

Submitted	Name	comment specific to area	interests in reef	interest if other	county	county if other	rma improve reef ecosystem?	rma improve life?	support this rma?	support or change to support?	other comments?	Ref #
2016-01-21 18:26:43	Brian prince	N-146 general comment, 11. Lake Worth Inlet S. of Peanut Island	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		PALM BEACH		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not			435
2016-01-27 01:11:53		N-146 general comment, 1. St. Lucie Inlet State Park to Bathtub Reef, 2. Central St. Lucie Inlet State Park, 3. South St. Lucie Inlet State Park, 4. LORAN Tower Ledges, 5. Offshore Martin Deep Ridge, 6. Blowing Rocks Preserve, 7. Jupiter, 26. County Line	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, OTHER		MARTIN		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	I support a healthy eco system and clean water the problem is big o		432
2016-01-29 19:43:30	Chad	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION , OTHER	Habitat growth	MARTIN		Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	<p>The only thing I can suggest and would push for would be designated anchoring areas along/in our reef areas. If there are not enough places for a boat to moor to in these reef areas they should be allowed to drift.</p> <p>Now as for spear fishing I am a strong believer that our reef systems are lacking due to the shooting range of our spear guns, they can kill nearly everything with visibility range. I believe that the Bahamas spearing environment is so good because of the methods permitted to spear fish. They only allow pole spears and Hawaiian slings. They have maybe an eighth of the range a spear gun has. It's like comparing the range of a sniper rifle to a bow and arrow, you can kill way more with a rifle due to its range compared to a bow, it's much more challenging. Also it deters people from spearing who aren't proficient at it simply because the convenience of a gun isn't available.</p> <p>Also, I believe that large castnets should not be allowed for harvesting near shore migratory species.</p>	Bottom line for a healthy marine environment: plant more mangroves, promote sea grass growth, build more oyster beds, regulate unfiltered polluted freshwater flows killing or near shore reefs, analyze how beach renourishment is actually negatively affecting our reefs by covering them after heavy swells hit, and work on "coral farming" and planting new coral along existing coral reefs to replenish them.	434
2016-01-25 17:05:15		N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING		MARTIN		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not		We oppose the following recommended management actions: N-146 (creates no-take zones) and S-65 (nomination of southeast Florida as a National Marine Sanctuary). We all want to ensure that our coral reefs continue to thrive but this shouldn't come at the expense of access to our fishing resources. In some cases, limiting fishing can be an effective management tool. But that's not necessary here! Because they are they are so extreme, "no-take zones" should be considered only when recreational fishing poses a clear and demonstrated threat to the sustainability of fisheries resources and only after conventional fisheries management measures, like	433

										seasons and bag and size limits, have failed. Neither of these is true for the proposed Marine Protected Areas (MPAs). In Florida, our state fisheries are in great shape due to effective state management. The main threats to our coral reefs in Florida come from increased water temperatures, water quality, and sedimentation - not fishing activities. There are no fisheries resource issues identified in any of these proposals or any science-based reasoning behind their selection. The desire to exclude recreational fishing is coming from a select group of individuals with their own agendas. There is no plan to review whether these "no-take zones" are actually working and no plan to ever reopen these areas to fishing.		
2016-03-07 14:06:03	A. Carter	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		BROWAR D		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	I support marine reef resource and habitat protection. Marine resources need to recover in order to achieve sustainability. This MPA framework offers hope for the future of our reefs.	431	
2016-03-03 08:12:39		N-146 general comment	PROTECTION		MIAMI- DADE		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So		With the evidence in hand that these areas do promote ecosystem recovery, it is great to see the public and the state moving forward on this.	430
2016-03-02 23:20:53	Carole Wilsc hke	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING	FL	BROWAR D		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	I think the idea of a protected reef is great	429	
2016-03-02 21:44:57	Merce des Christi an	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION , OTHER	MS	MIAMI- DADE		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	I support all of it!! Our human population size is putting too much pressure on ecosystem...some parts need to be protected so we don't lose it!	428	
2016-03-01 23:39:49	Drew	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION , OTHER		PALM BEACH		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	Protect as much as we can! Let the recovery fuel fishing outside of the protected zone.	427	
2016-03-01 19:24:20	Steph en Trbovi ch	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		MIAMI- DADE		Not Sure	Not Sure	Likely Not	I believe that the issue of MPAs in the SEFCRI region is worth considering; however as presented I think this RMA will require much further rethinking and reworking before being advanced to a legislative stage. As presented the draft RMAs are mostly built around a) "unique" marine environments that may or may not be enhanced by a No-Take Reserve, b) spacing considerations, c) ease of enforcement, and d) a model-based numerical goal of 20-30% of the area in No-Take Reserves that may or may not fit the SEFCRI region in particular. There does not seem to have been much discussion of spatial protection options short of a full No-Take Reserve. As examples of locations which may not benefit from a No-Take designation, MPA status has been proposed for areas on the basis of species which are already stringently protected from "take" (goliath groupers and sea turtles) or juvenile fish	Shared comment with N-59 (SCUBA spearfishing ban) - this was not "sold" on the basis of hard catch data showing impacted fisheries resources. It was promoted as a means to rebuild the coral reef ecosystem; it is questionable how much of a role the (unspecified) fishing impacts have on the decline or recovery of that ecosystem. MPAs may have little demonstrable impact if they are improperly sited or if external stressors such as land-based pollution are still in effect.	426

									<p>habitat when enforcement or possible modification of existing size limits should prevent the take of juvenile individuals. Other MPAs seem targeted at more "Not In My Backyard" issues; in particular the proposed MPA south of Peanut Island seem to be as much or more an additional legal attempt to halt the proposed port expansion as a contribution towards the stated goals of the MPA program. While this particular issue may be worth debating, using MPAs as "monkey wrenches" for specific development projects impacts the credibility of the program.</p> <p>If the MPA angle is pursued, I would think that the most critical angles will be a) identifying and devising targeted protection measures for species at risk of "take" (showing a demonstrated need for population rebuilding) and b) preventing damage to benthic resources via the institution of anchoring restrictions and mooring buoy fields. The former I believe will depend heavily on identifying spawning aggregations.</p>		
2016-03-01 18:42:31		N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING		PALM BEACH		Definitely So	Likely	Definitely So		425
2016-03-01 17:49:16		N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING				Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So		424
2016-03-01 15:41:02	Mike smith	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING	Florida	BROWARD		Not Sure	Definitely So	Definitely So	we support all efforts to protect Florida's marine resources	423
2016-03-01 13:22:59	Mike	N-146 general comment	DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		BROWARD		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	I support creating protective areas to help sustain corals and marine life. I believe there are still adequate opportunities for fishing and value the ability to have pristine diving areas with beautiful and diverse corals and marine life. I believe the near shores belong to us all and should not be overfished by commercial/personal interests. I believe in creating a balance for all interests and I think this plan achieve this.	422
2016-03-01 09:53:24		N-146 general comment	DIVING				Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So		421
2016-03-01 09:26:46		N-146 general comment	DIVING, PROTECTION		BROWARD		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So		420
2016-03-01 07:28:20	Bill Mauk	N-146 general comment	DIVING, BOATING		MIAMI-DADE		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	Implementing these recommendations is critical to protect our fantastic recreation area from people who think their one action does not really hurt. However, add up all the damaging actions and you have to admit that a large amount of damage results.	419
2016-03-01 00:00:52	N.P.F.	N-146 general comment	DIVING		BROWARD		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	I absolutely applaud the group on this action plan. It makes so much sense to me to manage a percentage of the SEFL reef tract. To NOT to so would be absurd! I moved here in 1960 and remember how wonderful the coral reefs were. There were vibrant and abundant corals, 100's of barracuda around, Schools of tropical fish. Queen conchs and sea urchins everywhere. Now with	418

										pollution issues, overfishing and misuse, and faulty beach renourishment projects, the coral reefs are declining. I was fortunate enough to enjoy these reefs with my husband, children and grandchildren. With each generation there has been significant decline. I am absolutely concerned about coral reef health. Using science and local knowledge to make spatial management decisions seems like a no-brainer to me. Surprised it has taken this long to even discuss it let alone implement spatial management when its done successfully around the world and even locally south of here . We all need to do our part In protecting the reefs. So if some important key areas are protected and that is what is best for our local coral treasures, then let's get it done!		
2016-02-29 22:54:36	Chase	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, PROTECTION		BROWAR D		Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not			417
2016-02-29 22:07:20		N-146 general comment	PROTECTION		BROWAR D		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	I fully support all recommended management in this draft		416
2016-02-29 22:06:48		N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		BROWAR D		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	It seems amazing that there is a portion of a coral reef in Florida that is not formally recognized as an vitally important aspect of our economy. Beaches, fish and reefs - that pretty much defines us. To not have some extra protection for segments of this reef would be careless. We recognize importance for things like wildlife corridors, wildlife refuges and national parks where nature is preserved in a fairly natural state. These terrestrial preserves don't just protect a certain type of tree, bunny rabbit or shake - but they preserve the whole complex systembecause the system in necessary to sustain the components. Same thing here, and hopefully the added benefit that the protected areas will help to repopulate that segments of reef that are outside of them. Alternatively we could just let the whole system crash and lose a very important aspect of our lives...or maybe it is already too late. You gotta at least try.	Looks like they are well spaced out so that there is no major impact to users in any one area, and benefits are spread throughout the 4 County area.	415
2016-02-29 21:44:34		N-146 general comment	PROTECTION		OTHER	Monro e	Likely	Likely	Definitely So	Place-based management need not be extensive to be effective. Marine zoning has proven benefits in the nearby Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary and around the world. These proposals are all worth consideration by the relevant marine management agencies.		414
2016-02-29 21:30:29	Eric Gates	N-146 general comment	PROTECTION		PALM BEACH		Likely Not	Likely Not	Definitely Not	I am a licensed charter captain as well as commercial fisherman. I fish inshore and offshore from Palm Beach Inlet to St. Lucie Inlet. I am 32 years old, my future depends on a healthy fishery up and down the coast. From what I've witnessed from my time on the water, the biggest threat to Florida's reefs as well as fishery is the discharges from Lake Okeechobee. This should be the main focus of every organization concerned with Florida's best resource. Fix this massive pollution		413

									problem and give the seagrasses 3 years to start coming back before making no take zones. I have lived in Florida my whole life and I am watching it go to shit from poor management and government. I am 3 years away from moving if things don't change.		
2016-02-29 17:19:30	N-146 general comment	DIVING, PROTECTION		MIAMI-DADE		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	Whole heartedly support		412
2016-02-29 17:18:10	N-146 general comment	DIVING, PROTECTION		MIAMI-DADE		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	Excellent work all round.		411
2016-02-29 16:09:39	N-146 general comment	PROTECTION		BROWARD					<p>Port Everglades Response to Draft Recommended Management Actions (RMAs) March 1, 2016</p> <p>Draft Recommended Management Actions (RMAs) have been developed by Community Working Group members within the below-listed areas of focus.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and Outreach • Enforcement • Fishing, Diving, Boating & Other Uses/Restoration • Land Based Sources of Pollution • Maritime Industry & Coastal Construction • Place-Based Draft Management Strategy (Areas of Interest) <p>Several outreach meetings were held to discuss the future of Florida's coral reefs. Broward County Port Everglades reviewed the RMAs and offer comments based specifically on the Maritime Industry and Coastal Construction and Place-Based Draft Management Strategy sections.</p> <p>For the Place-Based Draft Management Strategy (Areas of Interest), our understanding is this recommended management action is being put forth because there are user conflicts, unsustainable uses of the resource, direct impacts to reefs from ships, boats, debris, anchors, disruptions to spawning aggregations, and the continued documentation of degradation to the reef ecosystem.</p> <p>With respect to the Place-Based Draft Management Strategy (Areas of Interest,N-146) the working group is recommending establishment and implementation of a Marine Protected Area (MPA) zoning framework for the Our Florida Reefs (Southeast Florida Coral Reef Initiative – SEFCRI) region of interest that includes but is not limited to no-take reserves, no anchor areas, restoration areas, and seasonal protection for spawning aggregations to enable sustainable use, reduce user conflict, and improve coral reef ecosystem condition. As part of the placed-based process, our understanding is the working group reviewed where the Big Corals are located and the existing and proposed coastal constructions which resulted in the areas of interest and objectives.</p> <p>With regards to the MPA zoning the intended</p>		410

										outcome of this action is to create a zoning framework that encourages ecosystem productivity, improves ecosystem function, reduces extractive uses, conserves existing habitat and surrounding habitat, and protection and replenishment of the reef ecosystem (sustainable use).		
										Please be advised that a few of the working group's recommended actions are currently being addressed by different governmental agencies. We, however, concur that appropriate mitigation based on potential impacts to coral/hard bottom reefs should be mitigated. Thank you		
2016-02-29 15:20:43	Michael Kennedy	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING		PALM BEACH		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	The MPA ZTZ process is an unnecessary level of bureaucracy It has proven to be expensive and cumbersome in the Keys. The benefit to corals HAS NOT been proven . The effect on fisheries is of a limited geographic nature and net effect does not reduce effort. This only transfers effort to adjacent areas, which will not be pounded. The fishery should be managed across its entire range. Alternatively consider measured and limited spawning area closures. STRONGLY OPPOSE THE MPA NTZs as presented.	409	
2016-02-29 15:12:01		N-146 general comment	DIVING, PROTECTION		MIAMI-DADE		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So		The rma is a fantastic idea.	408
2016-02-29 14:43:43	Coastal Conservation Association Florida	N-146 general comment	FISHING				Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	RMA N-146 proposes up to 24 marine protected areas (MPAs) that in some cases will ban fishing over 20% to 30% of the reef tract from the northern boundary of Martin County to the southern boundary of Dade County. CCA does not support the establishment of MPAs unless, they are scientifically based, have stated goals and that MPAs are the last resort. CCA does not support using MPAs as a first stage management tool. While CCA is opposed to implementing no take/no fishing zones or Sanctuaries, CCA would ask that fisheries managers consider protecting spawning aggregations by limited time and area closures if warranted by stock assessments and good fisheries management practices.	407	
2016-02-29 14:27:40		N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING		BROWARD		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So			406
2016-02-29 14:02:53		N-146 general comment	FISHING		MIAMI-DADE		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So			405
2016-02-29 13:15:31	Jack Harari	N-146 general comment	DIVING		BROWARD		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	I am staunchly opposed to the development of MPA's. Less restrictive measures have been shown to improve the marine ecosystem. For example, we already have a law that bans anchoring on coral. Now let's enforce it rather than restrict people from using these areas. Limits on harvesting using closed	404	

										seasons, bag limits and size limits can be implemented or modified where currently present to better manage the resource. To enact a ban on all activity in areas would be an overbearing regulation and certainly will never have my support.		
2016-02-29 10:39:43		N-146 general comment	DIVING		BROWARD		Definitely So	Not Sure	Definitely So	i think marine protected areas and no take areas help to allow fish populations to improve. many of these areas seem pretty far from the inlets so they shouldn't impact us fishers that much. the one by port everglads might be a problem.		403
2016-02-29 10:36:54		N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING		PALM BEACH		Definitely So	Likely	Definitely So	I like the idea of areas being protected as no-take for the future. The residents and tourists of south Florida have a right to see a healthy reef with big fish.		402
2016-02-29 10:09:28	Todd Correll	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		BROWARD		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Restrictions or bag limits pertaining to certain species for both recreational and commercial fisherman. Please do not let a vocal minority redefine a way of life not only for fisherman but all of the companies that rely on us for their success..		401
2016-02-29 08:58:56		N-146 general comment	DIVING		BROWARD		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So			400
2016-02-29 08:06:16	Gary Towne	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING		OTHER	Walton	Likely	Likely	Definitely So	As a frequent visitor to SE Florida I appreciate the value of the unique reef system here. The heavy use and many, often conflicting users of this resource demand thoughtful management to preserve it. The draft should have an emphasis on gathering user data and current reef condition and trends to substantiate the need for action. Further action should highlight sustaining user benefits to help gain user acceptance and avoid the look of a bureaucratic land grab.	Invite detractors to join the study to assure they have a say and gain their ownership.	399
2016-02-28 23:06:15	Ian Towne	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, PROTECTION	Florida	BROWARD		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	I will support the recommendations made from experts in the field who have supported scientific evidence backing their decisions.	I am amazed this is even a question, and that there is actually resistance for this management plan. Any educated person on this subject knows that MPAs work well and there is evidence of this from the Florida keys. If i want to spear grouper I go to the keys because they have MPA they protect grouper reproductive areas and thus there are healthy grouper populations, its not a difficult concept. The petition from the Florida Sportsman should be thrown out due to their misinformation which they provided. this should not even be something that uneducated individuals should have an opinion in. Look at the science and listen to the experts, that all that matters. You would never listen to someone who looked up symptoms on web MD over a doctors who is an experts in their field when it comes to your health so why wouldn't you listen to PhD's in there field recommending protected area to increase reef health and productivity. It's obvious what the right decision is.	398
2016-02-28 19:20:55		N-146 general comment	DIVING, PROTECTION, OTHER		BROWARD		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	I support that state of Florida set aside 20-30% of the reef habitat as marine reserves to improve our coral reef ecosystem conditions.		397

