs. 3. Need more coordination and dialogue between agencies. | | Get them involved; provide volunteer opportunities; social media; take it to the schools. | Local and State newspapers; Facebook; Email blasts | Great Job! |
| Martin | artificial reefs close to coral reefs inshore | | | | |
| Martin | None at this time - here for general interest. | | Presentation to regional stakeholder groups. | Email, Facebook, T.C Waterway Cleanup, Martin County Lionfish Program (www.melionfish.com) | |
| Martin | | Include information about what happens after Step 4 of planning process. How do these strategies/changes get implemented and enforced? | Public news and local businesses. | Facebook | See 5. Could classrooms participate or have representatives in a working group? |
| Martin | | | Encourage community involvement events (beach clean-up, etc.) Target areas with high boat traffic and get a buzz started! | | Has SEFCRI explained the possibility of ??corals to build up the coral reefs? How closely has SEFCRI studied the existing reef planning organizations, etc. in South Florida? Have you determined best practices to follow? How do State marine schools assist with Initiatives? |
| Martin | 1. Beach restoration efforts - are they really for the benefit of the environment or the people? 2. Using local reefs as public beachfronts. 3. Lake O discharges | | Start with county and city government officials education | Facebook, email, NPR treasure coast | |
| Martin | Mooring buoys in protected reef systems. | | Educate more people so that environmentally sound people are voted into office. | Facebook and email blasts. | |

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| Martin | 1. Global climate change. 2. Ocean acidification. 3. Loss of shallow water reefs leading to potential loss of biodiversity. 4. Exotic species (lionfish). 5. Pollution. 6. Overfishing/fishing out of season. 7. Illegal commercial fishing. 8. Anchors on reefs. 9. Monofilament on reefs. | Spread the word at local schools and environmental agencies | local businesses and communities focused on environmental awareness | Facebook, Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute | Thank You! |
| Martin | We need more collaborations to involve SE FL, Keys, Caribbean, and Gulf research and outreach. | More education and outreach presence. | local businesses and social media | email | |
| Martin | 1. That they won't be here for generations to come. 2. Information isn't as available outside of areas with reefs (I am from MI) 3. Lionfish 4. Dangerous/ignorant forms of recreation (careless boating, divers, etc.) 5. Troubles with beach "restoration" bringing sand to reefs. | Branch out to tourists and seasonal residents as well. | Anything with information that is understandable and accessible. | social media like Facebook, twitter, instagram | |
| Martin | More federal \$ and awareness | | Have a presentation to the County Commissioners which will broadcast on county TV stations | A presentation to the National Estuaries Council and raise awareness at local band competition at Mac Beach State Park. | |
| Martin | Lionfish, disease, nutrient enrichment, low DO, low salinity, misinformation, overfishing, anchors | A less formal committee would be nice, or a donation campaign. | Anything with nice formatting and lots of solid references (academia) | Social media (Facebook and video is nice) | An easily accessible, relatable blog. |
| Martin | Educational material for teaching reefs in my marine science classes was very hard to come by. Making this material readily available and easy to find would be helpful. | | For me education would be best at the school level. | Facebook | |
| Martin | 1. Info on how Mother Nature is helping itself. 2. Everglades. 3. Hybridizing Corals. 4. Dredging! Awareness on how it hurts, Port of Pam Beach to be majorly affected | | | | |
| Martin | 1. The effects of outflow from Lake O and St. Lucie River on near coast reefs. 2. Stop the ocean cast netting on the reefs. | | Informational meeting such as this meeting. I'm sorry there wasn't a bigger turn out. | I cut the cord! Internet meets all my news needs. | It's a good start! |

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| Martin | <p>The storm discharge from Lake Okeechobee needs to be lessened or removed in order to provide better water quality for marine habitats (coral and oyster reefs). During the last event (November 2012) the salinity dropped from 34 ppt to 13 ppt near the St. Lucie inlet - which was also near many recently restored oyster reefs. In addition to the freshwater shock, the sedimentation and nutrients from agriculture to the west fuel the algal dominated reefs with very low or no coral cover.</p> | <p>Annual or bi-annual community symposiums such as the current set of meetings is a good idea to keep the public involved and informed.</p> | <p>Private business/consultants with local society meetings (ex. Florida Association of Environmental Professionals)</p> | <p>Email, Facebook, linked in</p> | <p>Great job on the educational talk and fact sheets!</p> |
| Palm Beach | <p>Inlets to freshwater.</p> | | <p>Dive shops/at new homebuyer meetings.</p> | <p>Email and social media.</p> | |
| Palm Beach | <p>Since the late 1990s I've observed the decline of the reef in the keys. I'm happy to see this start and I am concerned funding wont be adequate. And I support new and stronger regulations to support water quality and reefs.</p> | | | | |
| Palm Beach | <p>I'm concerned that things such as pesticide use, over-fertilization and nutrient over-use when it comes to stormwater run-off into lagoons, etc. eventually to the coral reefs, as well as runoff from golf course extensive use of toxic chemicals.</p> | <p>Educate cities and towns on coast about stormwater runoff. 1)More user education...recreational boaters, divers, fishermen, regarding direct damage. 2) More education regarding residential fertilization, pesticide use, disposal of chemicals, oil and gas. 3) More responsibility for marinas, boatyards, etc.</p> | <p>Local business, cities and towns, workshops at tourist spots in season</p> | <p>Email</p> | <p>You should work with the big box stores to carry fertilizers, pesticides, seeders, etc. that are less toxic to marine life, to offer them to customers..as well as education.</p> |
| Palm Beach | <p>Our reefs have tons of fishing line and hooks and other fishing-related garbage. How can we reduce this? I'm concerned about invasive species like the lionfish and who knows what else. I'm concerned that the legislature is not holding up laws passed to end sewage discharges which promote harmful algae. I'm concerned that we are not managing shipping into ports in a way that prevents reef damage.</p> | | | <p>Email, Facebook</p> | <p>Need outreach to user groups not school kids. They don't fish, boat, dive or vote.</p> |

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| Palm Beach | Land-based pollution (e.g. nitrogen, phosphorus from agriculture and farming) | | Teachers/local schools; libraries; dive shops; other water based orgs. (e.g. surfrider) | email | |
| Palm Beach | I would like to be involved. | | | | |
| Palm Beach | What condition is the Intercoastal Waterway once you go north of Havloner Cut? Are there any corals or sponges in the IW? | | Have very local booths set up at grocery stores (Publix, Winn-Dixie, Wholefoods, etc.) that explain the reefs and a person to answer questions on Friday-Sunday) | Social media | |
| Palm Beach | | | Opportunities for local businesses to co-op and get involved | Facebook and email | |
| Palm Beach | | | | Palm Beach Post | |
| Palm Beach | | Involve the teachers! | Public talks, interactive workshops | Facebook | More info on initiative |
| Palm Beach | | Most people attending have concerns- and would like to voice them as well as ask questions. | Social media | Facebook and email | Allow questions and input from audience |
| Palm Beach | Your program is informative and materials are useful. An addition might be to include artificial reef and mooring buoy info. | | | | |
| Palm Beach | We are eager to help educate our youth in PB City about this program and promote empathy about our own Florida reefs. | | | | |
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| Palm Beach | | Good job! Involve children-they are our future. | Use every avenue of communication available and talk talk talk. | Florida Audubon Publication | Great beginning! |
| Palm Beach | | 1. Have Q&A (more efficient than kiosks and attendees get the same info and answers to questions they may not have asked). 2. Let attendees know where those who cannot attend can see the presentation online. | Advertise the website | Your website and email | |
| Palm Beach | | | | | |
| Palm Beach | Habitat protection and loss | Get the word out better about the meetings, planning process and how individuals can get involved. | | email | |
| Palm Beach | 1. Rebuild our reefs! 2. Many dead reefs in the area! | | Fishing, snorkel and scuba clubs | | |

