

Submitted	County	Your Identity	Reef-related problems or concerns you would like to share	Suggestions to improve the Our Florida Reefs process	Best way to engage, inform, and work with your community	Additional comments/suggestions
10/17/2014	Palm Beach	Charter Fishing Captain	<p>For years the water managers dumped Lake O waters out of the St Lucie estuary killing the reefs off of northern Jupiter Island and Stuart. We haven't fished up that way for years because of it. Now they have stopped the flow into the St Lucie and are diverting the water south into the Loxahatchee and Lake Worth estuaries. My boat sits 300 yards inside the Jupiter inlet the concrete pilings that hold up my dock were loaded with Oysters 18 months ago now they are dead, the water looks like cola. The water behind my house three miles upstream is void of life. They killed the St Lucie now they are going to kill the Jupiter and Lake Worth estuaries. The reefs off of Northern Palm Beach County are covered with brown water. How long do you think it will take to kill the last viable reef in eastern Florida. I run the busiest boat in eastern Florida no one has more time on this reef than me in the last 20 years. Take a look on the out going tide at the water and you will understand.</p>	You won't have too worry about them they'll be suffocated by all the runoff		
10/16/2014	Palm Beach	dive instructor	<p>Yes. I was out diving yesterday approximately 1 1/2 miles north of the Boca Inlet when we encountered a small center console boat fishing. This boat was anchored on the reef (we know this because we drifted by their anchor). I got on channel 16 and hailed the Coast Guard and FWC five times, reporting the infraction, and no one ever answered my radio call. Time was approximately 1:30 p.m.</p>			

10/14/2014	Broward	diver	Recent Coral Bleaching - Ocean Debris - Beach/Shoreline Clean-ups	<p>I am the President of 'SOS Ocean Clean-Up' and I am very saddened how hard it is to produce local clean-ups in our city and have to watch our coral reefs deteriorate. I have a few questions that I feel need to be addressed to Our Florida Reefs.</p> <p>1). Beach & Pier Clean Ups.</p> <p>Why are they only held a few times a year? Why do cities charge a Permit fee when volunteers are willing to attend at no cost ? Why are fishermen still allowed to fish during a pier clean-up ? Is the one-hour loss of revenue more important than our coral reefs and sea life? More cleanups = more business to local restaurants, hotels and dive shops.</p> <p>2). Beach Sweepers.</p> <p>They are NOT enough. They leave behind the debris which is damaging our coral reefs and endangering sea life. How about a 2nd or 3rd sweep? More frequent beach clean-ups would help this problem.</p> <p>3). More Garbage Cans.</p>	<p>#1 Educate the youth. I believe adults are the problem. We need to set a better example on how important it is to keep our beach/ocean clean.</p> <p>'SOS Ocean Cleanup' has one mission in mind... and that's to educate the youth while having fun. Lets face it - young kids these days are not going to wake up early on a Saturday morning to clean debris -- yet, if we make it a free, family fun event and let them engage in the process of planning and designing - it gets their attention and at the same time it educates them on ocean awareness. Let them participate with hands-on crafts, paint banners, offer school volunteers hours, have fun raffles, free give-aways, food-drink.</p> <p>I need help. I would like to produce more Ocean-Shoreline</p>	<p>I just seek your help - guidance - and hope my words can be heard. Our Florida Coral Reefs need help... before its too late.</p>
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