2016-02-28 17:14:46		N-146 general comment	DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		MARTIN		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	I fully support MPA'S. I've seen first hand the positive affect on MPA's have on marine life. While fishing limits are nice, I believe it's crucial to the health of the ocean that certain areas remain off limits to fishing.		396
										<p>Creating the framework for protecting reefs and enforcing the regulations is a great goal. The structure for enforcing it should be stronger and outline the job creations or the dollars to be spent for adding marker buoys and maintaining them utilizing local marine contractors.</p> <p>20-30% NTZ is a great goal and I support it. 20-30% of each type of habitat (mangroves, sea grasses, and oyster beds included) should be marked environmentally sensitive and have no-impact type clause that limits boat traffic/impact and impose water quality restrictions.</p> <p>Protecting the hard bottom and coral restoration is great and we really need the protection. I support that the RMA N-146 calls for protecting areas of high percentage coral cover and density. I love fishing and diving, but have chosen to stop bottom fishing and only troll or fish pelagic because the condition of the natural reefs are so poor.</p> <p>I support creating zones around sensitive area and imposing water quality and no-anchor regulations. There are too many uneducated boaters that damage shallow reefs & hard bottom structure. Fishing & anchoring should be prohibited on at least 20% of natural reefs.</p> <p>I personally have traveled overseas and visited MPA's in the Indian Ocean and dove them as well as the surrounding areas. There is such a huge difference and we really need to start something now, because it is likely going to take many years</p>		
2016-02-28 10:30:35	Nicholas Muzia	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		MARTIN		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So		GREAT WORK OUR FLORIDA REEFS AND SECRI!!!! Your doing the right thing!!!!	395
2016-02-27 12:25:00	Barb Bohnsack	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, PROTECTION , OTHER	conservation	MIAMI- DADE		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	I strongly support establishing the Marine Protected Area framework as put forth in the Our Florida Reefs planning process. Conserving habitat, and improving ecosystem function and productivity are vital. I believe our reefs and surrounding habitats are suffering from too many human-induced impacts. Pollution, debris, anchor damage, ship/boat groundings, and indiscriminate fishing cannot continue as they have been or what there is left of our reef system will not be around for future generations to enjoy.	*Marine reserves established under N146 where fishing will be prohibited will not interfere with anyone's ability (or their "right") to fish. Fish elsewhere! Some of the greatest fishing areas can be found on the edges of marine reserves because reserves restore and increase fish populations, and the fish spill over into non-reserve areas. Win-win! *Just like with hunting on land: you can't hunt anywhere you want to on land, and likewise there need to be areas where no fishing is allowed. Duck hunters established wildlife refuges with no duck hunting allowed to ensure that there would be enough ducks to hunt outside of the refuges. *Fishing is great, and it's an important recreational and economic activity, but I think it's ridiculous to allow fishing everywhere. It's not just about people	394

										who fish! People who are interested in diving, snorkeling, scientific research, or simply appreciating nature have a right to see reefs with healthy fish populations, too. Current fishing practices that allow anyone to fish anywhere are unfair. *Corals need fish to provide nutrients and control coral predators. Some reef areas need protection from fishing to restore ecological balance.	
2016-02-26 14:39:35		N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING		PALM BEACH		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	I fully support this Recommended Management Action, it is long over due and has the potential to ensure we can continue to enjoy fishing, diving and boating in the future.	393
2016-02-26 13:44:37		N-146 general comment	PROTECTION		BROWAR D		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	Coral reefs provide protection and shelter for many different species of fish. Without healthy, LIVING coral reefs, these fish are left homeless with nowhere to live and no where safe to reproduce. Florida's tourists mainly come here to be in warm weather and to enjoy our ocean and sea life. Healthy coral ecosystems also support local businesses and economies, as well as provide jobs through tourism and recreation. It is very important to have areas that are protected to give our reefs a chance to rebuild and our sea life to reproduce without being in danger.	392
2016-02-26 10:27:40	Diann e Hughe s	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		MARTIN		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	I support the draft RMA in its entirety.	391
2016-02-26 07:42:53	Erin Hodel	N-146 general comment	DIVING, PROTECTION		PALM BEACH		Definitely So	Definitely So			390
2016-02-25 20:58:14	Lisa Miceli	N-146 general comment	PROTECTION		BROWAR D		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	I support maintaining the protected areas to help promote the building of our coral reefs. Keeping in mind that a healthy reef provides a multitude of benefits. Some of these benefits include protected areas for juvenile fish to reside in without being in danger of a decline in population.	389
2016-02-25 20:53:42	Court ney	N-146 general comment	DIVING, PROTECTION		BROWAR D		Likely	Likely	Definitely So	I like that there is a compromise for reef protection and reef use. I believe this RMA would provide an avenue for nearshore spacial planning that would zone out areas for activities that the users can decide. It does not automatically equate to no fishing allowed. I like that the users would have a voice in the planning process and that there is a lot of flexibility to allow fishing areas as well as enhanced protection areas. This framework will help keep us humans happy on the water regardless of the activity... making a living, having fun, observing the beautiful underwater world, or catching dinner. It should also allow the fish and habitat to maintain health and balance. There is a great case study in the Florida Keys and many of the fisherman have observed tangent positive changes in some fisheries' size and stock! To me that means more fish, bigger fish, and fish for many more years!	388

2016-02-25 19:34:21	Madis yn	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		OTHER	Indian River	Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	I support our Florida reefs becoming a National Marine Sanctuary. It is important that we do something to save our coral reefs as they are highly important and fragile to the community. Implementing laws that call for no anchor areas, no-take reserves, restoration areas and no take reserves can definitely improve our coral reefs. Creating a mooring bouy program is a great way to reduce the damage to reefs caused by anchors. I definitely think that this draft Recommended Management Action will result in an improvement to not only the coral reefs but as our ecosystem as a whole, improving our waters and our livelihood in southeast Florida.		387
2016-02-25 11:12:53	Morga n C Knowl es	N-146 general comment	PROTECTION	FLORID A	BROWAR D		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	I wish there was more that we could for the coastal ecosystems off South Florida! Being a marine biology graduate student I have seen first hand the damage being done to coral reef habitats. Examples include: eutrophication, pollution, marine debris, physical damage from anchor lines, and abandoned fishing gear, careless scuba and snorkelers damaging reef, overfishing, the list can honestly go on forever. I honestly think that if the local fisherman and users of the area understood that MPA's promote growth and health to the surrounding areas and understand that they will be able to reap the benefits from them is crucial. MPA's are not designed to take things away from you, they are designed to help improve the nature of a already degraded habitat to become a more sustainable, healthier, more profitable and usable area. This area is also a part of a huge ongoing dataset on the benthic habitats and fish populations which give us (as marine biologist and conservationists) more reason for change. We see the destruction and degraded health of the reef daily and this is how to stop it. #endrant		386
2016-02-25 09:02:42		N-146 general comment	PROTECTION		BROWAR D		Definitely So	Likely	Definitely So			385
2016-02-24 21:55:08	Paul Mano ogia n	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, PROTECTION		MIAMI- DADE		Likely Not	Definitely Not		If it focused on cleaning up the water and regulating the sewer and other waste producers from polluting the ocean rather than making the area no fishing zones or MPA's I would perhaps vote for this. The more the water is polluted the darker the water becomes, the darker the water the more heat is absorbed by the sun and the risk of coral bleaching goes up. Find out the cause of the degradation of water quality and stop it. If we can clean up the water it might provide 100x more help to the reefs than if we just closed them off for no one to enjoy. I believe that in order for someone to fight for something they have to know it and how can they know it and love it if they can't ever see it or experience it? Also preserving, maintaining, and even designating new mangrove		384

										shorelines should be considered as well since many reef species need this environment in order to spawn and survive juvenile hood. No matter how great the coral reef is, if the mangroves are few and far between the up and coming reef fish will have no where to grow up and their numbers will continue to dwindle. The problem needs to be researched and backed up scientifically. And a huge number of factors need to be considered the situation is way more complex than just "hey let's close of a big section of ocean and hope that helps." Maybe by implementing a special permit needed for reef fishing similar to the now in existence snook permit and using those funds to help fund researchers would be a better use of energy and resources. Maybe get UM involved they've done a great job with tarpon and bonefish and I'm sure they could put together some great data on the correlations between everything. I want to see the reefs flourishing and fish numbers increasing but I don't think MPA's are the only or even best way to go. I also think there needs to be more FWC regulating fish catches and making sure people are obeying the law and not over fishing.		
2016-02-24 18:48:39	Robert W. Rudolph	N-146 general comment	PROTECTION	FL	BROWARD		Definitely So	Likely	Definitely So		MPAs work. I have seen the results in many places. Please support.	383
2016-02-24 13:29:08	Cameron Perry	N-146 general comment	DIVING, PROTECTION		BROWARD		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So			382
2016-02-24 12:01:07		N-146 general comment	PROTECTION		OTHER	Hillsborough	Likely	Likely	Likely			381
2016-02-24 11:56:17	Lauren Shea	N-146 general comment	DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		OTHER	St Lucie	Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	Create a MPA network, everyone wins. Disturbances won't as easily spread because the MPA's are smaller and more numerous. This will benefit the fishermen and divers. fishermen can fish between MPAs and divers can dive in MPAs and avoid fishermen.		380
2016-02-24 11:20:24		N-146 general comment	DIVING, PROTECTION		BROWARD		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	I feel that it is important to take care of our ocean ecosystem as it provides us with so much we take for granted. By implementing these strategies we will insure that the ocean will continue to provide for use for many more years to come.		379
2016-02-24 10:36:14		N-146 general comment	DIVING		BROWARD		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	I support the entirety of the RMA, our coral reefs need to be protected.		378
2016-02-24 09:43:07	D. Abigail Renegar	N-146 general comment	DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION, OTHER	restoration	BROWARD		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	I absolutely support the establishment and implementation of an MPA framework for this region. The scientific, peer-reviewed support for improvement of the reef ecosystem after MPA implementation is well established. We have a unique reef environment in this area and the protection that an MPA affords will greatly enhance the health and resilience of south Florida's reef ecosystem, thereby supporting the industries that rely on these reefs.		377

2016-02-24 07:15:09	Alessi a	N-146 general comment	DIVING, PROTECTION		OTHER	Maldiv es	Definitely So		Definitely So			376
2016-02-23 19:49:39		N-146 general comment	PROTECTION		BROWAR D		Likely	Likely Not	Definitely So	I support any protection of our reefs.		375
2016-02-23 17:39:05		N-146 general comment	PROTECTION		MIAMI- DADE		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So			374
2016-02-23 17:35:54	Rebek ah Etheri dge	N-146 general comment	DIVING, PROTECTION		OTHER	Alachu a, but I used to live in Browar d	Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So			373
2016-02-23 17:23:41	Kristin a Trotta	N-146 general comment	DIVING		OTHER		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So			372
2016-02-23 17:19:40		N-146 general comment	DIVING, PROTECTION		BROWAR D		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So			371
2016-02-23 17:08:38		N-146 general comment	PROTECTION		OTHER	Pinellas	Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So			370
2016-02-23 16:55:03		N-146 general comment	DIVING		BROWAR D		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	I support the implantation of an MPA. If we want to be able to enjoy our reefs in the future (i.e for fishing, diving, etc) it is crucial for this to be in place. Also, without our reefs there is no ecosystem.		369
2016-02-23 15:56:28	Hunte r Noren	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, PROTECTION	Florida	BROWAR D		Definitely So	Not Sure	Definitely So	These protected areas have been scientifically proven time and time again to benefit the marine environment and it's inhabitants and can actually improve fishing at other locations as fish leave the protection area. We need these areas or in the future no-one will be fishing on Florida reefs because there will be nothing left.		368
2016-02-23 15:52:51	Emilie	N-146 general comment	PROTECTION		BROWAR D		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	I support the protection of south Florida reefs!	I wish everyone would understand that the opportunity to fish could not exist without coral reefs! They are so extremely important both ecologically and economically, bringing in thousands of dollars in revenue each year in various sectors. Protecting reefs and designating no take zones will allow fish populations to regenerate (ideally), so it is a win-win for everyone. Don't be so focused on the short term gain, but rather the long term.	367
2016-02-23 15:48:09	Caitly n Nay	N-146 general comment	PROTECTION		BROWAR D		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	I support the implementation of MPAs along the coast. You cannot hope to protect an ecosystem by protecting only small parts of it. This will allow for better protection for our entire reef ecosystem in Florida. If we want to keep reaping the benefits of our coral reefs, we have to protect them and make sure we do not overfish, and damage them. It will be great for there to be no-take areas, no anchor areas, and protection during spawning events. This will lead to better sustainability in the long-run.		366
2016-02-23 15:39:09		N-146 general comment	PROTECTION		BROWAR D		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	There is no doubt that the fishing and coral reefs have declined in our area; this action will and has been shown to produce positive results in many regions. The recommendation will help fish populations to increase to sustainable levels. I fully support this recommendation.		365

2016-02-23 14:44:42	Richard Dodge	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		BROWAR D		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	It is well written as stated.		364
2016-02-23 14:37:13	Kenne th Banks	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING		BROWAR D		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	I strongly support the concept of no-take zones. These have been implemented in several regional (Caribbean) countries and have resulted in increased fish stocks in the zones as well as improvements in areas outside the zones (spillover). Florida is the only jurisdiction in the region without these valuable resource management schemes in its offshore waters. As a long-time fisherman, I know that reef fish stocks are dramatically depleted, and this is a necessary step in restoring these stocks. Catch-and-release, in itself, will not succeed.	I strongly support the concept of no-take zones. These have been implemented in several regional (Caribbean) countries and have resulted in increased fish stocks in the zones as well as improvements in areas outside the zones (spillover). Florida is the only jurisdiction in the region without these valuable resource management schemes in its offshore waters. As a long-time fisherman, I know that reef fish stocks are dramatically depleted, and this is a necessary step in restoring these stocks. Catch-and-release, in itself, will not succeed.	363
2016-02-21 09:49:18	Don Deis	N-146 general comment	DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		OTHER	Clay	Likely	Likely	Definitely So	The more that I read about Marine Protected areas; the more that I have become convinced that they are a necessary management strategy to endure the sustainability of the fish and fisheries associated with reef systems.		362
2016-02-20 15:38:17		N-146 general comment	PROTECTION		OTHER	St. Lucie	Likely	Likely	Definitely So	Well managed marine protected areas provide refuge for larger, more fecund fish and allow fish populations to grow. The Cabo Pulmo National Marine Park near the tip of Baja California is a wonderful example of what is possible when fishing pressures are removed. Imagine our reef communities looking like this: https://vimeo.com/27379232		361
2016-02-20 12:20:54	Craig Howe	N-146 general comment	DIVING		BROWAR D		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	I think the area around the Blue Heron Bridge should be a no take zone for everything. The people fishing there deliberately try to hook the divers. Eventually someone is going to get seriously hurt. Also, there is monofilament line everywhere. Here are the options I believe should be considered. 1. A total ban on removing any organism by any method. 2. A ban on fishing for the 2 hours around a high tide. 3. A ban on fishing for the 2 hours around a high tide at night.		360
2016-02-19 18:35:40		N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		MARTIN		Likely	Definitely So	Definitely So	On land parks, refuges, wildlife preserves seem to be taken for granted as a necessary action to safeguard a more natural rendering of our environment. I can't see why it would be any different in the marine world. This just seems to make sense.....both to protect the environment and to maintain a place for people (snorklers and divers in this case) to enjoy nature. Great idea.		359
2016-02-19 15:29:40	ARC, Atlant	N-146 general comment	OTHER	Aquacul ture	MIAMI- DADE		Likely	Likely	Likely		This comment is to inform that there is an aquaculture land lease within the proposed	358