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| Palm Beach | Have noticed reef changes over the years. They are being damaged by boats and people. More education and publication is needed to make people aware of the beautiful throngs that can be seen in our oceans. | More education with seminars, etc. educate our children to appreciate what is in the sea. | Organize snorkeling and scuba trips. | Palm Beach Post, snorkel and scuba clubs. | The meeting was very informative. Would like to have more seminars. |
| Palm Beach | | Continue with educating young people. | TV and newspapers | | I read in today's paper we would spend \$24 million in beach renourishment. How much better to invest in artificial reefs when beach erosion is a problem. No silt or turtle season restriction time and as money is available we can add to them - they will still be there. |
| Palm Beach | I am very concerned with overfishing. I support no-take areas to protect ocean resources. I believe reefs are being too heavily used. We have anchoring problems - users are putting heavy pressure on our reefs. Beach projects cause turbidity, port dredging is also affecting our reefs. Port dredging has involved reef destruction. In some cases reefs have been dynamited. Ghost fishing from lost fishing equipment is a serious problem. Pirate fishing is a serious problem offshore - many trawl near reefs and we need greater enforcement. Plastic bags, bottles and Styrofoam are very damaging to sea life. We need to advocate for reduced use of plastics. Many cities are working to reduce plastic pollution. | More opportunities for sharing of ideas through focus groups. Support marine reserve areas. | Have an open meeting where the public can attend and talk about issues. | email and information at meetings | we need to create no take areas to protect our fish resources. |
| Palm Beach | Anchor drags are mostly what we see from our dive boat | | Thought the teacher thing was cool. Could maybe teach them to dive as well and then they could see firsthand. | Email and Facebook | |
| Palm Beach | | Just seeing it today. | Be active, talk to people and educate them. | Email | |
| Palm Beach | I support as many designated sanctuaries as possible. Grassflats at south end of IRC (north of Jupiter inlet) could rebound if the public was excluded. | | Involve citizens in data collection and stewardship. | Email, Facebook | Help public understand early on this is more than coral reefs. People might be active in the marine environment without directly interacting with coral reefs. |
| Palm Beach | | Just keep spreading the word. | Flyers and group speakers | Email and Facebook | Great presentation |

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| | | | As a diver: Captains, divemasters, dive shops, boat owners and renters and stress the importance of caring for our reefs, inform them of the biology and fragile nature. Make them aware so they value the reef and ecosystem not just the fish, lobster it provides. As an educator: Provide speakers, information, for k-12 education within the framework of the common core standards in place. I know this is already in place to some degree but perhaps new stress on this for schools. | | |
| Palm Beach | | | | | |
| Palm Beach | | | Local businesses, schools, FAU and Palm Beach State | Email and social media | I hope the meetings continue and grow in the future! Wonderful! |
| Palm Beach | | | | | |
| Palm Beach | Think about what would Orlando be without Disney? This is what Florida would be like without our reefs. That's what people need to understand. | We need to show the people in Florida the impact the reef diving and fishing industry has on our economy. | TV. Website involving more people in the vacation industry to promote reef protection | Radio and TV specials on Florida's reefs. Outreach events from dive shops. | I have personal experience with coral decline having dove from Pennekamp to Sand Key, Key West in 1976 and watching my dream world disappear right before my eyes we need more time-laps photos on TV to show how fast it's disappearing. |
| Palm Beach | The decline of reef life and the destruction placed by we humans. How I can better impact my young students! | Visit schools? | Law firms whom sponsor our local TV ads. Local news media. Many reports and anchors are also surfers, divers, etc. | All social media - Facebook, linked in, etc. | Many people vacation in Florida. Contact the travel sites, magazines, etc. |
| Palm Beach | Broward bait fish are less and less each year. | | | email | We have to tell the public that without our oceans intact we will cease to exist. |
| Palm Beach | | | | local media, TV, email | |
| Palm Beach | Invasive fish-lionfish. Water quality-ensuring the cities value the water/reef quality. Pumping flood water can we do more to control the pumping? Educating boaters, divers, fishers about the values of the reef and how to protect them. | | Work with dive shops and charters to help spread the word. Utilize a captive audience while en route to visit a reef. Give mini lessons on boats about the value of reefs and how to protect them. | | Utilize schools-create a club for schools where your ocean loving teachers educate kids-elementary, middle and high school reading regarding reefs. This can be appealing to kids who come from ocean loving families-many of my students families own boats-they could help spread the word to their parents. If you hit enough schools you can hit a lot of the parents. I'm going to look into starting a club at my middle school next year. |
| Palm Beach | | | local business | email | |
| Palm Beach | decline in wildlife/local coral reef ecosystems | Word of mouth or more advertising. | local business/events | Facebook and email | no, great event/meeting |

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| Palm Beach | <p>I am very interested in the establishment of marine reserves. We need more no-take areas. Many necessary fish to our ecosystem such as parrot fish are being over harvested. This leaves less fish to protect our reef ecosystem. It is particularly important to protect spawning areas. Fish aggregations need to be protected, and invasive species controlled. Beach dredging projects are causing a great deal of damage. Port dredging is also causing a great deal of damage. Inlets are causing damage to our beaches by preventing sand from flowing south. Sea walls are also damaging our beaches, resulting in fewer beach turtle nesting sites. Ships and boats that drag anchors and chains across reefs are very damaging. We need mooring balls to prevent anchoring on our reefs. Algal blooms from nutrients are also a serious problem. Fertilizers cause damage.</p> | <p>The more public input the better. I would permit more opportunity for the public to speak and interact with staff.</p> | <p>Making staff available to answer the public's questions.</p> | <p>Email</p> | <p>I would provide an opportunity for public comment in front of the group so others may share in the knowledge of other attendees. I like to hear comments from other members of the public. It was difficult around the kiosks to hear other people's ideas.</p> |
| Palm Beach | <p>I am concerned with community awareness regarding the status of coastal FL reefs. Specifically, my graduate work and career goals are to examine the health of the reefs relative to nearby human activities. Influencing water management is a top priority of mine, as many Floridians may not realize the extent of their influence on nearby marine environments.</p> | <p>Its wonderful to include the community, but I wonder if this process will slow policy/management/etc. given our short timeline to preserve/conservate FL reefs.</p> | <p>Social networking!</p> | <p>Email, Facebook, coral listserve</p> | <p>Not at this moment, any future commentary will be over the website! I'm joining when I get home!</p> |
| Palm Beach | | | | | |
| Palm Beach | <p>1. Water quality management during freshwater discharge through wilds. 2. Fishing line/gear tangled on reefs/hard bottom. Especially near fishing piers (as expected). Increased educational info to fishermen-maybe onsite at the piers.</p> | | <p>Contact through email and encourage participation in meetings. ESRI app w/ resource layers is a great tool to educate the community.</p> | <p>coral list and porifera list</p> | |

