ASA Wording for the petition was as follows:

"Our Florida Reefs" has proposed recommendations that would restrict recreational fishing in large areas of the ocean without scientific basis and turn management of these waters over to the Federal government.

Rather than adding new bureaucracies and regulations without a clearly identified problem, "Our Florida Reefs" should explore ways to support the state's existing fisheries management efforts, which have been proven to sustain healthy fisheries and habitat while maintaining public access.

I oppose unwarranted reef closures

Dear [Decision Maker],
I oppose the following recommendations:

1. Implementing a Marine Protected Area zoning framework.
2. Nominating the entire region as a National Marine Sanctuary.
3. Applying for United Nations Education, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) world heritage site status for entire Florida Reef Tract.
4. Establishing Coral Reef Gardens.

Signed,
[Your Name]
[Your Address]
[City, State ZIP]

Thank you for allowing us to provide names via the hard copy cards that we sent to Francisco (258) along with the names from our online petition. The OFR process for submitting comment was very cumbersome and time consuming to try to navigate.

If I can be of further assistance, please let me know.

Best regards,
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