	ic Reef Conservation										<p>boundaries of this possible zoning framework. Please make sure to take into account that the wording of any proposed legislation include that "no take" excludes "aquaculture" as to remain inline and consistent with the states current position of supporting and protecting sustainable aquaculture practices.</p> <p>Atlantic Reef Conservation (ARC Reef) is a licensed Aquaculture Facility. Florida Department of Agriculture - State License# AQ0223588</p> <p>National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Federal Live Rock Aquaculture site # AQU-069</p> <p>Location of site: 25 40.366 N, 80 05.707 W Site size: 1 Acre (43,560 Sq. Ft.) Radial Circle, Center point</p> <p>To date we have deposited 150,000 lbs of Calcium Carbonate rock. We are currently in the process of shaping the reef into a heart that fills the entire acre. We will have over 500,000 lbs of reef material on the site by the end of summer in 2016. We have named the reef "Heart Reef, Miami" Details and rendering of the project can be seen at https://arcreef.com/live-rock/heart-reef/ Please feel free to contact us if you would like our chart plots of any further information. If we can assist you on any reef surveys, or data logging please let us know, we are on the water 4 days per week and can assist your organization or many different things from checking on mooring buoys to setting up equipment on our site. We are here to help.</p> <p>Thomas Mattison 305 213-0013 ARC (Atlantic Reef Conservation)</p>	
2016-02-18 15:11:52	Derek Sullivan	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING	Florida	BROWARD	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not		<p>I think it may be reasonable to change bag limits and sizes if the science backs it up but closing down such large portions of the reef without any science to back up the claim that it is necessary is very extreme and makes no sense.</p> <p>I love the reefs of SE Florida. I dive all of them. I want to see them thrive. I simply do not see any reason for this action. Our state fisheries are in great shape due to the very capable hands of State management.</p> <p>The main threats to our reefs are not from fishing activities. I think most divers would agree they are threatened by water quality/pollution and</p>		357

										sedimentation. There is no plan to review whether these no take zones are working and there is also no plan to ever reopen the areas. It seems as though this entire idea if from a select group of individuals with their own agendas.	
2016-02-18 08:41:19	Daniel Snell	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION , OTHER	spearfis hing lobsteri ng	BROWAR D		Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	<p>Florida's well-managed marine fisheries are enjoyed by millions of anglers each year and support a thriving marine recreation economy. Our Florida Reefs has proposed many recommendations that would strip state authority to manage our fisheries and close large areas of the ocean to recreational fishing without scientific basis.</p> <p>Specifically, I oppose the following recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementing a Marine Protected Area zoning framework • Nominating the entire region as a National Marine Sanctuary • Applying for United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) world heritage site status for entire Florida Reef Tract • Establishing Coral Reef Gardens <p>Rather than proposing to add 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.</p>	356
2016-02-17 13:25:55	Bill Van Dem an	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING		OTHER	Hillsbor ough	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	<p>I am opposed to the following recommendations.</p> <p>N-59: Ban Spearfishing on SCUBA N-64: Require Registration of Fishing Gear in St. Lucie Inlet Preserve N-137: Designate SEFCRI Region as PSSA or ATBA S-54: Apply for Florida Reef Tract to be Designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site S-65: Nominate SEFCRI Region as a National Marine Sanctuary S-86: Ban Live Mounts and Promote Proper handling and release techniques of All Shark Species</p> <p>There is no scientific basis for banning scuba spearfishing and the FWC has consistently shown there is no significant difference in impact than hook and line fishing, including catch and release (when considering predation and discard mortality). Furthermore banning scuba spearfishermen will have a significant impact on scuba removal of invasive lionfish that represent a far greater threat to reef fish population than divers.</p>	355

									Also, there is no scientific basis for a comprehensive ban on harvest of all species of sharks (protection for threatened species notwithstanding) if harvest is regulated by traditional FWC management techniques and fishery monitoring.			
2016-02-16 20:16:52		N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		MARTIN		Likely	Likely	Likely	<p>Subject: Bathtub Reef and St. Lucie Inlet State Park. I support no anchoring on the actual reefs but not an area ban on the whole park. There is a commercial and recreational pompano fishery within the park mostly close to the beach. We need to anchor, but we do not fish the reefs,, we anchor in sand areas along sand bars and deeper channels and bottom fish. We lose our rigs which are expensive if we are near the reefs therefore we avoid them. Please do not prevent us from anchoring in the sandy areas.</p> <p>I do not support No Take Areas. There are other ways of regulating fisheries.</p>	<p>There is a large commercial Spanish Mackerel fishery during the winter months within the park. Somewhere between 1 and 2 million pounds are caught each year within the park boundaries. This occurs right on top of the rocky reef as the mackerel like to stage on top of the reefs. The majority are caught by castnets that are allowed to sink to the reef then dragged along forcing the fish to gill themselves but this dragging causes damage to the corals and other organisms growing on the reef. Often these nets snag the reef and fishermen cleat the rope and rip the net off the reef with the boat engine causing damage and losing parts of the net that can continue killing fish, lobster, crabs, and possible sea turtles. THE CASTNETS MUST BE BANNED FROM THE PARK. Every castnet boat also fishes with rod and reels on days that the mackerel are not concentrated so by banning the nets the fishermen can still make a living. Banning the nets will also slow down the landings causing prices to increase so there will be actually a small economic loss to the fishermen.</p>	354
2016-02-16 13:22:52	Matt Butler	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING		PALM BEACH		Likely	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	<p>The RMA may lead to a minor improvement in the coral reef ecosystem. This improvement would be mostly by not having anchors dropped on the reef system, but people that know what they are doing do not drop anchor on the reef. If they were to do so, they would possibly loose their anchor to the reef. The RMA does not cure global climate change, acidification of the ocean, or stormwater runoff, all of which have a much greater impact to the reef than fishing and boating.</p> <p>The cost to the public and state would be much greater than the improvement. The fishing industry would suffer an immense loss due to the RMA, both on the commercial side and the recreational side of the fishery. People would lose their jobs, and the economy would suffer. I am strongly against the RMA.</p>		353
2016-02-16 11:23:47		N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING		PALM BEACH		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	<p>What evidence do you have that this will actually even make a difference? Has there been any research to prove that this will help? Please keep in mind that the near-shore area is very dynamic and constantly changing. Rock ledges along most of the east coast routinely cover and uncover with sand based on weather conditions. Why would this make a difference in your opinion? I think that no one should support this unless this organization</p>	<p>This seems like another way to limit use and access to public waters and or resources by special interest groups. I would like to know what agency that this organization will be lobbying to push these proposed changes?</p>	352

										produces proof, case studies, research, etc. that this has worked in the past or is projected to work.		
2016-02-16 10:35:17	Mark Williams	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING		PALM BEACH		Likely Not	Likely Not	Definitely Not	Until there are more studies and some science put behind this action, I do not support any of the RMA's proposed at this time. RMA's should be used as a last resort and there needs to be evidence provided to support these actions.	Until there are more studies and some science put behind this action, I do not support any of the RMA's proposed at this time. RMA's should be used as a last resort and there needs to be evidence provided to support these actions.	351
2016-02-16 06:39:08	Steve Hurst	N-146 general comment	FISHING, BOATING		MIAMI-DADE		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Eliminate RNA's and enforce existing regulations		350
2016-02-16 06:06:58	Bruce Halle	N-146 general comment	FISHING			Monroe	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Need to manage limits during spawning and during the year.		349
2016-02-15 17:09:54	carol.korbar	N-146 general comment	PROTECTION		BROWARD		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	I support the recommendations of N-146RMA.	I support the need to protect our ecosystem, conserve our existing habitat. We must prevent unsustainable use of resources.	348
2016-02-15 16:43:06	Dave Knutson	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING		PALM BEACH		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	I have been fishing and diving in South Florida for over 50 years. The loss of coral is a function of water quality and has little to do with restricting people through MPAs of the right to enjoy what many of us cherish as citizens of the state of Florida. There are far better ways to manage our reefs than through exclusion. Fisheries can be restricted by size and bag limits and season closures. Reef fishes such as parrot and butterfly fish can be protected by enforcing the marine life regulations already in place. Ethnic fish markets receive no enforcement and sell all these restricted species with no consequences. The huge amounts of polluted water being dumped on our reefs today is exponentially more destructive than fishing or diving. Stop that and you save the reefs. Enforcement of MPAS as proposed would be a nightmare and would turn thousands of otherwise law abiding citizens into criminals. With currents running up to 5 knots in close proximity to the coast, buoys are impractical. People would have to rely on GPS coordinates and hope they have them right. If I'm diving south of an MPA and I drift into it because of fast current and a longer than expected decompression time, I will be faced with a decision to get the bends or get a ticket. Unacceptable! If I hook a fish outside an MPA and the fight/current pushes me into the MPA, will I be fined? MPAs off the Southeast Florida coast are totally impractical. Find another way.	Under no circumstances should the State of Florida relinquish its control over its territorial waters to the Federal government. Everything managed by the FEDS is a disaster of over regulation and beurocratic waste. The state of Florida does a much better job of managing its resources than the FEDS ever could. Seems like this whole "reef confiscation"issue is being done for the financial benefit of a few at the expense of the many. You should really call yourselves what you are. You are not "our Florida reefs" but the "reefs for the benefit of special interests."	347
2016-02-15 16:16:56	Barbara Ryan	N-146 general comment	FISHING	Florida	PALM BEACH		Likely	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	A no take fishery is a very bad idea for this area. Let the state fishery manage the state resources. Federal authority should not extend to local waters. Just because an area is half way between 2 inlets....that should not be the rationale for		346

										considering a no take zone. It should be areas that are not routinely used by local residents.		
2016-02-15 15:42:56	Joseph Penza	N-146 general comment	FISHING, BOATING, PROTECTION	Florida	MIAMI-DADE		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	I support reasonable actions such as better education and continued use of limits (size and bag). Also, the disproportionate allocation of resources to commercial interests because of lobbying efforts is shameful.	It is shameful that a last resort type of measure is being implemented without sufficient research to justify denying people access to a large portion of accessible areas and allocating blame on our general existence.	345
2016-02-15 15:12:58	Mark Carter	N-146 general comment	FISHING, PROTECTION		OTHER	Orange	Not Sure	Likely Not	Likely Not			344
2016-02-15 14:45:35	Richard Moore	N-146 general comment	FISHING, BOATING, OTHER	Recreational fishing access in general	OTHER	Manatee	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	The proposal is not necessary	I agree with CCA and their criticisms of this proposal	343
2016-02-15 14:41:28	Richard Moore	N-146 general comment	FISHING, BOATING, PROTECTION, OTHER	Recreational fishing access to all areas and Science base decisions	OTHER	Manatee	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	I see no need for this draft MRA. Access restrictions should be only used as a last resort and should be based upon proven science.		342
2016-02-15 13:51:12	Frank Beguiristain	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING		MIAMI-DADE		Likely Not	Likely Not	Definitely Not	NO RMA !!!!! Let us fish Protect the fish size and limits....seasons.... but let me fish the reefs !!!! And leave law abiding people alone!		341
2016-02-15 12:37:50	Mark Thomason	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING		OTHER	Monroe	Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Use MPA's as a last resort to improve the reefs not as a first step. You will be taking away a lot of peoples livelihood, and taking away the chance for children to learn about the beauty of a reef system because they will not be able to visit the reef.		340
2016-02-15 10:42:35	Mike	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING		OTHER	Sarasota	Not Sure	Likely Not	Likely Not	Restrict access for "for profit" or commercial anglers and divers. The commercial industry has ruined our fisheries. When I fish a spot for my 2 group I am able to harvest and a commercial boat is able to pull thousands of pounds of grouper in the same spot, this is not equal rights.	We need a balance between the commercial and recreational divers and anglers in the Gulf and Atlantic fisheries. This proposal and many others strips rights from recreational divers and anglers. We have laws in place that protect every man's equal rights to the ocean. The commercial industry has taken over our water and forced regulations to be passed that only limit recreational individuals. If tax dollars are used to enhance or protect it, those paying the taxes should have access to it. Keep for profit companies out of the area and limit the harvest, but do not take the right to feed one's family away.	339
2016-02-15 09:45:08		N-146 general comment	FISHING, BOATING, PROTECTION		MIAMI-DADE		Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not		FWC has the charter to ensure that Marine life is protected and that we continue to maintain sustainable fisheries stock. I get the no anchor zones to protect coral, but the 'no take' is simply the draconian, lazy way to accomplish the stated goal of protecting reefs. Dramatically up the penalties for infractions (undersized catch, over limit catch, illegal spearig, anchoring) to include mandatory confiscation of boat, trailer and vehicle. Hefty fines	338

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2016-02-15 09:43:03		N-146 general comment	FISHING, BOATING		MIAMI- DADE		Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not		FWC has the charter to ensure that Marine life is protected and that we continue to maintain sustainable fisheries stock. I get the no anchor zones to protect coral, but the 'no take' is simply the draconian, lazy way to accomplish the stated goal of protecting reefs. Dramatically up the penalties for infractions (udersized catch, over limit catch, illegal spearig, anchoring) to include mandatory confiscation of boat, trailer and vehicle. Hefty fines and some jail time would also be appropriate. If FWC deems stocks to be low, they can, and do, alter fishing dates until stocks rebound. This is a tried and true method used by staqtes nationwide with very good results.	337
2016-02-15 09:36:12	Raul Gonza lez	N-146 general comment	FISHING, BOATING		MIAMI- DADE		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	The FWC has the best ideas to manage our resources. Taking the public from using our resource doesn't help the system. Jobs and economy will be impacted by your actions.		336
2016-02-15 09:32:21	M.R	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING		MARTIN		Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Stop the commercial castnet fishery over this reef area. Also, put your efforts towards stopping the discharges from Lake'O. The sediment and high nutrients from the discharges does way more damaged to the nearshore reefs than recreational fishing ever will.		335
2016-02-15 09:24:02	Richar d Klima	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		OTHER	Pinellas	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Much more limited management option-- closures should be a last resort.	Limits should be placed on commercial fishing not recreational activities.	334
2016-02-15 09:06:02	John donal dson	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		OTHER	Orange	Likely Not	Not Sure	Definitely Not			333
2016-02-12 09:29:03		N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		BROWAR D		Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	I don't support anything that is going to close off 200 miles or more of fishing. 50% of the fishing I do is in these areas. That means if you close them off that life is going to really suck for me and many others. Sounds like it's not just going to affect the fisherman but as well as anyone who likes to do anything with water	People should be focusing their time and energy on big sugar. All the water being dumped out of Lake O is killing more fish reef and other marine life then what divers and fishermen are doing	332
2016-02-11 10:56:29		N-146 general comment	FISHING		BROWAR D		Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	I support the cessastion of any consideration of implementing no-fishing zones along FL coastlines for ANY reasons other than to save endangered fish stocks. Not only is fishing a means of supplementing expensive food purchases it is a tourist draw that brings a great deal of money and tax support into the State. In short, DON'T mess with what's working!		331
2016-02-10 20:15:43		N-146 general comment	DIVING		OTHER		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Limited and targeted MPA's have been proven by FWRI and NOAA not to work since the biomass moves to adjust to conditions. There is no peer reviewed biomass and economic		330

										data presented by SEFCRI. RMA N-146 should be eliminated.		
2016-02-05 18:17:36		N-146 general comment	FISHING		OTHER	Warren , KY	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not		This would eliminate a lot of tourism in this area. The proposal will e improve the reef habitat asc stated.	329
2016-02-05 15:02:33	Catherine Hadad	N-146 general comment	FISHING, OTHER	I own a business that sells to Recreational Fishermen. These closures are killing the marine industry . You are putting business out of business .	OTHER	Our Business sells to the entire Eastern Seaboard.	Likely Not	Likely Not	Definitely Not	99 percent of the recreational fishermen are honest, caring people who don't want to see anything happen to our fish population. These closures stop people from putting food on their table. They stop small business from selling bait, tackle, gas, slip rental. They stop tourism. Please consider all account of closing fishing areas.		328
2016-02-04 17:24:25	David Claffy	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		BROWARD		Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	How about directing your efforts toward the pollution outfall and the sewage pipes that killed off our inshore reefs in the mid to late 70's. I witness this while fishing from our piers as a kid. If I believed closures were temporary I might agree it could help- but once laws are enacted they never change back. These reefs sustain our tourism, diving, sportfishing, and marine industry economy of our State - closing them makes zero sense...protect them with more anchorage, less pollution and enforcement of the state law. These reefs are for the use and enjoyment of our families; they are not to be turned into museums and aquariums. If our full Ocean access is closed - we might as well all move to Kansas!		327
2016-02-04 15:53:42	Bouncer Smith	N-146 general comment	FISHING		MIAMI-DADE		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So		I have fished the Miami area since 1956 and have been in the fishing business since 1963. It is scary to look back over the last 30 years and think of the declines I have seen in fishing populations. I have studied marine reserves for several years and believe that we need them now, while we still have a little bit of marine life to save. Our grouper, mutton snapper, white grunt and hogfish populations are crashed, not crashing. I would hope to see a pattern of marine reserves all along the east coast of Florida. This is NOT to take away from any fisherman, but to save reef fishing for ALL fishermen	326