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| Palm Beach | The Palm Beach port expansion. If it passes can our reefs handle 2 years of constant dredging? Does SEFL stand to gain enough revenue to justify the devastation it will leave in its wake? | | Get the local businesses that use/depend on the reef as a stepping stone to reach citizens that use the reefs regularly (dive shops, charter boats, hotels that cater to tourists and travel agents). | Facebook/website | |
| Palm Beach | The ACOE Lakeworth Inlet dredge plan. Depth from 33' to 39', width from 300' to 450' minimum. Will this cover the reefs with silt and kill the reefs? Rock piles have been placed in 10'-15' of water in front of Singer Island Beach. The fish population is larger in singer and growing. As the sand pumping to the beach washes back to the ocean in less than one year, the rocks that provide fish habitat are covered. More rock piles should be added along the beach to replace the covered rocks that were providing fish habitat. | | | | |
| Palm Beach | I hope you can support the Reef Rescue Group- they are fantastic! | | | WRMF, local TV | |
| Palm Beach | Overfishing, overall loss of our reefs, poor diving practices. | | Social media, email, community meetings | Facebook, Alert Diver DAN publication, QUEST-GUE publication? | Well organized, informative meeting |
| Palm Beach | Fish habitat | Use the Angler Action program by the Snook and gamefish foundation to log fish in order to properly assess fish stocks. | Facebook and website outreach, angler action programs, see Brett Fitzgeralds comments | email, text, See Brett Fitzgerald's comments | |
| Palm Beach | Protection | Later start time perhaps 7pm or even a weekend afternoon for those of us that work. | public speaking and booths | Facebook and email | |
| Palm Beach | | Do presentations in season to reach greater numbers. | Include members of our school system like teachers, PTA's, etc. | | |
| Palm Beach | Our reefs are dying by this man made virus! | | | | |
| Palm Beach | My concern is that we might lose our coral reefs if we do not protect them enough. | Organize event in which people can clean up our coral reefs. | A local business. | Social media. YouTube. | I think the SEFCRI initiative is a great idea and will make an impact on how people treat our reefs. |
| Palm Beach | | Maybe more pictures of damage. | Try to make kid-friendly. If children are involved, more parents will be. | Sun Sentinel, email, Delray Beach website. | |
| Palm Beach | | | | Divers Alert Network, Facebook | |
| Palm Beach | Lack of education of boaters and other waterway users is a concern. Clearly there is a love of our waters but too much love can be a problem. | Consider events such as weekend farmers markets to get in touch. | Hoteliers? Restaurant Assoc? Neighborhood Associations, Condo association presentations may also help, especially along coastal community. | Email, PB Post, WPBTV, SFWMD Newsletters | What is the timeframe for implementation? |

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| Palm Beach | Concerned with discharge from St. Lucie Inlet and impact of beach renourishment on reefs. | | | | |
| Palm Beach | I feel like the presentation describes how my concerns are being addressed by both groups. | | Education through schools. Signs at beaches. | REEF.org, emails, NOT Facebook or Twitter | The meeting was very professional, clear cut material was presented and everyone was informed and friendly:) |
| Palm Beach | Reef damage caused by anchors. Trash accumulation in the oceans. | Do more to educate fishermen and discuss about their eligibility to tie up at buoys. | Use shops where general public hang out, crook and croole, West Marine, Publix, Fresh Market | Email | |
| Palm Beach | | | Through the media-get a local TV commentator interested. | WPTV-Sun Sentinel | |
| Palm Beach | | You're doing fine through schools. | Info given to dive boats that set up dive/hotel packages for visitors. | Newspaper | |
| Palm Beach | Increasing runoff (pesticide, fertilizer). Increasing pressure from cities to increase sewage outflow. Climate change and ocean acidification. | | I work at a nature center that educates about the coastal habitats. | Sun Sentinel, website. | Love seeing it move ahead. |
| Palm Beach | Just don't want the reefs to die off. | I would vote for mooring and regulating boat owners. | P.S.M. | Email | Keep up the good work! |
| Palm Beach | Runoff is my biggest concern. SFWMD discharges too much water to the Intracoastal. How can we slow this down? | Improve inland wetlands and must contain water before going into the ocean. School based presentations! | Dive shops. Tackle shops. | Facebook. | Meetings should be held at elementary and high schools. |
| Palm Beach | | | | Email | |
| Palm Beach | | This was my first meeting and was not aware of SEFCRI prior to this. No suggestions at this time. | | Internet | Achievements as well as challenges need to be discussed in the presentation with the kiosks as support. |
| Palm Beach | Fishing and scuba practices which are illegal but prolific. | Implement programs of education in public schools. | Through science curriculum/educators. | | |
| Palm Beach | I think boaters need to be better educated about our reef system and anchor laws need to be enforced better. | | When registering a boat there should be a mandatory reef education/certification. | | Divers card needs to include reef education and safety. |
| Palm Beach | I am concerned about over-fishing, lobstering and reef damage by boaters and divers. | | | Email | |
| Palm Beach | Want to increase our coral reefs. | Let the old people have a forum of their own about the EPA and drainage runoff issues. | Increase education NOT just in schools. | Facebook, Twitter, NBC6 | |
| Palm Beach | Mostly, I would like to know what we can do to help the reef rebuild and thrive. | | Social media. Meetings like this one are great but getting the word out via social media would be good. | Facebook, Instagram, Email | |
| Palm Beach | Water quality and fish limits/size restrictions. | More policy input to state and local government. | Website and Facebook | | |
| Palm Beach | Bleaching | | Social media. | Facebook, Email | |
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| Palm Beach | | Local newspaper, ads, Facebook | | Facebook | Have up and coming events list available at each meeting. |

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| Palm Beach | Legislature/laws protecting South Florida's coral reef need to be enforced. I wish that the very passionate comments had been encouraged-not suppressed. Their topics of concern need to be voiced and discussed in a forum like this. | | Distribute educational information through the local healthcare systems/hospitals-geared toward employee education (doctors, nurses, etc.) | Facebook | |
| Palm Beach | | Skip the intro to reefs, we already know. Lets go to the main problems and brainstorm solutions. Start making events that are proactive where people can do beach/reef clean ups and actively do something other than meeting and talking about how bad everything is. | Education. Professional and eye-appealing flyers, events that allow people to participate and become part of a group. | Facebook, email, local TV stations in Palm Beach. | I was hoping for a more specific meeting about how to improve the reefs. I did not need an educational class on reefs 101. Please consider the population attending these meetings- we are already aware and ready to take action now. I was hoping ,to leave with a plan, event or activity in mind but was confused with these community meetings we can join instead. |
| Palm Beach | There is no real monitoring of people taking advantage of fish out of season and killing sharks. I wish that there were either more people in FWC checking with fishermen and divers or some other check-in points, maybe? I even have friends who admit they take too many and I think people aren't all innately good or trustworthy. | | | Facebook | You need more specific examples during meeting for what community can do. I get that you want each to be different but we need examples to follow-maybe a part of your site that shows what other chapters or groups are up to. They can post photos, reports, ideas, etc. |
| Palm Beach | Beach renourishments. What are we doing about the sand that's being built up on the reefs? | Q&A session not with the kiosks. Talk about programs you are currently doing. | Meetings. | Facebook, emails. | |
| Palm Beach | | More education for novice boaters and divers. | All the above, TV, radio, Facebook | TV, radio, Facebook, CBS, NBC, FOX, local radio stations. | |
| Palm Beach | Would like answers to what is being done to govern and hold accountable those that violate the laws and legislation already in place to protect the coral reefs and waters off our coast. | Government officials to attend and answer citizen and group questions and concerns. | Small community meetings. Community and outreach meetings. | Twitter and Facebook -www.mermaid4life.com | Should be more of an open forum "town hall" type meetings to include Q&A. |
| Palm Beach | The reef's in poor health from a number of reasons. One key impact is overfishing. Overfishing drains the entire ecosystem and reduces its ability to recover from other stresses. | Looks pretty good. | Work with each sector and bring sectors together occasionally for cross-fertilization of ideas. | Listserve, websites | Keep up the good work! |

