

Submitted	County	Do you have any reef-related problems or concerns 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?	Do you have any additional comments or suggestions about the Our Florida Reefs community planning process?
7/14/2014	Miami Dade	I'm a swimmer and I notice more and more trash in the bay...and there's hardly any fish... what can we do politically to stop this?	I would like to attend any community planning meetings about this.	I think we should coordinate trash pick ups on the beach along with writing petitions to our elected officials curtailing development and	
7/8/2014	FL	I would like to see a moratorium on the taking of Parrot Fish. They are grazers on the reef and remove algae. I do not think they should be taken off the reef. They should be protected from all take.			

Yes. Recently I was snorkeling in John U. Lloyd Beach State Park at one of the best shore dives that Broward has to offer (The Jax) & witnessed relentless destruction of the habitat. Why is this area not a marine sanctuary or protected area? On the morning of the 4th of July I witnessed one spearfisherman collecting every size of juvenile fish for the aquarium trade. He had 2 catch buckets of different sizes with nets & was collecting every juvenile fish in sight. He also had a pneumatic speargun tied to a dive flag that dragged across the reef which he used to kill larger fish. To top it off he was standing on the reef in his large free diving fins to get the leverage to get into every crevice to get the fish, killing any coral that exists there. Every time I see this in the park I wonder how the reef can possibly survive such pillage. We kill lionfish for gobbling up juvenile fish and yet humans are allowed to do it every day to fill aquariums or sell for the aquarium trade. Why is at least a state park not protected from these destructive activities? The people who do this enter the park from the public parking lot at Dania Beach & walk down the beach, they don't even pay for park fees. This area needs to be a marine sanctuary & monitored by rangers &/or volunteers. There need to be educational signs & signs posted about no spearfishing. If we can't protect a small inshore reef like this, what can we protect? Thank you!

7/8/2014 Broward

I am concerned about sand that is placed on beaches burying hard bottom and reefs.

7/7/2014 FL

I would like to be able to participate more actively.

I would like to see a ban on taking Parrot Fish.