2016-02-04 12:58:12	blaine dickenson	N-146 general comment	FISHING, BOATING, PROTECTION		PALM BEACH		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	MPAs will not help the reef or help fish stocks recover. Recreational fisherman are not the problem but can help in the solution. Closing the reef to fishing will only alienate recreational fishermen. Concentrate on closing the outfalls, freshwater discharges from Lake O, fertilizer leaching, and other sources which cause harm to the reef. There are a number of angler based organizations who would love to help but you are already alienating us. We should all be attacking the ACOE together.		325
2016-02-04 11:38:46	Sherrie Facchine	N-146 general comment	DIVING, PROTECTION		PALM BEACH		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	One caveat: Lionfish should be allowed to be killed and/or taken anytime, anywhere.		324
2016-02-04 10:03:21	Jayson Clayton	N-146 general comment	FISHING, PROTECTION		OTHER	Brevard	Likely Not	Likely Not	Definitely Not	I support no MPA of any kind anywhere in this area. No science based proof exists that they provide any benefit to fish species and are used as a tool to limit or eliminate public use of a public resource by extreme environmentalists under the guise of the publics best interest and 'conservation'.		323
2016-02-04 08:53:33	trip aukeman	N-146 general comment	FISHING		OTHER		Definitely Not	Likely Not	Definitely Not	I do not believe that MPAs should ever be implemented to stop fishing unless they are being used as a last resort. Your group sees MPAs as a first stage management tool and has not looked at other options. I believe the working group should work with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to achieve their goals and do not believe that Our Florida Reefs nor the SEFCRI have the authority to develop and implement fisheries regulations.		322
2016-02-03 09:55:51		N-146 general comment	DIVING		PALM BEACH		Likely	Not Sure	Likely	Protected areas in Jupiter will support the Lemon shark aggregation as well as the Goliath Grouper aggregation. These species bring tourism dollars to our community which helps the small businesses. The tropical fish numbers will increase with a healthier reef.		321
2016-02-01 13:55:46		N-146 general comment	FISHING		MARTIN		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not			320
2016-02-01 13:55:12	George Large	N-146 general comment	FISHING		MARTIN		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not			319
2016-02-01 11:53:09		N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING		MARTIN		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	The seasonal protection for spawning aggregations must be backed up with factual species specific fish counts. Establish a fish stock goal prior to implementing any restrictions on fishing activities. Any restrictions must have regular annual re-validation to prove that any restriction remains necessary.	Seasonal hyper-local fishing regulations will not help without a global commercial restrictions. The real problem of estuary pollution are the st lucie locks, leaking septic tanks, and global warming. If global warming continues none of these actions will have any impact.	318
2016-02-01 09:46:20	Michael Christiano	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		PALM BEACH		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not		"No take" zones should only be considered when recreational fishing poses a demonstrated threat to the fishery. Our fisheries are in good shape due to effective state management. I am opposed to creating "no take" zones. We need better enforcement of the current laws!	317

2016-01-31 13:59:26		N-146 general comment	FISHING, BOATING		PALM BEACH			Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Commercial fishing, party boats that take out dozens of people twice and day and hit the reefs hard every day of every week of every month of every year, and scuba divers who are allowed to spear fish while using tanks are the biggest concern to our reefs and I have seen it first hand. I also live in Europe and nowhere in that region are so many party fishing boats or scuba divers allowed to spear fish. Free divers are in the minority, they do not dive too deep and are small in numbers, they only take the fish they want with no by catch. Recreational fishermen have their bag limits and so that is kept in check. It is COMMERCIAL fishermen who clean the reefs out entirely. It is the sewage water run off's in Hillsborough/Boca area and Ft. Lauderdale that are causing real harm. I've seen that first hand and have filmed it and will continue to post those videos on YouTube so the world can see what Florida is doing to pollute it's waters.. So perhaps a different thinking is needed here, because recreational fishing and free diving in South Florida is not only a great tourist attraction, it is also a way of life for all locals, as well as a RIGHT for Floridians to recreational fish their own local waters.		316
2016-01-31 12:47:39	Joe Bartos zek	N-146 general comment	DIVING, PROTECTION		OTHER	Brevar d	Definitely So	Not Sure	Definitely So	This could be a preamble to forming a Sanctuary		315
2016-01-31 11:24:42		N-146 general comment	DIVING		BROWAR D		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	no to --no take areas--no bouys to mark reefs for lazy people-to places they would never find		314
2016-01-30 05:48:15	Hamil ton Mas on	N-146 general comment	DIVING		MARTIN		Definitely So	Likely	Definitely So	We certainly need to set aside protected marine preserves. I have been diving off the Palm Beaches since 1997 and have observed a significant decrease in fish populations. In addition, fishermen still anchor on the reef causing damage. I would like to see a marine preserve, shorter seasons for game fish, and enforcement of anchoring restrictions. More and more divers are becoming aware of the diving off the Palm Beaches and bringing their tourist dollars with them. I understand the interests of the fishing industry, but we need be careful that we do not kill the goose laying the golden eggs. We need to protect our reefs.		313
2016-01-29 21:25:20	Frank Einchi uso	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING		MARTIN		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Do not change anything! Keep your grubby government hands out of it. Open some sort of season on Goliath Grouper if you want to restore the reef systems in our area		312
2016-01-29 16:14:15	Mike Alexa nder	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING		MARTIN		Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	I support size and quantity limitations on fish take limits. This proposal is an over use of power and is terrible to even consider.		311
2016-01-29 12:13:34		N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		MARTIN		Likely	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	No fish zones to not be allowed	This is bullshit.	310

2016-01-29 10:26:09	Wolcott Henry	N-146 general comment	DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		PALM BEACH		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	It is important that the State of Florida protect its coral reef ecosystems, and this includes the reefs from Palm Beach Island to Stuart. This is not only good for the coastal areas, but also provides jobs and tourism related financial benefits to the counties where they exist.		309
2016-01-29 09:27:01		N-146 general comment	FISHING		OTHER	Indian River	Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Possibly changing bag limits and more restrictions on commercial fishing		308
2016-01-29 08:45:49	James Fenn	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING		PALM BEACH		Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	You mention one of the initiatives is to improve water quality off Palm Beach County. Instead of hinder local law abiding citizens from doing what they love (fishing and diving), I think you should focus more on the runoff that does significantly more damage and has more impact on our reefs and fish than we do. Also this will hurt our economy vs. improve it because people like me will end up moving out of Palm Beach County and or spending significantly less money on fishing, gas, and other associated items.	I think this will significantly hurt our local economy and a lot of local fishing and dive shops. Many of our local businesses are driving by diving and fishing and this plan will start off with small areas and then within a couple years the protected areas will continue to expand.	307
2016-01-29 08:41:56	Linwood F Bennett	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		OTHER		Likely Not	Likely Not	Definitely Not	1. Focus real time quick fix items first. Bad water discharges. (Lake Okeechobee) Fly over the SL Inlet when the lake is being dumped. It is a crime to see !!! Excel on sewage septic tank change to sewage systems. 2. Establish reasonable no anchor and no cast netting areas. 3. Do not protect Lion Fish.		306
2016-01-29 08:26:41	michael comchowich	N-146 general comment	FISHING	FL	PALM BEACH		Likely Not	Likely Not	Definitely Not	I will oppose any restrictions for my ability to fish with my family. There are currently sufficient bag limits and seasonal closures to protect salt water species in the Jupiter Area. This is nothing but a waste of my tax dollars.		305
2016-01-28 20:24:51	Adam	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		MARTIN		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Going after Recreation Fishing is Not the answer to the quality of our fish populations. Limits and closed seasons are all ready enough that tourists and locals are fed up. The problem is water quality. You can't protect what you don't have. Most Reef fish grow up inshore. Groupers, snapper, seabass, and most others. The lagoon is trashed beyond belief. The sea grass is GONE. The food is GONE. You can't protect what you don't have.		304
2016-01-28 20:00:45		N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		PALM BEACH		Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Limiting access in any way to recreational boating, fishing & diving along the Southeast Florida coast is a negative to the state's marine industry and is not in the best interest of Florida. An alternative suggestion to make positive impact on the protection of the reefs would be to access, monitor and limit land based ocean outfalls more completely. Also to contain commercial vessel anchoring to designated areas. A higher focus on the sources of polluted water and how to minimize their release to coastal areas is a much more effective measure.		303

2016-01-28 18:48:34	robert fried man	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		MIAMI- DADE		Likely Not	Likely Not	Likely Not	stop overfishing by net I don't think standard rod and reel fishing using single line fishing rods can effect fishing stocks the way netting does , bycatch, overnetting is what takes the major damage...	302
2016-01-28 17:18:57	Roma n Fondo n	N-146 general comment	FISHING		BROWAR D		Not Sure	Not Sure	Not Sure		301
2016-01-28 16:40:06	Ryan Rober tson	N-146 general comment	FISHING	fl	MARTIN		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Ban all commercial fishing on the reefs. Leave open to recreational fisherman. I would like to see more FWC officers out in the ocean making sure all vessels are complying with size and bag limits when fishing the reef areas. I feel this way about all Florida reefs not just in Martin county.	300
2016-01-28 16:28:05	John Zarets ki	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION	Florida	PALM BEACH		Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	I can understand the no anchor zones. I would support the use of buoy's that people could tie off to, instead of having to anchor in the area. I completely disagree with allowing a complete ban of fishing or boating in these areas. Bag limits on recreational anglers are extremely strict and make it tough at times to bring enough food home for dinner some days. Also if you are worried about fish stocks start limiting what commercial boats can take as opposed to the 5 snapper a rec angler can take. I would also focus more on water quality issues such as runoff from Lake O and beach re-nourishment projects.	299
2016-01-28 16:27:50	Ray Loren zo	N-146 general comment	FISHING		PALM BEACH		Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	<p>RE YOUR FINAL OFR RMA N-146 Intended Benefits and/or Potential Adverse Effects:</p> <p>Your document have failed to identify all impacted interests. Not only the local fishing community will be impacted, but also the businesses that depend on sports fishing such as retail stores, marinas, hotels, etc. Our area is abundant with pelagic species that bring thousand of yearly visitors and many millions of dollars to the economy. How can this consequence be mitigated?</p> <p>I am also puzzled by the extended coverage of the proposed no fishing zones. The majority of these areas do not contain natural reefs. Yes, there are plenty of artificial reefs creating by sinking of old barges and ships, just for the purpose of improving sports fishing. So is confusing and hard to understand why these junk yard reefs need to be protected from exactly the same purpose they were created?</p> <p>For one, my business would have zero chance of economic survival if the plan is implemented as proposed. I would assume there would be a Federal and State program to mitigate these very significant losses. In other words, who is paying my mortgage, my employees and my taxes if this happens? It is not like our area have plenty of other economic</p>	298

										option that would readily absolve the displaced businesses. One more observation in closing. It is all about enforcement. There are plenty of rules, regulations and laws in the books. However, there is very little enforcement and very little visible oversight. Why don't you start by working on the problem of active regulation enforcement by the agencies before you propose and act on this radical plan? Ray Lorenzo StingRay Tackle Company 1405 North Alernate A1A Jupiter FL 33469 ray@stingraytackle.com 800.257.9461		
2016-01-28 15:07:54	Chris Prentice	N-146 general comment	FISHING		PALM BEACH		Likely Not	Likely Not	Definitely Not	These waters are open to the public. I don't believe in the government interfering where you can boat, fish or dive.		297
2016-01-28 15:03:14	Jeffrey S Boyer	N-146 general comment	FISHING		PALM BEACH		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Sustainable resources such as these reefs with no fishing and no use is just another example of placing impediments on sport fishing . Restriction of the these activities will harm both the local and tourist economy and the tax revenues derived from these activities.	We all know that the pumping of water from Lake Okeechobee from the agricultural areas is the main culprit when it comes to increased sedimentation and degradation of these reefs. Hold the farmers accountable especially Big sugar not recreational users accountable for the damage they cause	296
2016-01-28 14:59:26		N-146 general comment	FISHING		BROWARD		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not			295
2016-01-28 14:05:29	Bob Pouncey	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING		PALM BEACH		Likely Not	Likely Not	Likely Not			294
2016-01-28 13:43:59	Thomas Hopkins	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING		OTHER	Charlotte	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	I do not support any changes. As a fisherman I know we do not injure the reefs. As a diver I know we are very careful not to danger the reefs. If you install mourings in these areas there would be no reason to even drop and anchor. I have been to reefs that have these and it works fine.		293
2016-01-28 13:43:07	Mark Seckinger	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING		BROWARD		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	I do not support marine sanctuary or any limitations to our individual rights to enjoy nature.		292
2016-01-28 12:57:20	Gary Brandeberry	N-146 general comment	FISHING, BOATING, PROTECTION		OTHER	Collier	Not Sure	Not Sure	Not Sure	Single line fishing should not be prohibited anywhere! Seasonal restrictions on certain Fish and number of fish is acceptable. Any other type of Fishing should be looked at , Netting , or distraction of Reefs		291
2016-01-28 12:47:34		N-146 general comment	FISHING, BOATING		MIAMI-DADE		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So			290
2016-01-28 12:00:15		N-146 general comment	FISHING, BOATING		OTHER	st lucie county	Definitely Not	Definitely So	Definitely Not	How about looking at the real problems, As for instance the the poison water run off from all the farm canals which empty into the st. lucie river. You all very well know that this is the real culprit but I understand that funding comes first on your agenda. Good luck to you, but I for one will no longer spend my winters here at annual costs of plus \$20,000.00		289

										to your Florida economy. There are many more tourists like me, who think like me, so think long and hard before you shoot yourself in the foot. Good luck and good bye		
2016-01-28 11:52:11	Stanley Shenker	N-146 general comment	FISHING, BOATING	building artificial reefs and FAD's	PALM BEACH		Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	The people writing or thinking about the draft are very narrowly focused and are politically motivated for their own self interest. they really don't care about other peoples wishes, rights, needs.		288
2016-01-28 11:44:56	Mario Aiello	N-146 general comment	FISHING, BOATING		BROWARD		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not			287
2016-01-28 11:23:00	Walt	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING		PALM BEACH		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	education and enforcement of current laws and rules		286
2016-01-28 11:15:49	James Anderson	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, PROTECTION			Brevard	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Regards N-146 AND S-65: Nothing should be considered except when rec fishing shows a absolute threat (scientific - not NGO's agenda). ONLY after measures like bag, size, seasons have failed. Absolutely none of this holds true for the proposed MPAs.	We all want to protect our reefs and wish them to grow and thrive. Our fisheries are in wonderful shape because of great management. Everyone knows the issues are really water temp, quality and sediment, not rec fishing. There has been absolutely no science based research and no fishery resource issues even identified. This is all coming down from NGOs with their own personal agenda with nothing to back up why they want to do this - they just want to. If this is allowed to happen - quickly will come more nonsense. See these people, please, for what they are.	285
2016-01-28 11:02:59		N-146 general comment	FISHING, BOATING		OTHER	St. Lucie	Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Restrict commercial fishing.		284
2016-01-28 10:44:27		N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, PROTECTION		MIAMI-DADE		Likely	Definitely Not	Definitely Not			283
2016-01-28 10:36:49		N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION, OTHER	I am a 3rd generation Florida resident and own a boat on the west coast. This idea of closing a large area of the Atlantic coast of Florida to fishing, diving,	OTHER	Paso county	Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Draft something that will hold developers and builders accountable for overpopulating the coastline and state of Florida.		282

				and boating sounds like more government BS. This is a bad idea. The fishermen in this state do a fine job of protecting the reefs. Keep the government out of it.								
2016-01-28 10:28:39	Charles P. Suteland	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION	FLORIDA	OTHER	Highlands	Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Sport and recreational use is not a source of substantial damage to our coastal fishery or reef systems. The proposed regulations would adversely affect the substantial income generated from the sport and recreational industry without providing a corresponding benefit. Certain commercial harvesting methods, temperature changes and changes in the ph of our seas are far more damaging/threatening to our marine ecosystem. The focus on "no-fishing zones" is misplaced and will not accomplish the intended result.		281
2016-01-28 10:27:04		N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		PALM BEACH		Not Sure	Likely Not	Definitely Not			280
2016-01-28 10:23:14	John	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, PROTECTION		BROWARD		Not Sure	Definitely Not	Definitely Not		We have one of the best managed states in the union with respect to fisheries. We have limited commercial interests. South Florida is a mecca for boating, fishing and diving and is a big part of our economy. To even suggest banning fishing and diving for the residents and tourist demonstrates a complete disregard for the recreational industry and the rights of the residents. Do the people whom drafted this legislation even own a boat?	279
2016-01-28 10:19:57	MAGI N HERN	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING		MIAMI-DADE		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	We oppose the following recommended management actions: N-146 (creates no-take zones) and S-65 (nomination of southeast Florida as		278