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| Palm Beach | Water quality, overfishing. Anchoring on the reefs, beach renourishment. We don't know what a natural reefs looks like in this area! They are so compromised by overfishing. This also harms the reef ecosystem. Compromising the reef makes our reefs more susceptible to other stressors. | You are doing an excellent job. | Through meetings, emails. | | |
| Palm Beach | Hope they survive development and climate change. | | | | |
| Palm Beach | Identify variations of state and federal laws, county and try to uphold them. No beach renourishment. Extend critical habitat for staghorn coral up to Jupiter Inlet. | | | | |
| Palm Beach | More positive reports of SEFCRI accomplishments! | | | Website and email. | |
| Palm Beach | What can the average citizen do? 100,000 average citizens doing 100,000 little things makes a difference. | I think getting "average" non-fishing, non-diving people to be aware that just about everything everyone does affects the reefs, then they will want to become involved to help make better decisions for economy, people recreation and our planet. | | Subscription based email and newsletter | |
| Palm Beach | Loss of Delray wreck (buried) due to beach renourishment. | More advertisement (TV?) and social media presence (meetup and Facebook) | | Facebook, TV (Channel 13), Meetup-Social media. | |
| Palm Beach | In order to solve our problems/threats mutual collaborations (worldwide) need to be established for a reef management strategy. | Social media powerful tool to spread the word. | Children's programs, local news. | PBS, NPR Radio and local Channels 5 and 12. | Feel like its more educational but other participants/citizens/community members expect something else. |
| Palm Beach | I enjoyed the presentations. | | | | |
| Palm Beach | We are very concerned: The dredging company who has not been fined for turbidity conditions in Delray and reef damage from their cables-and the rocks they pumped onto the beach-they need to be accountable-and closely supervised in the future (repair the damage and fined for the violations! The reefs are fragile!) | Let there be public comments at meetings, "Your Voice..." | News media, Facebook, newspaper notices | TV, Channel 29, Channel 12, Facebook, Palm Beach Post | Thank You |

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| Palm Beach | <p>1. Water quality of canal output into estuaries and coastal waters.</p> <p>2. Fishing pressure: Look at fishing pressure on non-reported species. I.e. Blackbellied Rosefish. A slow growing species occurring on specific habitat types in 600-800 Ft. under depths but has no limits.</p> <p>3. Continue effective community education.</p> | | <p>Recruit community leaders to assist with outreach in specific communities. Teachers, local government, local business, fishing/recreation advocates. Encourage participation and increase grass roots outreach.</p> | <p>Selective advertising in social media.</p> | <p>Speakers were excellent, well practiced and informative.</p> |
| Palm Beach | <p>Tons! Beach nourishment. The proposed expansion of Palm Beach Port, the death/devastation of all of the marine life that will be affected-many are already on the endangered species list. Reduce the lobster season and eliminate mini lobster season, require training about the marine environment and how to catch a lobster without destroying the reef and tearing the lobster apart (for shorts and egg bearing females). Stop outfall pipes. Educate waterfront homeowners about the effects of runoff (lawn chemicals and fertilizers).</p> | <p>It would be better to get the news out to people who are NOT passionate about the marine environment. The same folks attend these meetings. The ones that are aware of the issues and want to preserve the environment-I don't know how to do it, but that would help.</p> | <p>Through schools, community libraries, networking with other groups in the area "advertise" at local dive shops, marinas, etc.</p> | <p>Email and Facebook</p> | <p>Add a program for volunteer divers to help with monitoring, etc.</p> |
| Palm Beach | <p>I am really concerned about the sediments being used to renourish our beaches. I watched a young lady ride her bike at the edge of the water on Delray Beach (obviously the sand was replaced with a material that was not equivalent). She was riding much too easily! I cant help but believe that this sediment soon ended up smothering the reef down the road...would like to know...</p> | <p>Have a question and answer session following your kiosk time for those who wish to voice more concerns/input</p> | <p>Outreach to the schools</p> | <p>Email</p> | |

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| Palm Beach | I am concerned about health issues related to continued water quality degradation of our coastal waters from untreated, undertreated stormwater and outfalls. I am also concerned about the long-term effects of beach renourishment and the health, quality and quantity of our coral reefs. | Make sure the public understands the role of FDEP and the long term goals of SEFCRI. | Email, Internet, Linked In | Email | I would like to be a reef champion. I am involved in the following Professional Societies: 1. FL Assoc. of Environmental Professionals (FAEP). 2. National Association of Environmental Professionals (NAEP), Through these organizations I have access to thousands of people who work in the environmental professions. |
| Palm Beach | Reef anchorage by private boaters- no enforcement. Ban on taking of all reef fish, not regulated by commercial fishers. Monitoring of beach restorations. Mandatory boater education licensing. Near shore reef initiatives-artificial. Direct action-enough dollars already spent on data, empowerment of existing agencies to take action. Reef clean up-dollars to private sector. | | | | |
| Palm Beach | I am a FL certified teacher for K-6. I currently write and teach marine coastal ecosystems to students from Dade/Broward/Palm Beach counties. My concern is that teachers are mainly concerned about good FCAT scores, but they tell me that there is little FCAT content or questions about corals or marine habitats. I hope the new science common core standards will include benchmarks on marine and coastal habitats, preservation and the conservation of the world's oceans. This will not only save our oceans, but also convince our teachers of the value of education on corals and other marine animals. | Have employers give their employees paid time off for environmental education and community service. | Through our Nature Centers and schools! | Through community level environmental programs at parks and nature centers. | |

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| Palm Beach | <p>Yes. When will DEP quantify the contribution of our local reefs to our beach material (sand) in the form of seashell fragments, specifically in Palm Beach County? Rationale:1. Show and additional important value of our reefs, in erosion protection via quality sand production. Not yet demonstrated. 2. Determine what portion of shells come from reefs, vs. sand bottom. 3. Determine whether dredge and fill projects are reducing near-shore shell populations, and thus, harming our beach's ability to protect structures. 4. Demonstrate the values of our local (PBC) native sand beaches, which are much more durable and aesthetically valuable than the poor material dredged from offshore, which was never on the beach, and should not be on the beach. Initiate plans to determine the extent of harmful, polluted submarine groundwater discharge, and</p> | | <p>Convince media to increase coverage.</p> | <p>WSEL</p> | <p>Poll the public about whether they prefer to transfer funding from NASA to NOAA! (I'm serious!)</p> |
| Broward | <p>Lionfish, how do we get it under control, eliminated?</p> | <p>Contact local dive clubs and make presentations at their meetings including South Florida Divers, Inc. (www.sfdi.com), Hammerheads, Active Divers Association; Contact underwater photography clubs and do the same (South Florida Underwater Photography Society); Create Facebook page/group.</p> | <p>Get restaurants to add lionfish to menu, get grocery stores to sell Lionfish, research to see if Lionfish provides any medical benefits.</p> | <p>Facebook</p> | |
| Broward | | <p>No, beautifully balanced, broad-based model.</p> | <p>As a citizen, best way could be via list serve email distribution.</p> | <p>Go Riverwalk Magazine, Sun Sentinel, SEFCRI website and Facebook, Instagram</p> | |
| Broward | | <p>No, seems very well planned and organized.</p> | | <p>Email</p> | |
| Broward | | <p>Organization looks like it's doing a great job of info sharing and research. Keep it up! I am so happy to see so many educated and serious people in this endeavor.</p> | <p>Get the muck monster in schools and on TV like a mascot to call attention to pollution and also work you're doing.</p> | <p>Email</p> | |
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| Broward | 1. Does or could any environmental group accompany towing vessels to observe (drive along with) to assure (watch) cables to assure proper procedures are followed? This may prevent similar accidents from happening to the towline that recently dragged along our reef here in Fort Lauderdale and caused so much damage? 2. Are there any college/elementary or high school interactions (with hands on with sea life) currently in place? | | | | |
| Broward | | Web-internet, public TV, community clubs. | | Email | |
| Broward | Several topics are of great concern: Ocean outfalls-eutrophication, marine debris, SFWMD freshwater releases to the ocean and through the inlets, algal blooms/mats smothering corals, exotic species-Lionfish and aquarium releases, anchoring and the lack of public knowledge/use of mooring buoys, ship groundings and cable drags. | I think the Social Media/emails are a great way to communicate. Good Job. I will also spread the word to people I encounter. But I don't have new suggestions to share. | Public forums where everyone is invited. | Email/Social Media/Facebook. | |
| Broward | | | Contact as many appropriate parties as you can and invite them to meetings. Advertise forums. Develop brochures for businesses. | Email. | |
| Broward | I was in Key West and was on one of the tours and was shocked by the amount of dead corals. | Podcast. | South FL Dive Magazine would be great to inform at many levels. | Email. | |
| Broward | Global warming, ocean acidity, nutrient loading, polluted runoff, construction related damage. | Increase public awareness about the plight of the reefs and the existence of SEFCRI. | I am in the process of setting up a website to inform the public about the problems facing our reefs and to raise awareness of the damage the proposed widening and deepening of the Port Everglades Entry Channel will do to the reef community. | Email | |
| Broward | concerned about the deterioration of the reefs. | Volunteer divers from area, train others to educate community, find funding to assist (fundraisers) working groups (boats to get back and forth to reefs). | Educate others regarding the situation-inform them of the importance of the reefs in the area. | | |
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| Broward | | I think you all are doing a great job already! | Give talks to local groups and bring props-pictures, dvds, etc. | Email and phone | |
| Broward | Yes. The Florida reefs have changed for the worse since 1988 when I started diving. Water quality very poor-killing reef and encouraging algae. Water pollution to Intercoastal. | | Use fishing license and boat tags to reach him. | SFUPS.org, USA Divers, South Florida Divers | |
| Broward | degradation in general | | Email and public meetings | Email | |
| Broward | Potential big damage from port dredging projects-POM and Port Everglades. See need for laws/regulation to protect reefs which are invisible to most citizens. | | | | |
| Broward | Boats anchor on/near the 1st reef - Is there any plan to put dive balls on this reef? What about dive balls for non-motorized boats only? There are a lot of shore divers who kayak out to this reef. Perhaps if there were "non-motorized" tie-ups this would encourage more non-motorized boat usage. | | I work for Broward County Public Schools. I have not seen any information about teacher classes come across our email. The CAB system is the best way to get the word out to Broward teachers. | Email and Facebook | |
| Broward | 1. Why no 3rd reef mooring balls? 2. What is the overall trend in local coral health-declining, improving, stable? 3. Why did Caribbean experience such a dramatic die-off in Acropora dominated reef tracts over the last 30 years? 4. Are local reef/inshore areas exhibiting algal blooms from continued/worsening nutrient inputs/enrichment? Can flood control and stormwater management programs be coordinated with to improve estuaries water quality? | | | Facebook and twitter | |

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| Broward | I live in the Florida Keys. I am concerned with the effects of tropical fish collecting on the overall health of the reef. I think the taking of juvenile fish for aquariums runs against best practices for sustaining viable populations. I believe the capture of tropical fish disturbs the balance of the community. Algal blooms may be more prevalent because there are not enough fish to graze on the algae to keep it in check. | | Talk to people at boat shows, tournaments dive shops on weekends. Send info with boat registration, go to sportsmen shops. | Florida Sportsmen, NBC8 | |
| Broward | | Be more specific about how the community planning goals are different from, or the same as, the SEFCRI goals/vision? What is the ultimate goal of the community planning process? How to measure success of this goal? | Academia-emphasize scientists' needs to meet their broader impacts goal. Help identify ways for academics to make their research more relevant to societal goals. | Email, Coral Listserve | |
| Broward | Boats anchoring on reefs. Sewage discharge. Stormwater run-off with lawn chemicals and petroleum products. | Work with other government organizations to address concerns mentioned before. | Every way! Community groups, civic orgs, clubs (dive, yacht, etc.) meetings. Social media. | Email, Social media. | |
| Broward | 1. I am interested in learning more about beach nourishment, as well as more long-term solutions to avoid frequent nourishing. 2. Short term shore protection to avoid costly repairs such as Ft. Lauderdale beach and AIA last November as a result of Sandy. | | Smart phone app., social media, email | Facebook, Linked in | |
| Broward | | | The best way is to communicate with everyone about coral reefs including citizens that do not know that the reefs are affected even if they don't live along the coast. | Email, Twitter, Facebook | |
| Broward | Too much litter/debris on our reefs. | Community working groups, 20-25 representatives, 2-4 working groups (1 per county or north/south region). | Contact dive center operators to sponsor/host reef clean-ups. Consider contacting the various tourism groups for funding. | Email | |
| Broward | | | | Soundings magazine, In Town 411, Miami Herald, Yahoo.com | |
| Broward | Waste is probably the hardest problem to fix and change. It should be a big focus. | | Advertise to capture interest. | Email, Facebook | |