	ANDE Z									<p>a National Marine Sanctuary).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · We all want to ensure that our coral reefs continue to thrive but this shouldn't come at the expense of access to our fishing resources. In some cases, limiting fishing can be an effective management tool. But that's not necessary here! · Because they are they are so extreme, "no-take zones" should be considered only when recreational fishing poses a clear and demonstrated threat to the sustainability of fisheries resources and only after conventional fisheries management measures, like seasons and bag and size limits, have failed. Neither of these is true for the proposed Marine Protected Areas (MPAs). · In Florida, our state fisheries are in great shape due to effective state management. · The main threats to our coral reefs in Florida come from increased water temperatures, water quality, and sedimentation - not fishing activities. · There are no fisheries resource issues identified in any of these proposals or any science-based reasoning behind their selection. The desire to exclude recreational fishing is coming from a select group of individuals with their own agendas. · There is no plan to review whether these "no-take zones" are actually working and no plan to ever re-open these areas to fishing. 		
2016-01-28 10:04:35	Jim Murra y	N-146 general comment	FISHING		OTHER	Lake	Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	I do not support it. The only change would be to not have an action in this regard...see comments below.	Enforce laws that are already on the books,not add more. Stop creating regulations. We cannot continue to add more and more layers of government regulation. Keep the no wake zones, especially keep slot limits, but creation of no fish zones only pleases a small segment of the population and does not, nor will not, positively impact fish populations.	277
2016-01-28 08:33:47		N-146 general comment	FISHING		MARTIN		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	No I do not support this at all..		276
2016-01-28 08:20:22		N-146 general comment	FISHING, BOATING		OTHER	New York	Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	If fishing and boating would not be infringed upon whatsoever, I would support.	My family and friends come to SE FL every year for fishing and boating. If this were to be hindered in any way, we would simply take our tourism dollars elsewhere.	275
2016-01-28 08:08:52		N-146 general comment	FISHING, BOATING		OTHER	St johns	Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	There is nothing about this draft that I could support nor any changes that could be made to support it!	We have enough regulations as it is.	274
2016-01-27 22:30:45		N-146 general comment	DIVING, PROTECTION		OTHER	St Lucie	Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	I support making the southeast coast of Florida a protected coral reef ecosystem. I dive out of Jupiter Inlet and over the past 16 years I have seen a decline in the coral reefs due to pollution. I have also seen a decline in lemon shark numbers during their migration in January and February. 10 years ago we would see 20 - 30 lemons per dive. Now if we see 6 we feel lucky. Where are they?	I would like to see the areas protected go out to at least 5 miles not just state waters. I do not understand why shark fishing season opened in January just when the migration of the lemons begin off Jupiter. I am appalled that Florida legislators voted to have big sugar and polluters monitor themselves in regards to polluting rather than having environmental organizations monitor the companies. Shame on Florida for those two issues. Finally....keep up the fight for our Goliaths. We need sharks, less pollution and our big fish the goliath at our reefs to keep them and our ocean healthy. Thank you for fighting for our reefs.	273

2016-01-27 21:53:46		N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING		MARTIN		Likely	Likely	Definitely Not	I do not support no- take preserves. I do not support banning all anchors,,, allow properly rigged reef anchors that do little if any damage to the reefs. I support only proven closed areas for spawning. I support reducing user conflict... ban the use of Cast net in the St. Lucie Inlet Park during the winter mackerel season.		272
2016-01-27 21:07:56	Sandy	N-146 general comment	DIVING, PROTECTION		OTHER	St lucie	Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	I dive out of Jupiter Inlet and have seen over the years a decline in The reefs off the coast. Most recently coral bleaching but due to pollution the dying off of corals. I have also seen a decline in. Lemon sharks in January and February and that really concerns me. The recent vote to open fishing season on sharks when the lemons aggregate is disgusting. Then fushermen wanting to open up a season to catch goliaths is outrageous. I do not know if you can do anything about the pollution coming out of the inlets. I do not know if polluters can be found and fined. The pollution coming up from the south is hurting the reefs in Jupiter. I assume this is state waters but the protected areas should include out to 4 miles at least if not to 5 miles.		271
2016-01-27 16:19:55		N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		BROWAR D					We all want to ensure that our coral reefs continue to thrive but this shouldn't come at the expense of access to our fishing resources. In some cases, limiting fishing can be an effective management tool. But that's not necessary here! The main threats to our coral reefs in Florida come from increased water temperatures, water quality, and sedimentation - not fishing activities. Over commercial fishing is what needs to be regulated not the weekend recreational fisherman who wants to enjoy our Florida waters.	We all want to ensure that our coral reefs continue to thrive but this shouldn't come at the expense of access to our fishing resources. In some cases, limiting fishing can be an effective management tool. But that's not necessary here! The main threats to our coral reefs in Florida come from increased water temperatures, water quality, and sedimentation - not fishing activities. Over commercial fishing is what needs to be regulated not the weekend recreational fisherman who wants to enjoy our Florida waters.	270
2016-01-27 16:13:41		N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING		BROWAR D		Not Sure	Definitely Not	Definitely Not		We all want to ensure that our coral reefs continue to thrive but this shouldn't come at the expense of access to our fishing resources. In some cases, limiting fishing can be an effective management tool. But that's not necessary here! The main threats to our coral reefs in Florida come from increased water temperatures, water quality, and sedimentation - not fishing activities. Over commercial fishing is what needs to be regulated not the weekend recreational fisherman who wants to enjoy our Florida waters.	269
2016-01-27 14:55:18	Justin Frank	N-146 general comment	FISHING, BOATING		OTHER	Washin gton DC	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not			268

2016-01-27 11:11:55	Michael Dixon	N-146 general comment	FISHING, BOATING, PROTECTION	PALM BEACH	Not Sure	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	<p>Elimination of ANY access to public resource is always a slippery slope. In fact, the simply elimination of access bypasses the opportunity to engage the active public in MANNER of usage.</p> <p>No Take Zones severely impact the ability to RESPONSIBLY enjoy the resource in an unacceptable fashion. This is not directly a fisheries/stock management issue. The focus should instead be on improvement of reef treatment and usage behaviors first, and subsequent evaluation of the positive impact that may have. Anchorage, physical contact...those are the primary issues. Water quality issues would seem to be next on the list far before we look to surface-bound activity such as flat-line fishing, etc.</p> <p>Instead of creating divisions with the recreational fishing community, how about we (as I've spent a lifetime waiting for a profound, pro-active approach to reef health such as this!) instead engage these various stakeholders not directly affiliated with the science of coral/etc...and rally a broad collective of folks willing to engage in the hard work of conscious change that will represent positive impact. Too often "science" assumes recreational usage/harvest must simply lie at an opposing position from conservation/management. It's an overly-simplistic...often fatalistic...view.</p>	<p>My company will continue to actively seek out and support artificial reef efforts in this 4 county area. Let's take the lessons learned on those efforts and combine them with the goals/efforts of this group. The recreational fishing community ABSOLUTELY has vested interest in healthy, vibrant, expansive reef systems. Harness that. Don't assume that those interests must lie arbitrary to that of restorative coral science...</p>	267
2016-01-27 11:07:23	Brandi Kelly	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	<p>1. Living Corel Reefs are primarily in the Keys. After Biscayne Bay, coral reefs are patch reefs in very small areas. If you want to protect those, perhaps set up bouy balls for those SMALL areas. there is no reason to close off massive areas like off of Jupiter inlet which appears to be about 40 square miles. Put up a buoy balls and that's it. why close an area that has nothing.</p> <p>2. these areas have man made reefs fishing licenses paid for. these should not be restricted in any way except maybe diving and especially spearfishing. These reefs will not grow back. they were created for/by fishermen.</p> <p>3. I agree spearfishing should be stopped with tanks. spearfishermen shoot the largest fish they can which are the breeders. This is especially true of commercial spearfishermen with tanks that I know of one that shoots 30 large grouper per trip down.</p> <p>4. Work on protecting the sea grass beds first from pollution. the pollution that is causing sickness from river run of is the #1 problem. This is killing sea grass and causing the damage to coral reefs. Fix this</p>		266

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2016-01-27 11:06:20	Jeff Miche I	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION	MARTIN	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	<p>1. Living Corel Reefs are primarily in the Keys. After Biscayne Bay, coral reefs are patch reefs in very small areas. If you want to protect those, perhaps set up bouy balls for those SMALL areas. there is no reason to close off massive areas like off of Jupiter inlet which appears to be about 40 square miles. Put up a buoy balls and that's it. why close an area that has nothing.</p> <p>2. these areas have man made reefs fishing licenses paid for. these should not be restricted in any way except maybe diving and especially spearfishing. These reefs will not grow back. they were created for/by fishermen.</p> <p>3. I agree spearfishing should be stopped with</p>	265	

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2016-01-27 09:04:26	Tom Shiple y	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING	PALM BEACH	Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	support recreational fishing for the entire southeast region to advance the hobbies for families and children. Limits for commercial fishing should be reviewed to prevent over fishing in our areas. Recreational fishing has never reduced the overall population of our fish stocks, however I have seen		264
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										how commercial fishing has destroyed our areas with long lines and massive fish kills for kingfish and other species. Promote more fishing and awareness for families and children and provide education that will help to save our reefs from pollution and other destructive forces. Over building our our coastal areas has destroyed fish breeding grounds and dumping of fresh water from lake Okeechobee has killed all grass flats in our area. These issues will help our fish stocks. closing fishing areas is NOT the answer		
2016-01-27 07:11:39		N-146 general comment	BOATING, PROTECTION		MARTIN		Likely	Definitely So	Definitely So			263
2016-01-27 01:32:37		N-146 general comment	FISHING		MARTIN		Likely	Definitely So	Definitely So			262
2016-01-27 01:07:46		N-146 general comment	FISHING		MARTIN		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Focus on the fresh water impact on the reefs not the fishing. FFreshwater does more damage than fishing will ever do.		261
2016-01-27 01:02:32		N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, PROTECTION , OTHER		MARTIN		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	I support fishing and diving both recreational and Comercial water pollution is the root of the reef problem not fishing and diving saltwater reefs can only live in SALT water stop lake o discharges before banning fishing and taking thousands of local jobs and killing local economy		260
2016-01-27 00:55:52		N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, OTHER		MARTIN		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	I Support Clean Water And Both Recreational And Comercial Fishing And Boating Out Of Stuart Florida	We Need To Solve Our Water Pollution problem Saltwater Reef Want And Doesn't Grow IN Polluted Water This problem Has Been Going On for over A Decade And You blame fisherman That Is Lack Of Factual data	259
2016-01-26 19:28:30	Cuz	N-146 general comment	FISHING, BOATING		BROWARD		Likely Not	Likely Not	Definitely Not			258
2016-01-26 17:17:54	David Chapin	N-146 general comment	FISHING		PALM BEACH		Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	There simply is not enough info from your maps to determine impact. If all the areas are no take zones, it could impact myself and other anglers. I did not see any specific boundaries. I am worried that though I may not fish frequently in these areas, there may be certain times of the year that baitfish or migratory species would be in these areas.	There are better ways to protect than banning all fishing in these areas.	257
2016-01-26 16:23:51		N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING		OTHER	Lee	Not Sure		Definitely Not	Set anchor buoys, as other reef areas provide. And to open "no-take reserves only on a seasonable basis.		256
2016-01-26 08:49:17	Carl Grunwald	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING	FL	PALM BEACH		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	no anchor zones with buoys would be adequate	no fishing zones should be out of the conversation and are not good for the fishing community	255
2016-01-26 08:42:59	Colleen Wallace	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING	Florida	PALM BEACH					We oppose the following recommended management actions: N-146 (creates no-take zones) and S-65 (nomination of southeast Florida as a National Marine Sanctuary). Because they are they are so extreme, "no-take zones" should be considered only when recreational fishing poses a clear and demonstrated threat to the sustainability of fisheries resources and only after conventional fisheries management measures, like		254

										seasons and bag and size limits, have failed. Neither of these is true for the proposed Marine Protected Areas (MPAs). · In Florida, our state fisheries are in great shape due to effective state management. · The main threats to our coral reefs in Florida come from increased water temperatures, water quality, and sedimentation - not fishing activities.		
2016-01-26 04:59:00		N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		MIAMI- DADE		Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not			253
2016-01-25 20:44:40		N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING		PALM BEACH		Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not			252
2016-01-25 18:56:43	Angie Jones	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		OTHER	IRC	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not			251
2016-01-25 18:20:53	Carlos Lima	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING	Florida	MIAMI- DADE		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Taking extreme measures like closing recreational fishing will not improve the reefs. This is a positive activity to South Florida families and to our economy. It has been proven once "no take zones" are implemented, fishing is NEVER allowed again. Scientific studies have proven the greatest threat to coral reefs around the world is due to bacteria found in human waste....."In many parts of the world where sewage treatment is lacking, raw human waste spills into the open sea. Now, research suggests that certain microbes in the human gut are responsible for two coral diseases that have devastated large patches of reef." National Geographic, June 2002. We need to stop pumping sewage into the ocean, not ban fishing. Let's get the science straight, folks.		250
2016-01-25 14:46:46		N-146 general comment	FISHING		OTHER	indian river	Likely Not	Likely Not	Definitely Not			249
2016-01-25 13:54:38		N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING		MARTIN		Not Sure	Definitely Not	Likely Not			248
2016-01-25 13:23:57	Barry Berhoff	N-146 general comment	FISHING, BOATING		MARTIN		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not			247
2016-01-25 11:24:45	Jeanny Collazo	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING		MIAMI- DADE		Not Sure	Not Sure	Definitely Not			246
2016-01-25 10:51:06	paul giel	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		PALM BEACH		Definitely So	Likely	Definitely So			245
2016-01-25 09:58:50		N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING				Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Nothing		244