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| Broward | I'm a diver. I'm concerned about the very survival of our reef system. Loss would obviously impact diving but also the lives of people who don't even know the reefs are there (water quality, storm control, etc.). | | I belong to a dive club that is very concerned about the reefs and ocean water quality. Working through that club (meetings, presentations, etc.) is the best way to recruit our members. www.usadiveclub.com | website | |
| Broward | Insufficient enforcement-resources. Grant funded prosecution will be the only way to achieve enforcement goals because local prosecution is already short-funded for violent crime and without enforcement "teeth" this is all just lofty aspirational wishes. | Ensure that those who have an interest and passion are heard even if not working group members. Make sure these non-members know they have been heard so they don't give up. | Dive clubs - not many are very active except Hammerheads in PBC. Facebook. Dive stores. | Facebook and email. | |
| Broward | I have been diving since I was 15. I am now 45 and I have seen big changes in the oceans. I used to see beautiful, healthy corals all the time, sharks and plentiful fish. Now, I consider myself lucky if I see a shark. It is so sad and I would really like to help make a difference and help make it like it was. | No, I think you are doing a great job! | All of the above and most importantly, education in the school systems, after all, children are our future. | Email, Facebook (Sharkwhisperer in Florida) We have an email database of 7,000 people throughout Monroe and West Palm areas. | |
| Broward | Lionfish, coral bleaching, reef fish | Engage more business and corporate leaders. | Present and speak to dive clubs, rotary clubs, chambers of commerce. | Facebook, local newspapers | |
| Broward | I am concerned about the amount of dead/dying corals due to bleaching, water quality and human damage. I am also disappointed at the lack of fish in many areas of the reef due to overfishing and Lionfish. The Lionfish rodeos are a help. Perhaps more species of coral should be put on the threatened and endangered lists, both FWS and USFWS. All coral trade should be on the CITES agenda and have more prohibitions. | Possibly ask Mr. Nedinmeyer from the community college of the FL Keys to give a talk on his transplanting and growth projects which are having success in the Keys. Possibly try that in Broward County? | Contact city engineering departments and inquire about the pollution retardant structures and/or water quality content of water discharging directly into the ocean outfalls and/or at each of the intracoastal outfalls. | UnderwaterTimes.com, SCUBABoard.com, Scuba Diving magazine, Sport Diver magazine, Dive shops, PBS | |

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| Broward | Would like to see closer monitoring of anchoring complete shut down of offshore sewage pipes as Davie going off septic tanks and dumping into town's system which is dumped offshore. There will be plenty of time for tons of sewage to be added to our waters before shut down. | | You have improved significantly since the first meetings. | Newsletter, paper, email | |
| Broward | | | Businesses and private citizens | Facebook, email, CNN | |
| Broward | Cruise ship dumping-how far offshore do they have to be? I am on the beach almost daily. I find debris from plastic cups to small plastic bags that look like jewelry or drugs would be packaged in. | Keep getting the word out. | News- have groups of people educate the public at local beach festivals. | Email | |
| Broward | Want to make sure they are protected and can thrive. | | Perhaps establish an alliance with local business chamber groups in the many cities in the 4 counties. | Facebook, Boating magazines, Local newspapers. | |
| Broward | I am worried about the decreasing ability to find bigger fish. | No, I think it is a great initiative! | | Facebook, Twitter | |
| Broward | Very concerned about the impact of lionfish on our reefs, as well as the pre-existing concerns with population and pollution. | | Speak with local dive/fishing and similar clubs as well as citizen clubs and local government. | Sun Sentinel, Email, Dania Beach News, Facebook, Local news | |
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| Broward | very concerned about declining health of reefs. | | Education-should be part of boat registration process, fishing license renewal, charter boat captain's safety talk pre-dive, etc. | Email | |
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| Broward | I work on a few projects regarding sharks and rays of SE FL, including field research and community outreach. I know quite a bit of data has been collected regarding the value of our coral reefs on an economic scale but is there any information (collected by SEFCRI) showing ecosystem services specific to SE FL coral reefs, including different trophic levels? | Please increase the marketing-so many diving stakeholders were put off, thought it was for fishermen and scientists. | | Facebook, twitter, Use the local NGOs, newsletters, they have a cult following with many user groups here! | |

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| Broward | Pollution/garbage on the reef. Lack of clean up on the beach when garbage or pollution does wash up on the beach in Hollywood and Dania Beach. I am an avid kayaker and its concerning how much garbage I've seen floating just in one day as well as at reef bottoms. | Provide more info on exactly what the groups will be doing and how they will be working with their specialty contacts or group of influence. | Kayak tourism-brochures, getting kayakers involved in surveys from their experience on the water. Private citizens-Hollywood arts park kiosk or events are a great way to get average citizens information and knowledge of what Our Florida Reefs is about. | Facebook and Email | |
| Broward | A lot of the reefs in the Keys are dying and the fish are disappearing. | What exactly is the group going to do? | I work for the Broward sheriff's office and a lot of the employees love some aspect of the ocean. I can probably ask to post things involving the group on our intranet site to be able to reach more people. Who knows, maybe the sheriff can get involved too. | Email or Facebook | |
| Broward | The quality of specific man-made reefs and their varying effects on the ecosystems/reefs i.e.. Ft. Lauderdale tire reef, Vandenburg (wrecks/metal) and reef balls. | Hands-on learning. | Pamphlets, plaques/signs (at beaches and piers), outreach booths at community events/holidays, hold presentations/hands on classes. | Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Email | |
| Broward | I'm particularly interested in how the health of FL reefs varies between those within sanctuaries and those outside. Does establishing a sanctuary help? | Actually I'm impressed by what I see - as I'm new to the process, it will take a while before I can offer anything meaningful. | | Facebook | |
| Broward | Anchor damage | | Scuba club | Radio | |
| Broward | Human pressure on the reef and environment in general. | Get news involved. | | Get as much media coverage as possible. | |
| Broward | Wondering how we can change these attitudes of the general public from a negative one to a hopeful and helpful one. | Better advertising for the meeting. You did a good job, but there could have been more people there. | TV, radio, Social Media | Facebook | |
| Broward | Suntan lotion effects on the reef! | | | Facebook, Email | |
| Broward | I have been diving the SE FL Coast for 45 years and have seen the destruction and degradation of the reefs. And it really bothers me. | | Public information announcements, public meetings and forums. | Community announcements on broadcast channels, social media, newspapers | |
| Broward | | | Very possibly I have missed the educational materials but are the a) part time residents being reached? B) the tourists? C) the home improvement stores and buying public that are purchasing "apply yourself" chemicals and fertilizers? | | |
| Broward | | | Dive shop sign up and email | Email | |

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| Broward | | No, but I do want to mention that Bridget, Dana and Jamie are great at public speaking! | Local business | Email, especially the NOAA coral list, Facebook | |
| Broward | | | Public meetings and internet. | webpage and email, Facebook | |
| Broward | I've been diving since 1976 and have seen a severe decline in reef and fishery health. | | Dive clubs, fishing clubs, kayak clubs, boat clubs, power squader, coast guard auxiliary, online forums like scubaboard.com | Email and Facebook | |
| Broward | | Be more straightforward with what the meeting will include. I anticipated a presentation on the current plans and strategies in the works, not a very basic PowerPoint on what a reef is and the organization of your org. Even if the working groups aren't in place, tell people the things they can already do-simple changes they can make to protect the reefs now. | Invitations to be more involved-participate hands on in projects and strategy measures, participate in research and outreach events. Naturalists have a lot of interaction with schools/camp groups and the public - get us trained in the teacher curriculum. | Emailed newsletters. | |
| Broward | | | Municipalities-through environmental component of the city. | Social media | |
| Broward | Declining reef and reef fish population. | | Community outreach - bi-monthly summary news bulletins | email | |
| Broward | Observation- algae at times is so ugly algae choking corals dead, sick, broken corals detract from dive and fish appear forlorn on damaged areas. Contributing factors-outfalls, storm run-off, careless new divers, dive classes on reef. Fertilizers and pesticides-SFWMD is publicizing warnings and recommending low phosphate blends. They are doing a good job of reaching gardeners at town hall workshops and water management days. South Biscayne Bay-FPL weekly supply barge drags across shallows and creates silt. Loose silt saturates reef east of Elliot Key is dead-buried in silt. | | Join water management day programs-have a booth and use hands on examples-dead corals, video of sick and healthy reef. | WLRN, PBS, Email | |
| Broward | I'm concerned about beach replenishment and the affect it will have on the coral reef and water quality. | | | | |

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| Broward | FPL Turkey Point nuclear plant using tugs to tow barges from Port of Miami to Turkey Point causing siltation of Biscayne Bay and Florida Bay which kills the coral reefs. I dove there and saw the damage, the barge use was grandfathered in and must be stopped. | | | | |
| Broward | health of coral reefs | From the presentation it appears you are on the right track. | More meetings like this directed at high school and college students who are rapidly becoming the caretakers. Community events, programs, presentations. | Email, Facebook, NBC Broadcast channel, Sport Diver magazine, Scuba Diving magazine, Divers Alert Network and Alert Diver magazine. | |
| Broward | | More volunteering events - reef and beach clean-ups. | More volunteering events-schools, citizens, boaters/fishermen and divers | Email, Facebook | |
| Broward | Hope we can save the reefs through this program. | | Private citizen. | Social media | |
| Broward | Water quality degradation not being addressed up gradient. Inland communities do not understand how their actions affect reefs. Inland community leaders are not supportive of water quality regulations, understandably concerned about costs, but need to understand the higher costs of not addressing WQ problems BEFORE water makes its way to the ocean. Everything goes somewhere. | The community meetings are great. Perhaps keep having them. | Listserves, email, involvement at local events | | |

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| Broward | <p>I worry about cruise ships because of their gigantic size. World-wide, they've sacrificed reefs for dockage. Where does their waste go? We need no more septic tanks! Better sewage treatment programs. No more outflow pipes going into our oceans. Overfishing-overdiving-. We need more underwater protection parks like Pennekamp. Lobster season should be more limited. Fines for too many lobster or females with eggs is not enough. Mangrove tree planting should be mandatory for houses along waterways. Mangroves need more protection. Lake Okeechobee dikes should be fixed so the oceans aren't polluted with tannin. We need to take action at our beach closings. I've hear the reason for many closings is due to pigeon droppings. When I moved to FL 40 years ago we had no pigeons. Perhaps we can feed them birth control seeds.</p> | <p>I think getting teachers to inform their students is wonderful. We need to raise funding for more buoys, reef balls, and other artificial reef like wrecks.</p> | <p>Advertise in dive shops, fishing tackle and bait places. Put up material at boat launching sites.</p> | <p>Email</p> | |
| Miami-Dade | | <p>More social media, advertise more.</p> | <p>Social media.</p> | <p>Social media.</p> | |
| Miami-Dade | | <p>Free food brings people.</p> | <p>Social media.</p> | <p>Social media and email.</p> | |
| Miami-Dade | <p>Is there any movement to protection South Florida reefs aka. Pennekamp Park?</p> | | <p>Through the school system.</p> | <p>Email</p> | |
| Miami-Dade | | | <p>Host more events in an open environment. Show hands-on training as well.</p> | <p>News channels, Facebook, Twitter</p> | |
| Miami-Dade | <p>Since 2006, what changes have you noticed? How many man made corals in South Florida region? What caused the 100% loss of coral and what are you doing now?</p> | | <p>More of these meetings but closer to people who live near the beach in order to keep the residents informed and they keep the public informed.</p> | <p>Email and Facebook.</p> | |

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| Miami-Dade | Yes. While I was walking on Miami Beach, I saw large chunks of coral (bowling ball size) washing up on shore. I've never seen this in the past...Is our coral becoming progressively damaged? I also saw intimate trash such as feminine products was on shore. I'm wondering if cruise ships are dumping trash into the ocean? Is this true? | Make input accessible by meetings online such as Skype. | Have a representative meet with each group as a whole to promote participation. Set up displays in parks, dive shops, beaches, boat shows, fishing shops, tourist attractions for diving/snorkeling/sea life. Make the displays interactive if possible. Show photos of how our reefs looked 20 years ago compared to now and how our actions can reverse that damage. Name one simple thing that can be done to help immediately. Conduct field trips for adults/children to observe healthy vs. unhealthy areas. | Broadcast channels. | |
| Miami-Dade | Free media spots-whether TV or banners along the baseline at the Marlins Baseball Stadium and/or Dolphin Stadium and Heat arena. Provide images/messages for donated space. Need political support-politicians at all levels - cities, counties, state, federal should be informed of and advocate for FL's coral reefs. | How long (months, years) do you expect working groups to meet before recommendations are shared with a new round of public meetings? | Enlist help of local powerbrokers, major employers, sports teams, politicians, to help spread the word. | WLRN 91.3 and other NPR local affiliates. Public television WPBT 2, WLRN 7, websites. | |
| Miami-Dade | I was wondering what the main threat is to our reefs? | | My "community" involves young people the best way to engage them is by offering hands-on experiences and modeling appropriate reef protection practices. | Email and Facebook. | |
| Miami-Dade | Besides community meetings, how also are you reaching out to our everyday people as well as specialists in the field to get a good breadth of people involved? Interest in a full fledged campaign (bus. Ast. Etc.) to educate the general public about reef importance and protection. | A strong and clear rubric for choosing the stakeholders that will participate in the regular workgroup meetings. Need right people in room-consider how well they work with others as well as their community role. | Careful choices of stakeholders. Creating a community that trusts each other. Clear parameters for meetings, etc. Good Job - Thank you! | Email | |
| Miami-Dade | Concerned about the lack of education (required) among Miami boaters. | | Face to face at dive club meetings, public boat ramps and public marinas. | Facebook, Twitter, etc. | |