2016-01-25 09:55:10	Charlie Mann	N-146 general comment	FISHING, BOATING		OTHER	Brevard	Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Species management as opposed to shutting down areas .		243
2016-01-25 09:08:12	Trey Tinsley	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION , OTHER	NC			Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So			242
2016-01-25 07:54:24		N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		OTHER	Brevard	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	I do not support another area being deemed "off limits" to the people of Florida and the country. There are too many places that have been purchased by the "Government" and then declared off limits to the general population. As Florida and the US grow in population, limiting areas that we the people are able to access puts more pressure on the areas that we are allowed to access. I don't feel that this is productive for the environment overall or the quality of life for Florida residents.		241
2016-01-24 17:52:43	Roman Fondon	N-146 general comment	FISHING		BROWARD		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not			240
2016-01-24 14:19:58	Burnie Hughes	N-146 general comment	FISHING		MIAMI- DADE		Definitely So	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	My concern is the ability of recreational fisherman being able to keep fish that are in season and in the appropriate bag limits. Thank you.		239
2016-01-24 13:51:45	Bruce T. Bracker	N-146 general comment	FISHING		PALM BEACH		Likely	Likely	Likely			238
2016-01-24 13:50:52	Rene Giard	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		OTHER	brevard	Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	we don't need closed areas. all that really does is concentrate the pressure on the open areas	we need to concentrate on stopping the nutrient pollution (fertilizer runoff, sewage dumping from cruise ships. and rainwater discharge.). these along with habitat destruction are the real problems that are causing the damage and decline to our fisheries and reefs	237
2016-01-23 23:25:37	Jessica	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		PALM BEACH		Likely	Likely Not	Definitely Not	Limiting fishing too much in South Florida will be an extreme detriment to the economy in the area. I believe it would be prudent to investigate less extreme solutions. For example: 1. Establish small sanctuary areas that are no-take areas leaving large areas open to fishing 2. Work with charting companies such as Navionics to have no-anchor areas clearly marked on the charts so that both law enforcement and boaters know where anchoring is safe. This would allow fishing to continue but would help protect our reefs. 3. Outlaw spearfishing on scuba WITH A SCOOTER.		236
2016-01-23 22:59:17	Bob VanDyk	N-146 general comment	FISHING, BOATING, PROTECTION , OTHER	photography of birds and wild flowers	MIAMI- DADE		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	The Fact that RMA is another action by BIG Government out to control the people. It is not acceptable and the people sponsoring this action should be put into prison or shot.	It is unamerican and goes against all the Freedoms the US soldiers have fought for. It reeks of totalitarianism reflective of the Stalinist Soviet Union. Any removal of the freedoms we currently share in these areas is a crime against humanity. Where taking a fish for supper by many is a special freedom that we have shared for generations, removing that freedom also is a crime against us, a serious crime.	235

											To take that away by the government for unsubstantiated reasons is not acceptable. The reasons given so far are in this free persons mind is unsubstantiated. i would like to see the people promoting this loss of freedom publicly executed. The Condo owners living near these cuts and inlets knew these waters were fished by rich and poor, young and old when they purchased their property. No they are trying to remove the fishermen from the public access areas fished at. Well, those condo owners can go back to New York city where many rights of the people were long ago forfeited.	
2016-01-23 22:20:24		N-146 general comment	FISHING		BROWAR D		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Abolish it! Stop this constant attack on peoples right to fish. We already have restrictions on spawning season anf that should be enough.		234
2016-01-23 21:53:18	Jan Waale wyn	N-146 general comment	FISHING		BROWAR D		Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Focus on the real problem.	<p>Recreational fishing in Florida should not have to pay the price for years of Freshwater mismanagement by the State and Federal Government.</p> <p>Florida's Recreational fishing is a primary reason why millions of people migrated to South Florida for the past 100 years. We all want the reefs to survive but by stopping recreational fishing in these areas you will not solve the problem.</p> <p>Try to stop the Big Sugar Machine first and earn the public's trust and then maybe more reasonable ideas on how to save the reefs might be more accepted by the public.</p> <p>Whatever Laws are passed to block recreational fishing in ALL of these areas, the likely hood of them having the desired effect on the reefs is Highly questionable.</p> <p>We must avoid the knee jerk reaction of closing these once excellent fishing areas and look at the root cause for their demise. No matter how unpopular it might be for the government.</p>	233
2016-01-23 18:42:21		N-146 general comment	FISHING		OTHER	Lee	Likely Not	Likely Not	Likely Not			232
2016-01-23 17:43:55	John Ganis	N-146 general comment	PROTECTION		OTHER	Sarasot a County	Definitely So	Likely	Definitely So	Protection of our coral reefs is a must. Catch and release and no anchor zones are sensible conservation regulatory initiatives.	I was contacted by the "Keep America Fishing" organization that opposes RMA N-146 and they are launching a vigorous campaign to oppose it but I do not agree with their position. I hope the new regulation goes into effect to protect our fragile ocean ecosystem. Catch and Release is a viable alternative to harvesting fish for sport fishing	231
2016-01-23 11:37:42		N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		OTHER	Lee	Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So			230
2016-01-23 11:05:17		N-146 general comment	FISHING, BOATING		MIAMI- DADE		Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not			229
2016-01-23 10:49:15		N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING,		MARTIN		Likely Not	Likely Not	Definitely Not	I support logical, scientific restrictions, possibly but out right banning of ALL fishing is an over step of government at the very least.		228

			BOATING, PROTECTION							Let us see some proven studies and perhaps some trial areas of restriction, not whole banning of an entire coast. Also, perhaps some increased enforcement of existing fishing regulations along with education of fishermen about why there is a limit on fish.		
2016-01-23 10:19:38	Paul miche le	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING		MARTIN		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	This is a PS to an earlier email... Aside from fixing the pollution issue first, aside from not including man made reefs which were paid for by FISHING licenses and with the intent for fishing which is what it will remain. In regards to living reefs with potential anchor damage, once data research is provided and if that is affecting then rather than a shut down mpa a better solution that accomplishes your goal is anchor bouys. Set up anchor bouy tie offs around the reef for areas to fish. No additional anchoring just strategically well placed fishing bouys to tie off to. This would be a solution that allows fishing from anchor, drift fishing, gets your desire for no anchoring, and will stop dragging commercially which also Will help protect the reef. This would be a workable solution.	227	
2016-01-23 09:40:55	Craig Wood	N-146 general comment	DIVING		PALM BEACH		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	I am an avid diver. Over 4 years ago, my wife and I bought a townhouse in Hypoluxo in order to enjoy the fabulous diving in SE Florida. I'm strongly in favor in establishing the Marine Protected Areas to help improve and preserve our reef system for the future.	226	
2016-01-23 08:49:09		N-146 general comment	FISHING		MIAMI- DADE		Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not		225	
2016-01-23 08:47:07		N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING		MARTIN		Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	2 fish limit per person	close all lobster harvest for 4 yrs.	224
2016-01-23 08:46:10		N-146 general comment	FISHING		MIAMI- DADE		Not Sure	Definitely Not	Definitely Not			223
2016-01-23 08:35:05		N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		BROWAR D		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not			222
2016-01-23 08:34:16	Duane Scherz	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		PALM BEACH		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	discharge from inland runoff is the biggest problem not the fishing. Also global warming is a key contributor. Water from Lake Okeechobee is support to run south through the Everglades to naturally filter the water not be diverted East and West through the canals and into the Ocean.		221
2016-01-23 08:33:52		N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING		BROWAR D		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not			220
2016-01-23 08:23:35		N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING		OTHER	St Lucie	Likely Not	Likely Not	Definitely Not		The main threats to our coral reefs in Florida come from increased water temperatures, water quality, and sedimentation - not fishing activities. · There are no fisheries resource issues identified in any of these proposals or any science-based reasoning behind their selection. The desire to exclude recreational fishing is coming from a select group of individuals with their own agendas.	219

2016-01-23 07:17:58	Irene	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		MIAMI- DADE		Not Sure	Not Sure	Likely Not	We all want to ensure that our coral reefs continue to thrive but this shouldn't come at the expense of access to our fishing resources. In some cases, limiting fishing can be an effective management tool. But when necessary and further testing show the reasons behind the cause. It should be considered only in extreme cases. Coral reefs bring life to our sea which brings fish enough to make everyone happy.	218
2016-01-23 06:58:25		N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING		MIAMI- DADE		Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not		217
2016-01-23 02:54:27		N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		MIAMI- DADE		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	I support reasonable limits on bag limits, seasonal periods for certain endangered species. I don't believe an absolute ban on a sport such as spear fishing with scuba is the answer. More and more restrictions seem to limit only the rights of tax paying citizens in their enjoyment of the local surroundings and will cause a loss of revenue to commerce, air travel, hotels, dive centers, restaurants and any business associated to this sport will be damaged. Further, I grew up in south Florida enjoying the water and have fond memories with my family enjoying various activities on the water. More and more we have restrictions as to where we can go, what we can do, no motor zones, limits of all kinds yet commercial fisherman and guides have strong lobbies to allow them to rape the environment. Worse yet, the government supposedly treats millions of gallons of waste and simply dumps it into the ocean. Why not introduce a bill to better manage our waste or treat the damage to our rivers and beaches, I am sure this will do more to help against the algae blooms and toxins killing or poisoning the fish we eat. I don't think my son and I catching a few fish to have for dinner needs much regulation, no matter if we used a speargun and scuba.	216
2016-01-22 23:11:47	Ray Roshe r	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING		MIAMI- DADE		Not Sure	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	I participate in several workgroups on the state and federal level which include members of the scientific, commercial, recreational and charter communities. This is the process that should be used in this matter. I am happy to participate.	215
2016-01-22 23:07:38	Ray Roshe r	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING		MIAMI- DADE		Not Sure	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	I participate in several groups on the state and federal level which monitor and create suggested action to insure sustainable fishing both recreational and commercial. The groups generally include spoke people from scientific, commercial, recreational and charter groups. This formula works and should be applied in this matter. I am happy to participate.	214
2016-01-22 22:36:02		N-146 general comment	PROTECTION		PALM BEACH		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So		213

2016-01-22 22:01:05		N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING			Brevard	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not			212
2016-01-22 21:59:14		N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, PROTECTION		OTHER	Brevard	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Let us Fish, Dive and Boat! Citizens are regulated to much by the government as it is. If you really want to do something for this country, help end hunger, help end the homeless, help end poverty! Every time Tax paying citizens turn around people like you try to stop our way of life, our recreational endeavors. Please find something else to spend your energy on!		211
2016-01-22 19:59:24		N-146 general comment	FISHING		MIAMI-DADE		Not Sure	Not Sure	Definitely Not	I would support planting Orquins in the reefs	Allowing to fish more shark s	210
2016-01-22 19:55:41		N-146 general comment	FISHING		MIAMI-DADE		Not Sure	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Place orquins in the reef s		209
2016-01-22 17:00:26	Scott Bradley	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING		MIAMI-DADE		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not			208
2016-01-22 16:25:34	Jeff Swann	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		OTHER	Benton	Likely	Likely	Definitely So			207
2016-01-22 16:01:11	Julia Bishop	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING	Putting food on our table, my husband works in the tackle industry	MARTIN		Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	I oppose the following recommended management actions: N-146 (creates no-take zones) and S-65 (nomination of southeast Florida as a National Marine Sanctuary). You are messing with the south Florida economy and a significant amount of people's livelihoods. There are no fisheries resource issues identified in any of these proposals or any science-based reasoning behind their selection. The desire to exclude recreational fishing is coming from a select group of individuals with their own agendas, at the expense of the vast majority of south Florida residents. THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH FLORIDA DON'T WANT YOU MESSING WITH THIER FISHERIES!!!!		206
2016-01-22 15:59:38		N-146 general comment	FISHING, PROTECTION		PALM BEACH		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	Floridianz need to stop overfishing.		205
2016-01-22 15:29:59	Mike Kurtz	N-146 general comment	FISHING, BOATING, PROTECTION		MIAMI-DADE	Cape Coral Florida.	Not Sure	Likely Not	Likely Not			204
2016-01-22 14:57:52	Heather Kane	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING		MARTIN		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	We oppose the following recommended management actions: N-146 (creates no-take zones) and S-65 (nomination of southeast Florida as a National Marine Sanctuary). · We all want to ensure that our coral reefs continue to thrive but this shouldn't come at the expense of access to our fishing resources. In some cases, limiting fishing can be an effective management tool. But that's not necessary here! · Because they are they are so extreme, "no-take zones" should be considered only when recreational fishing poses a clear and demonstrated threat to the sustainability of fisheries resources		203

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2016-01-22 14:56:20	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION	OTHER	St Lucie	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	<p>We oppose the following recommended management actions: N-146 (creates no take zones) and S 65 (nomination of southeast Florida as a National Marine Sanctuary)</p> <p>We all want to ensure that our coral reefs continue to thrive but this shouldn't come at the expense of access to our fishing resources. In some cases, limiting fishing can be an effective management tool . But that's not necessary here.</p> <p>Because they are they are so extreme, "no take zones" should be considered only when recreational fishing poses a clear and demonstrated threat to the sustainability of fisheries resources and only after conventional fisheries management measures, like seasons and bag and size limits, have failed. Neither of these is true for the proposed Marine Protected Areas (MPA's).</p> <p>In Florida, our state fisheries are in great shape due to effective state management.</p> <p>The main threats to our coral reefs in Florida come from increased water temperatures, water quality and sedimentation not fishing activities.</p> <p>There are no fisheries resource issues identified in any of these proposals or any science based reasoning behind their selection. The desire to exclude recreational fishing is coming from a select group of individuals with their own agendas.</p> <p>There is no plan to review whether these “no take</p>	<p>The ultimate tragedy is not the oppression and cruelty by the bad people, but the silence over that by the good people. Martin Luther King Jr.</p> <p>You don't get to tell me what to do--you're not the boss of me</p>	

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2016-01-22 14:56:16	Brent Kane	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING		MARTIN		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	<p>We oppose the following recommended management actions: N-146 (creates no-take zones) and S-65 (nomination of southeast Florida as a National Marine Sanctuary).</p> <p>We all want to ensure that our coral reefs continue to thrive but this shouldn’t come at the expense of access to our fishing resources.</p> <p>Because they are they are so extreme, “no-take zones” should be considered only when recreational fishing poses a clear and demonstrated threat to the sustainability of fisheries resources and only after conventional fisheries management measures, like seasons and bag and size limits, have failed. Neither of these is true for the proposed Marine Protected Areas (MPAs).</p> <p>In Florida, our state fisheries are in great shape due to effective state management.</p> <p>The main threats to our coral reefs in Florida come from increased water temperatures, water quality, and sedimentation - not fishing activities.</p> <p>There are no fisheries resource issues identified in any of these proposals or any science-based reasoning behind their selection. The desire to exclude recreational fishing is coming from a select group of individuals with their own agendas.</p> <p>There is no plan to review whether these “no-take zones” are actually working and no plan to ever re-open these areas to fishing.</p>	No-Take Zones will hurt recreational fisheries and have an extremely detrimental effect on the economy, both locally and regionally. Tourism is a huge industry in Florida, and while everyone’s thoughts go immediately to Orlando, there is significant tourism business of people and boats that come to Florida for our fishing. No Take ones would encourage these same people to travel to other destinations and spend their dollars in economies outside of Florida and potentially the US. The Bahamas are am easy boat ride from Stuart to Miami, and we do not need to encourage boats to look elsewhere to fish and spend their money.	201
2016-01-22 14:41:39	Robert Schindler	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING	Florida	PALM BEACH		Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	I would like to see enforcement of our existing game laws, and a shortening of the lobster season because they are currently being overfished.		200
2016-01-22 14:37:07	Andy Melville	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION	Florida	OTHER	Volusia	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	<p>We oppose the following recommended management actions: N-146 (creates no-take zones) and S-65 (nomination of southeast Florida as a National Marine Sanctuary).</p> <p>We all want to ensure that our coral reefs continue to thrive but this shouldn’t come at the expense of access to our fishing resources. In some cases, limiting fishing can be an effective management tool.</p> <p>But that’s not necessary here!</p> <p>Because they are they are so extreme, “no-take zones” should be considered only when recreational</p>		199