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| Miami-Dade | 1. Outfall from waste-infrastructure failure. 2. Publicity - catchy tunes, logos for coral reefs, bombard the public with these. 3. Political support - know politicians views before voting for them. 4. Plain language for fishing population NOT scientific terms. 5. Lionfish control. | Have students attend meetings - for extra credit. Local community not present at meeting. Why? Lack of interest, concern, do not relate to topic? | Bombard public with catchy logos, etc. People do if they are informed. Schools are informing students but adults are not concerned. | TV and public radio. | |
| Miami-Dade | I am a grad student studying environmental management and sustainability. I work in travel and tourism and like to fish and scuba dive. I am concerned about the reef's long-term sustainability and corresponding fish stock and ecosystem health. | Maybe more meetings in S.E. Dade (Downtown, Miami Beach) | Marinas, Dive Shops, Paddle boarding shops, boat dealerships | | |
| Miami-Dade | At this moment no. | Yes. As a parent I will get this information out to all of the schools that participate. In all water activity. | Placing literature in doctor's offices, dentist offices and any way you can make it visible. | TV, radio, and internet. | |
| Miami-Dade | Reef protection should outweigh private and commercial interests. The reefs are not ours to damage or destroy. | Big online social media presence. More educational talks/lectures and community meetings. | Online, in-person, at farmers markets, festivals, art shows, dive centers. | Email, Facebook, instagram, WLRN | |
| Miami-Dade | water and fishing | Incorporate with boating classes | go around the boating communities/restaurants and sandbars | Newsletter and email. | |
| Miami-Dade | | Keep those outside of the community groups updated about their progress. | News programs, Facebook, Networking with local businesses for target groups. | Facebook and email blasts. | |
| Miami-Dade | The shallow water reefs off Hollywood Beach are being suffocated by sand and beach runoff. The reef and hard corals are being covered by sand and therefore cannot provide an adequate environment for fish and other sea life. | Media exposure. | Meetings like tonight. Also, asking to make presentations to local fishing and diving groups. | I came tonight because of an ad in the Miami-Herald Newspaper. | |
| Miami-Dade | The damage that "we" are doing to the reefs. | More exposure-how about boat shows and bulletin boards at piers? | | Email, heard of the meeting through email from a friend. Newspapers, the Angler - a free publication that comes out monthly at different sports/tackle shops. | |

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| Miami-Dade | I am here at this meeting looking for contacts and networking opportunities, specifically for a company called ABS Materials (absmaterials.com) specializing in improving water quality via a novel swellable silica material called Osorb. ABS Materials has great interest in remediation of stormwater run off. | | | Social Media is a great way to communicate with the general public. | |
| Miami-Dade | Please make more MPA zones. | | | | |
| Miami-Dade | Runoff severely impairs water quality. MPAs have the potential to increase the health of our reefs overall. More mooring buoys. | | | | |
| Miami-Dade | You should tell the people that work around the coral reefs. Put advertisements around beaches and areas. | Do commercials and tell people what is going on. | Tell them personally. | | |
| Miami-Dade | Can the destruction of the reefs affect our health or livelihood? | Bring more hands-on coral activities. | Local business. | Facebook, twitter, instagram | |
| Miami-Dade | I've gone diving around/off Miami Beach and I see other divers not being careful with the reefs. It would be good for dive shops/captains, to talk about reef preservation prior to the dives. Maybe on the boat ride. | How are you planning to engage local and elected officials? And/or decision making individuals who can actually enforce any of the laws that are already in the books? Engaging marine biology students from the different South Florida Universities. | Engage the owners/managers of diving shops in the area: Coconut Grove, Miami Beach, Coral Gables (new Divers Direct on US 1 and Le Jeune) meet with them face to face. Engage marina owners (both private and public). | WPBT, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and via email (French 93@hotmail.com). | |
| Miami-Dade | As a life time resident of Cutler Bay and a regular boater I have seen a lot of reef abuse. I am pleased to see that you guys are working hard to conserve these fragile ecosystems. | Its important to teach people all the benefits that reefs provide like protecting coasts from hurricane waves. | | | |
| Miami-Dade | | | Word of mouth. | Email | |
| Miami-Dade | Better outreach and public education on potential impacts of climate change here on the Florida reef tract! Use different words as needed, e.g. "long term trends in the physical environment of reefs" but start to really get the word out - about what is known, what is likely, what is possible...in the next 10-40 years. | | Email, text alerts, blogs, local newspapers. | CBS, NBC, direct email, thebulldog.com, Herald, South Dade News Leader, LinkedIn, Research Gate | |

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| Miami-Dade | Offshore oil drilling. Getting the word out: 1. Miami-Dade College - Wolfson Campus. 2. Miami Dade Board of Educators. 3. Non-profits. | 1. Community activists/leaders 2. Homeowners Associations 3. Get the youth involved a)elementary b)middle c) high school d) college | | Email and text | |
| Miami-Dade | | | Public meetings, school field trips, Facebook | Broadcast channels and social media | |
| Miami-Dade | | | TV | Email | |
| Miami-Dade | | Continued education of users of our water ways. | park sponsored trips with guided tours for visitors. | | |
| Miami-Dade | Just glad you are letting the general public become aware of the problems and issues coral reefs have been having for decades b/c of lack of awareness, apathy, and bad government. | | Get out there with work groups and word of mouth. | Email, social media | |
| Miami-Dade | Lots of coral and fish, pollution and damage | No, I think you are on the right track- continue to schedule more community info meetings. | Hold local events - especially in the south Miami-Dade Area - Go to local educational settings - promote. | Local community newsletters, papers, also libraries are great resources! | |
| Miami-Dade | Invasion of Lion Fish - use mini spear guns anywhere (parks included). Anchors on reefs. Abandoned. Have more mooring buoys. Have more no-take zones. | Pull in the Keys to have a contiguous flow of information. | Email, commercials (TV, radio, newspaper), documentaries, teacher/student workshops, boat shows | Email | |
| Miami-Dade | Now we have lost Carysfort Reef, how much time do we have on other reefs? | Use local radio and TV to help inform people of meetings. | Local radio and TV | Email | |
| Miami-Dade | | Involve community at all levels and break down some language barriers. Over 50% of Miami Dade County speaks other languages (Spanish, Creole,etc.). | Public meetings. | Facebook, email, TV (Univision, Channel 7). | |
| Miami-Dade | | | Possibly schools-educate the children. | NPR, Facebook. | |
| Miami-Dade | That they are going to die if nothing is done. | | | | |
| Miami-Dade | | | Local news TV/radio, meetings, websites | Email | |
| Miami-Dade | | | K-12 education - teacher workshops may only reach a small number of educators. Participating in science department chair meetings may help broaden your audience. Contact Ava Rosales - Executive Director for K-12 science education. | | |

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| Miami-Dade | Recent activities observed in the Key Largo Area: Gasoline, oil dumped in the water by boaters. Fishermen throwing waste to the water. Believe whatever happens close to shore eventually will affect the reefs. Specifically for the gas/oil event I was told the boater had to pay twice a fine because of the violation, however did it again. | Continue educating and reaching schools. Including higher levels. Sometimes see a disconnection between what magnet schools and other public schools do and universities/colleges. | Fishermen: Reinforce the fact that coral reefs represent the base of the development of the marine life, therefore what they FISH! Sustainable fishing must be also reinforced. Community and local business: look for ways that media gets more involved to spread the word. | Email | |
| Miami-Dade | I am very interested in the connectivity of reefs and other habitats like seagrasses and mangroves, particularly in how reefs are populated by nursery habitats (fish). | Its important to spread to all people who are invested in any way to reefs, including those who's opinions might seem counter to conservation efforts. All should be heard (and educated). | These meetings are an excellent shot. Some organizations, like student dive clubs (college and high school) can be useful audiences. | Social media is easily shared with those who might want to learn more. | |
| Miami-Dade | | | Youth organizations! Boy Scouts of America South Florida Council. | Email | |