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2016-01-22 14:32:26		N-146 general comment	FISHING, BOATING		OTHER		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Allow recreational fishing		198
2016-01-22 14:14:09	Larry Carr	N-146 general comment	FISHING			Columbus Ohio but fish it regularly	Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	<p>More rights for recreational anglers. I am I am sick and tired of the recreational angler getting screwed the special interest groups. Throw the maney at fixing water quality, managing sea grass beds. All closures do it limit anyone from using it.</p>	<p>Start using scientific date and not emotions. Water Quality is the biggest issue. I am constantly surprised as to how special interest groups have their say and you DO NOT LISTEN TO INTERESTED RECREATIONAL anglers. I have spent thousands and thousands of dollars (you know dinero, sawbucks, sheckles, cash, moo-lah, \$\$\$) to go to Florida twice a year to fish. And like I said, I am sick and tired of anti-fishing groups and other such entities getting their way in the law books and the people that buy licenses and pay for recreational angling through the Wallop-Breaux excise tax get shafted. Closures do not work. Look at the statistics. Manage the water quality, get the influence of Big Sugar out of the committee, and clean up the Everglades water flow. I have fished the area you are proposing to close one time and it was the thrill of a lifetime. You close that area and you might as well kiss million of recreational dollars good-by. I'll go to Louisiana and Texas where they appreciate the recreational angler!</p> <p>Larry Carr Westerville Ohio LCFishes@earthlink.net</p>	197
2016-01-22 13:52:02	Carl	N-146 general comment	FISHING				Not Sure	Likely Not	Definitely Not			196
2016-01-22 13:35:21	robert	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, OTHER	Kayakin g	BROWAR D		Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	By not having it become a marine sanctuary	I have grown up on the water fishing, diving, boating and now kayak fishing, with a kayak we can only go out so far and if that becomes a marine sanctuary then where would us kayakers go? kayak fishing is	195

											becoming a booming industry because of how cost efficient it is and this proposal will totally wipe us out. So please, don't do this	
2016-01-22 13:05:17	Bob Johns on	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING		MARTIN		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	None-of it	All the freshwater that is being pumped is killing our reefs leave our fishing alone	194
2016-01-22 12:58:50		N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING		PALM BEACH		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not			193
2016-01-22 12:33:01		N-146 general comment	FISHING		OTHER	Brevard	Likely Not	Definitely Not	Likely Not	Less onerous regulations on recreational fishermen. Most of the current regulations in and around the Eastern coast of Florida lack scientific basis, and are more the result of rabid environmental extremism		192
2016-01-22 12:21:08		N-146 general comment	FISHING		MIAMI-DADE		Likely Not	Definitely So	Likely Not			191
2016-01-22 12:00:03	CHRIS TOPHER ALLEN BISHOP	N-146 general comment	FISHING	Florida	MARTIN		Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	No take reserves for fishing need to be removed from any proposed legislation before I will support it. The recreational fishing industry generates significant income for the Treasure coast, however I would support areas or methods of fishing to end commercial fishing in certain areas. The regulations are already strict enough on recreational fishing and they are being well managed, snook for example. If you want to no anchor zones then you need to have stipulations to make sure there are significant preset anchor balls to tie off to. I agree with moving to a no tank spearfishing law, like they have in the Bahamas. However I would not reduce the bag limit on Lobster for mini-season. They grow fast and mini generates significant income to our area.		190
2016-01-22 11:50:17	Paul Michele	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING		MARTIN		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	This draft is completely insane. There are millions of dollars and livelihoods at stake here. Closing an area is NEVER an option. My rights are continuing to being taken away for the desires of small groups that hate fishing and use of our oceans. The state of Florida is the #1 boating and fishing state in the USA and potentially the World economically. This would devastate the economy of Florida and countless businesses including mine. Closing an area should NEVER be an option. This is especially true of Coral reefs that can take hundreds of years to rebuild. This is basically a permanent closure. Fishing and boating is NOT causing reef damage that should mandate an MPA. -Commercial dragging can cause reef damage. - Some of these areas do not have reefs, are just rocks, or are MANMADE REEFS that wont rebuild itself. - Pollution can cause reef damage. How about the government work on restoring our water quality FIRST to clean the waters that are causing massive marine environment destruction. That would help. Secondly IF there is a evidence of anchoring causing the reef damage then potentially live coral (non		189

										<p>man made reefs) could be established as no anchoring areas. These is no reason to close my freedoms to access in boating, fishing, or diving.</p> <p>if this is due to mismanagement, then those in charge should be fired. If the CEO of Wells Fargo doesn't do his job, he is fired. The company doesn't penalize me for him not doing his job by taking my money from my account and letting him keep his job. Same holds true here. if there isn't options that are looked at to improve and mange better what we have, then find a better person.</p> <p>This plan of "taking away" is beyond nearsighted, radical, and completely wrong in many ways.</p>	
2016-01-22 11:45:13	james sribli ng	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING	Florida	MIAMI- DADE		Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Strongly opposed to the concept of no take zones	188
2016-01-22 11:39:56	Tom Murp hy	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		BROWAR D		Not Sure	Not Sure	Likely Not		187
2016-01-22 11:39:25	Jon Noel	N-146 general comment	FISHING		OTHER	Pennsy lvania	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not		186
2016-01-22 11:24:44		N-146 general comment	FISHING		PALM BEACH		Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not		185
2016-01-22 11:20:10		N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		OTHER	Monro e	Likely	Likely Not	Likely	<p>It seems like a good idea to at least start having the discussion as to how we can begin to protect our waters from over use in all areas.</p> <p>I support open communication into the problem areas, and into potential solutions. I think that all sides need to take an open mind approach.</p> <p>Have a good day.</p>	184
2016-01-22 11:17:33	Scott Salyer s	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, PROTECTION		MIAMI- DADE		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Scrap it	183
2016-01-22 11:16:22	Steve Quinn	N-146 general comment	FISHING		OTHER	Crow Wing County , MN	Not Sure	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	<p>Instead of creating a large MPA that would exclude recreational fishing (even catch-and-release), these measures should identify discrete reefs and other underwater areas and structures that are uniquely in need of protection, either for preventing anchoring that could damage corals, or result in overexploitation of certain reef fish species, particularly if the species has limited spawning areas.</p> <p>Largescale closures are not warrented from a biological perspective. And prohibition of recreational fishing in such a large area will absolutely damage the multi-million dollar tourism infrastructure in that area.</p> <p>We do not need such a broad-stroke measure, which would end up in excessive preservation and</p>	182

										the loss of recreational opportunity for Florida residents and visitors from across the world.		
										Thanks for this opportunity to comment.		
2016-01-22 10:52:15	Susan Del Fante	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		OTHER	Monro e		Likely Not	Definitely Not	Not tono take areas. Try to promote growth by establishing artificial reefs. They promote growth of fishand reefs and fishing and diving. Everybody wins.		181
2016-01-22 10:47:15	Susan Del Fante	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		OTHER	Monro e	Likely Not	Likely Not	Definitely Not	We do not want any no take zones. They dont work. Better to make artificial reefs to promote more fishing and diving. Reefs equal growth to fish and coral. Read about alabama's reef system. They have a better plan than no take zones.		180
2016-01-22 10:32:57	mike drape r	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING		OTHER	polk	Likely Not	Likely Not	Definitely Not	season and size limits for threatenrd fish		179
2016-01-22 10:30:12	Joe Katzb ek	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING		BROWAR D		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Eliminate the no fishing and anchoring from the RMA		178
2016-01-22 10:02:34	Louie	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		BROWAR D		Likely	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	I am not familiar wth all the end and outs of the management action, but to close all of these areas is definitely not the answer. Most of the recreartional fishermen in Florida respect the laws that are currently in place. There are always some people that not respect ANY law. Deal with those people as the offense dictates. One of the reasons we live in South Florida is because of the various recreational opportunities we have. Please do not pass this action.		177
2016-01-22 09:48:04	Ron Sabac	N-146 general comment	FISHING, PROTECTION		OTHER	IndianR iver	Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	<p>We all want to ensure that our coral reefs continue to thrive but this shouldn't come at the expense of access to our fishing resources. In some cases, limiting fishing can be an effective management tool. But that's not necessary here!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Because they are so extreme, "no-take zones" should be considered only when recreational fishing poses a clear and demonstrated threat to the sustainability of fisheries resources and only after conventional fisheries management measures, like seasons and bag and size limits, have failed. Neither of these is true for the proposed Marine Protected Areas (MPAs). · In Florida, our state fisheries are in great shape due to effective state management. · The main threats to our coral reefs in Florida come from increased water temperatures, water quality, and sedimentation - not fishing activities. · 	We oppose the following recommended management actions: N-146 (creates no-take zones) and S-65 (nomination of southeast Florida as a National Marine Sanctuary). There are no fisheries resource issues identified in any of these proposals or any science-based reasoning behind their selection. The desire to exclude recreational fishing is coming from a select group of individuals with their own agendas. · There is no plan to review whether these "no-take zones" are actually working and no plan to ever re-open these areas to fishing.	176
2016-01-22 09:14:07	georg e leser	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING	spearfis hing	MIAMI- DADE		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely So	I support conservation oriented fishing regulations for fishing and spearfishing. These methods have a demonstrated track record of success. No take zones do not and are discriminatory to our fishing traditions. Eliminate commercial fishing which is given unrealistic and unsustainable catch shares.		175
2016-01-22 08:59:47		N-146 general comment	FISHING		PALM BEACH		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	We oppose the following recommended management actions: N-146 (creates no-take		174

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2016-01-22 08:57:37	robert calabrese	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION	FLORIDA	BROWARD	Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	<p>The closure of the ocean to recreational fishing is not a solution to the problem. As a diver and fisherman, I see the reef death every time I go out but reef death is not caused by fishing. It is a result of (1) polluted water flowing out of the cuts as evidenced by the amount of reef death in those areas; (2) our pumping of treated high nitrogen content sewage water into the ocean in the southern counties (Dade, Broward and I believe Palm Beach counties); and (3) the constant use of dredging for the beach restoration projects of all the counties (even a child knows that if you did a hole in the sand the ocean will refill it).</p> <p>My suggestion is to: (1) eliminate long-line and net fishing in the zone as they both decimate all fish species even outside of the 3 mile limit; (2) improve the water quality in our harbors by monitoring the water qualities in all cuts through to the ocean and determine if there are sources for the pollution (including private homes and commercial farming that permit nitrogen fertilizers to leach into the ocean and stop those processes; (3) find a solution</p>	

										for eliminating the dumping of treated sewage water into the ocean; and (4) build barriers in the oceans that will stop or greatly reduce the beach erosion.	
2016-01-22 08:52:29	Mark Fredrickson	N-146 general comment	FISHING, BOATING		MIAMI- DADE		Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Do not infringe on our freedom to fish and enjoy these natural resources. These resources belong to all of us not just a few elites who in the name of science get to use and enjoy what the rest of us cannot. We already have bag limits and restrictions on damaging coral reefs with anchors and fishing lines. We do not need more control or restrictions on our freedom.	172
2016-01-22 08:16:46		N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING		OTHER	Brevard	Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	Commercial diver fishermen have denuded most major reef predator fish from our near shore waters. Please extend some no fish zones up our way.	171
2016-01-22 07:47:00	Jerome Lorenz	N-146 general comment	FISHING		OTHER	Monroe	Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	I support MPA's to improve fisheries.	170
2016-01-22 07:42:10		N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		MIAMI- DADE		Likely	Likely	Definitely So		169
2016-01-22 07:27:45	Jeff Robboy	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING		MIAMI- DADE		Not Sure	Definitely Not	Definitely Not		168
2016-01-22 07:27:36	Steven Walsh	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		OTHER	Manatee	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Do not stop recreational fishing but commercial move further offshore	167
2016-01-22 06:49:24	LM	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING		OTHER	Lee	Not Sure	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	<p>The main threats to our coral reefs in Florida come from increased water temperatures, water quality, and sedimentation - not fishing activities. Focus on the actual cause such as polluted runoff from the Indian River system due to massive freshwater discharges from lake Okeechobee.</p> <p>We all want to ensure that our coral reefs continue to thrive but this shouldn't come at the expense of access to our fishing resources. In some cases, limiting fishing can be an effective management tool. But that's not necessary here! In Florida, our state fisheries are in great shape due to effective state management. Because they are they are so extreme, "no-take zones" should be considered only when recreational fishing poses a clear and demonstrated threat to the sustainability of fisheries resources and only after conventional fisheries management measures, like seasons and bag and size limits, have failed. Neither of these is true for the proposed Marine Protected Areas (MPAs). There are no fisheries resource issues identified in any of these proposals or any science-based reasoning behind their selection. The desire to exclude recreational fishing is coming from a select group of individuals with their own agendas. There is no plan to review whether these "no-take zones" are actually working and no plan to ever reopen these areas to fishing.</p>	166

2016-01-22 06:30:55		N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING		PALM BEACH		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely So	A more balanced approach that incorporates and respects my individual rights as to recreational fishing, diving and boating which are very much the reasons to live here.	<p>I oppose the following recommended management actions: N-146 (creates no-take zones) and S-65 (nomination of southeast Florida as a National Marine Sanctuary).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · We all want to ensure that our coral reefs continue to thrive but this shouldn't come at the expense of access to our fishing resources. In some cases, limiting fishing can be an effective management tool. But that's not necessary here! · Because they are they are so extreme, "no-take zones" should be considered only when recreational fishing poses a clear and demonstrated threat to the sustainability of fisheries resources and only after conventional fisheries management measures, like seasons and bag and size limits, have failed. Neither of these is true for the proposed Marine Protected Areas (MPAs). · In Florida, our state fisheries are in great shape due to effective state management. · The main threats to our coral reefs in Florida come from increased water temperatures, water quality, and sedimentation - not fishing activities. · There are no fisheries resource issues identified in any of these proposals or any science-based reasoning behind their selection. The desire to exclude recreational fishing is coming from a select group of individuals with their own agendas. · There is no plan to review whether these "no-take zones" are actually working and no plan to ever re-open these areas to fishing. 	165
2016-01-22 06:24:56	Ralph West	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, PROTECTION	Florida	MIAMI- DADE		Likely	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	<p>I agree in no anchorage and restricted harvesting but not a complete shut down of harvest of a already heavily managed fishery.</p> <p>I also believe the commercial fishery should be shut down. There will be a time in the future that if you want to eat wild fish, you have to buy a license and catch one. Do we commercially harvest wild deer?</p>	164	
2016-01-22 05:55:53	Denni s Grand a	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING		MIAMI- DADE		Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Prohibit anchoring oin these areas. No commercial activity	163	
2016-01-22 05:55:07		N-146 general comment	FISHING			Sarasot a	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	If I cannot fish anymore in Florida or it would be a major effort to find a spot were you can fish ,I will stop coming to Florida and move elsewhere .	162	
2016-01-22 04:45:07		N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		MIAMI- DADE		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not		161	
2016-01-22 01:59:07	SHAN NON M THIEL	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING		OTHER	Okaloo sa	Not Sure	Likely Not	Likely Not	The government keeps taking all the great stuff away from recreational boaters and fishermen like me and I hate it!!!	160	
2016-01-22 00:28:00	Ronal d Murp hy	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		OTHER		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	This is yet another government power grab to further limit the commercial and recreational fishing industry. I moved to Florida because I love boating, diving and fishing. Each year I watch as	159	

										more rights are taken from those of us who love these activities. From overly restrictive season closures and bag limits to the ever increasing slow speed zones blamed on manatee safety, this state is slowly taking away all the things that I moved here for. The economy of Florida is dependent on people like myself and regulations such as this will drive more and more away. As a fisherman ,diver and boater, it is my intention to preserve these things for future generations to enjoy. Part of that preservation is the rights to engage in these activities. The sportsmen that engage in these activities are the most environmentally conscious people I know. Any regulations need to be based on science not well intentioned but uninformed law makers. The science shows that regulations should be eased not increased. This RMA should be abandoned in its entirety.		
2016-01-22 00:01:16	DANIEL HERNANDEZ SR.	N-146 general comment	FISHING	NEW JERSEY	BROWARD		Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not			158
2016-01-21 23:37:17		N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING		MIAMI-DADE		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not			157
2016-01-21 22:59:21		N-146 general comment	FISHING		OTHER	St. Lucie	Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not			156
2016-01-21 22:48:20	richard smyth	N-146 general comment	FISHING, BOATING		OTHER	St Lucie	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Recreational fishermen are not the problem commercial fishermen are!!!		155
2016-01-21 22:22:20	Carol Potter	N-146 general comment	FISHING, BOATING		OTHER	Charlotte	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not			154
2016-01-21 21:31:19	Marshall Skalr	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING		PALM BEACH		Likely	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	i support conservation within reason. Allowing people to enjoy the ocean, keep some of their catch, and abide by strictly enforced regulation to preserve resources for future generations to enjoy as well.	If I couldnt fish , dive , or spearfish in South Florida, I would likely move out of the area. My business contributes over \$100 million a year to our local economy. My hobby, my passion and my sole enjoyment other than my family , is the ocean and spear fishing. Please don't take that away from all of us.	153
2016-01-21 21:27:13	Mr James Muniz	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING		MIAMI-DADE		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	I really don't support any of it...I think it's an over reach. I think that it should be presented do the voters of Florida to make the decision on this matter. By releasing all the scientific data for both sides of the issue. then let the citizens of Florida decide . Mr James Muniz		152
2016-01-21 21:23:36	JUAN A. MADRUGA	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		MIAMI-DADE		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	We all want to ensure that our coral reefs continue to thrive but this shouldn't come at the expense of access to our fishing resources. In some cases, limiting fishing can be an effective management tool. But that's not necessary here! We all want to ensure that our coral reefs continue to thrive but this shouldn't come at the expense of	1* There are no fisheries resource issues identified in any of these proposals or any science-based reasoning behind their selection. The desire to exclude recreational fishing is coming from a select group of individuals with their own agendas 2* There is no plan to review whether these "no-take zones" are actually working and no plan to ever re-	151

										access to our fishing resources. In some cases, limiting fishing can be an effective management tool. But that's not necessary here! · Because they are they are so extreme, "no-take zones" should be considered only when recreational fishing poses a clear and demonstrated threat to the sustainability of fisheries resources and only after conventional fisheries management measures, like seasons and bag and size limits, have failed. Neither of these is true for the proposed Marine Protected Areas (MPAs).	open these areas to fishing. 3* In Florida, our state fisheries are in great shape due to effective state management using scientific data collection not opinions or feelings! 4* We all want to ensure that our coral reefs continue to thrive but this shouldn't come at the expense of access to our fishing resources. In some cases, limiting fishing can be an effective management tool. But that's not necessary here!	
2016-01-21 21:21:09	Jose Mencia	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING		MIAMI-DADE		Not Sure	Definitely Not	Definitely Not			150
2016-01-21 21:17:56		N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		PALM BEACH		Likely Not	Likely Not	Definitely Not			149
2016-01-21 21:14:25		N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING		PALM BEACH		Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	No restriction zones		148
2016-01-21 20:58:31	kenneth l. groves	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		PALM BEACH		Not Sure	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	The sheer volume of no fish zones is unfair and inappropriate. The selected zones take up most of the best known fishing and diving areas in the entire region. It will destroy the recreational fishing world not to mention put the commercial fleet out of work. A better compromise that differentiates between commercial interests and recreational interests must be part of any closures, and the closure areas cannot take virtually all the best fishing habitat.		147
2016-01-21 20:54:06		N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION , OTHER	Spearfishing	BROWARD		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Better law enforcement efforts to halt illegal immigrants from exploiting our coast. They are not licensed to fish, many can't even read, yet they take snook any time they feel like it and no one does anything to stop it.		146
2016-01-21 20:37:51	Brucr	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION	I want to see it preserved. If you really want to save it, make "No go" zones.	BROWARD		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	No go zones. No fishing, no diving,)	If you want to preserve the reef, you need a "no go" zone - no photographers moving creatures around, no SCUBA classes that inadvertently trash the reef. No "observers that kick the corals while professing that they aren't harming the reef with fin kicks,, dangling gear, etc. If you want to protect the reef, do it. I am a spearfisherman and try my best. Look at organizations like "Ducks Unlimited" which contribute huge amounts of \$, land, and volunteers. What are you offering?	145
2016-01-21 20:01:34		N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING		PALM BEACH		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Stop impedence of fishing in South Florida. You will kill one of the main industries. There are already too many fishing restrictions and laws on the books.		144
2016-01-21 19:54:53	Denise Downing	N-146 general comment	DIVING, BOATING	Florida (FL)		monroe	Definitely So		Definitely So			143
2016-01-21 19:48:00	Julio Robla	N-146 general comment	FISHING, BOATING		MIAMI-DADE		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not			142

2016-01-21 19:45:18		N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING		MIAMI- DADE		Likely Not	Likely Not	Definitely Not			141
2016-01-21 19:30:25	Brian Frazer	N-146 general comment	FISHING, BOATING		OTHER	sarasot a	Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	I support less intervention from special interest groups that create fictitious scenarios like this organization. There is too much unnecessary regulation without consideration for the majority or other peoples interests. I see this phony crap and it makes me mad. If the people in this organization need something to do, pick up a fishing rod and go fishing. The waterways are already over regulated. Take the RMA and stick it.		140
2016-01-21 19:09:05	Thom as David	N-146 general comment	FISHING, PROTECTION			Brevar d	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not			139
2016-01-21 18:50:54	Ronal d Allen	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING		MARTIN		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	I wouldn't support any measures until water quality, and sedimentation problems were first addressed.	As a kayak fisherman I rely on nearshore access exclusively for my marine fishing and diving experiences. Access is difficult enough as it is without these massive closures.	138
2016-01-21 18:46:03	Micha el Smith	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION			Brevar d	Likely Not	Likely Not	Definitely Not	Science based research, Allowing the state to manage the areas.	We oppose the following recommended management actions: N-146 (creates no-take zones) and S-65 (nomination of southeast Florida as a National Marine Sanctuary). · We all want to ensure that our coral reefs continue to thrive but this shouldn't come at the expense of access to our fishing resources. In some cases, limiting fishing can be an effective management tool. But that's not necessary here! · Because they are so extreme, "no-take zones" should be considered only when recreational fishing poses a clear and demonstrated threat to the sustainability of fisheries resources and only after conventional fisheries management measures, like seasons and bag and size limits, have failed. Neither of these is true for the proposed Marine Protected Areas (MPAs). · In Florida, our state fisheries are in great shape due to effective state management. · The main threats to our coral reefs in Florida come from increased water temperatures, water quality, and sedimentation - not fishing activities. · There are no fisheries resource issues identified in any of these proposals or any science-based reasoning behind their selection. The desire to exclude recreational fishing is coming from a select group of individuals with their own agendas. · There is no plan to review whether these "no-take zones" are actually working and no plan to ever re-open these areas to fishing.	137
2016-01-21 18:44:02	Abra m Nichol son	N-146 general comment	FISHING, OTHER	Annual 4 month fishing visits to the FL SE coast.	OTHER	Arkans as, with annual 4 month visits	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Manage fisheries stocks using valid, repeatable creel data from no more than the preceeding 2 years of collection. Disallow anchoring over known coral reefs.	Stop kissing the butts of comercial fishermen. We the recreational fishermen pay more in taxes than they do.A7	136

						and fishing SE FL coast.						
2016-01-21 18:36:46	Jerome Lorenz	N-146 general comment	FISHING		OTHER	Monroe	Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	I'm in complete favor of improving fisheries with mpa		135
2016-01-21 18:18:44	Dale Walker	N-146 general comment	FISHING		MIAMI-DADE		Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	#1=Make some of the areas no diving zones. #2= Make some of the areas no fishing zones. #3= Make some of the areas no anchoring zones. You just can't take away all of these areas from all of the interests all at once. There are too many people's livelihoods at stake and 10's of thousands of regular people that own boats and love the ocean for diving and fishing who are taxpayers and have spent a lot of their money on boats and equipment and such. If you really want to protect the resource than get more enforcement on the water and at the marinas and set up at the mouths of waterways and really check people's catches....I believe you could pay most of the enforcement from the fines...!!!!		134
2016-01-21 18:08:23	Ken Cook	N-146 general comment	FISHING, BOATING	Georgia								133
2016-01-21 18:06:44	Ken Cook	N-146 general comment	FISHING	Georgia			Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	There should be public input from recreational boaters and fishermen and science-based data to support the alleged impact on the reef system. Take into account the economic impact of this action.		132
2016-01-21 18:06:33		N-146 general comment	FISHING, BOATING, PROTECTION			lee	Likely Not	Likely Not	Definitely Not			131
2016-01-21 17:55:55	keith hussey	N-146 general comment	FISHING, BOATING		MIAMI-DADE		Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not			130
2016-01-21 17:45:39	Tom Wood	N-146 general comment	FISHING		MARTIN		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Scientific facts based upon un-biased research.		129
2016-01-21 17:37:49		N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		OTHER	Brevard	Not Sure	Likely Not	Likely Not	Limited commercial fishing within five miles		128
2016-01-21 17:26:00	Stanley Shenger	N-146 general comment	FISHING, PROTECTION		PALM BEACH		Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Only anchoring on reefs or endangered seascape should be addressed All Fishing and diving regulations should be addressed by the Florida Fish and Game Commission.		127
2016-01-21 17:22:01		N-146 general comment	FISHING, BOATING		PALM BEACH		Not Sure	Not Sure	Definitely Not	It it can't unless scientific data from an outside source is shown that the fishery is in danger		126
2016-01-21 17:21:08	Stanley Shenger	N-146 general comment	FISHING, PROTECTION		PALM BEACH		Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	The only action that should be taken is no anchoring on reefs nor commercial fishing using anything other than sport fishing rods and reels.	The management of the Fishing and Reefs and Diving should be under the control of the Florida Fish and Wildlife	125
2016-01-21 17:17:08	Chris	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		PALM BEACH		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	I support the war against big sugar. I support the enforcement of those that choose to litter in are waters. I support environmental care be implemented not as an elective in our public schools ,but made strictly mandatory. This draft is not in the best interest of all native Floridians.	Teach Teach Teach. And teach some more. Sugar is Floridas cancer. We all know that..	124

2016-01-21 17:15:13		N-146 general comment	FISHING		OTHER	Charlotte	Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	I support recreational fishing by responsible fishermen. I support temporary restrictions that have real science input to help maintain healthy fish populations.	With the large amount of money that recreational fishing spends in this state it seems counter-productive to tourism and monies that can be generated to help keep Florida a great place to visit for recreational fishermen (and women).	123
2016-01-21 17:13:45	paul struzzi	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING		BROWARD		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Likely Not	<p>as an active boater, diver and spear fisherman these proposals will/do not solve the problem.</p> <p>- I totally disagree with banning scuba spearfishing. Divers for the most part are responsible, environmentally conscious of the reef environment and are not the source or cause of the issues</p> <p>this activity brings a lot of dollars and awareness to our environment and reef systems. typically we do not want not expect to reach our fishing limits albeit on lobster and/or fish.</p> <p>I personally shot fish that are even close to the minimum nor harvest every lobster I see.</p> <p>there are certainly alternatives to resolve some of the issues.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. increase the size limit. especially on hog snapper from 12 to 14 or 16" 2. put in place a seasonal management system on snapper as you do on grouper 3. prohibit anchoring within 1/4 mile of any reef. everyone I know who dives uses the drift dive method. I cannot tell you the damage I see being done to the reefs by anchoring. 4. increase limitations on commercial spear fishing 5. I am OK with putting a limit on mini season in our counties from 12 to 6 lobsters 	<p>every diver I know does more than their part:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. by harvesting/killing the invasive lion fish 2. picks up some type of trash on every dive (yes including anchors found on the reef!!!) 3. is active in conservation and preservation of our environment and reefs <p>do not just ask the public ask a diver. we love our sport of diving, spear fishing but love our reefs and the habitants even more...</p>	122
2016-01-21 17:12:10	Greg Clark	N-146 general comment	FISHING, BOATING	Florida	PALM BEACH		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not			121
2016-01-21 17:03:14	Jeffrey Ellison	N-146 general comment	FISHING, OTHER	Right to Eat and to obtain natural food:	OTHER	Brevard	Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	I support no effort to remove the rights as a natural born human being. I further request and demand the the government, persons, and / or groups involved to cease the partial or complete removal of an individuals right whether a prominent citizen or indigent person to harvest natural and healthy food from the land, sea, or forest. This is a natural right to eat and be health as nature, God and life itself demands. The removal of the right to harvest food for life sustenance is a direct attack on life itself.		120
2016-01-21 17:02:25		N-146 general comment	FISHING, BOATING, PROTECTION		PALM BEACH		Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not			119
2016-01-21 17:00:58	Jesse Green	N-146 general comment	FISHING, BOATING, PROTECTION		PALM BEACH		Not Sure	Definitely Not	Definitely Not		The state has a good working setup for reef management. recreational anglers are totally involved in keeping the fishery in the best condition possible. The exclusion of recreational fishermen & women is promoted by a small group of people who have their own agenda. Where's the scientific proof to their claims?	118

2016-01-21 16:53:27		N-146 general comment	FISHING		PALM BEACH		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not			117
2016-01-21 16:48:02	Levi Pittman	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING	Florida	MARTIN		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	I as a charter captain DO NOT support anymore MPAs on our coast I believe these measures are ill conceived and do not take into account the BILLIONS of dollars in tax revenue that my industry and the recreational fishing industry bring to our great state. We (I myself included) tout our selves as the fishing capital BUT how the hell am I supposed to book charters and then tell my customers they can't fish you guys are fucking RETARDED!!!!!!	If you REALLY want to preserve our reefs you should stop commercial fishing ENTIRELY between the longlining, netting and illegal gill netting that goes on our reefs and oceans are in DIRE straights from their unfettered GREED.	116
2016-01-21 16:47:17	Eugene Mast	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING	We all pay taxes and what give them the power to take anything from us, without a vote!	PALM BEACH		Not Sure	Not Sure	Likely	Let The any / all concerned vote, from any state in the union !!! Nobody owns the Ocean !!!!!!!!!!!		115
2016-01-21 16:40:39		N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING		OTHER		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not			114
2016-01-21 16:35:55	Lino Machado	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION	FL	MIAMI- DADE	FL	Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely Not			113
2016-01-21 16:30:52	Lou Blanco	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		MIAMI- DADE		Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not			112
2016-01-21 16:30:40	Lee Fossett	N-146 general comment	FISHING		MARTIN		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Revert to current management practices, including open and closed seasons by species, bag limits by species, size limits by species. If you want to make the reefs more healthy, find ways to fix the pollution problems that are acknowledged to endanger our reefs. If you fix the pollution, you will also improve the fishing, without having to restrict the access or use of the reef. No anchor zones may make some sense, but defining "no take zones" is not attacking either the problem or the cause of the problem. In addition, it's, for all practical purposes, unenforceable in its current form.		111
2016-01-21 16:28:44		N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING		BROWAR D		Likely	Likely	Definitely Not	Your taking away my family diner		110
2016-01-21 16:26:26	Jeffrey Taleff	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		PALM BEACH		Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	As a conservationist, I certainly advocate for Florida's reefs. In fact, my car license plate is a "protect our reefs" plate. I made a donation in order to receive the plate. However, this legislation		109

										will have a largely negative impact on fishermen. This is unacceptable. Make the legislation more friendly to the very outdoorsmen that care about our reefs, not exclude them from the reefs.		
2016-01-21 16:23:32		N-146 general comment	FISHING, BOATING, PROTECTION		OTHER	Brevard	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	This effort should be scrapped. It is not needed and unduly encroaches on the rights of the residents of Florida.	108	
2016-01-21 16:21:11	Edward	N-146 general comment	FISHING		MIAMI-DADE		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not		107	
2016-01-21 16:19:11	Robert Belanger	N-146 general comment	FISHING		MIAMI-DADE		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not		106	
2016-01-21 16:16:32	Steven Unger	N-146 general comment	BOATING, PROTECTION	10	MIAMI-DADE		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	No fishing zone is needed in several areas to prevent overfishing fragile populations. A seagrass restoration project was just completed, let the God Damn fish recover before exploiting them! Enough with selfish interest groups not giving a Damn about the future generation and failing to conserve them properly..	105	
2016-01-21 16:14:15		N-146 general comment	FISHING		MIAMI-DADE		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not		104	
2016-01-15 11:32:12	frank	N-146 general comment	DIVING, PROTECTION		BROWARD		Likely	Likely	Likely	Location, location, location.....any MPA must be fully understood as to expected benefits. To be successful as to spawning aggregations no fishing or diving should be permitted while being studied. Therefore move it as far away from current inlets and established dive areas (current bouy system) as possible.	Start small.....use area that can be watched and reported on. Use an area that is away from all inlets.....example being half way from Hillsboro and Port Everglades.	103
2016-01-04 19:59:33	Steven Miller	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION	Florida			Not Sure	Likely Not	Not Sure	MPA Zoning, or marine spatial planning, should provide the context that all proposed regulations are presented. It also needs to be acknowledged that there are existing regulations that are extensive related to fishing and ecosystem protection. MPAs that restrict fishing will result in more and larger fish - there's no debate on this as long as placement and size of the MPAs are appropriate. MPAs that protect spawning aggregations, if they exist in this region, can have a temporal element related to closures. RMAs without details about locations, sizes, and no-take provisions, are difficult to support without specifics provided. Generally speaking, an MPA to protect fish, to help restore an area to what it would be like without fishing, could be a huge economic driver. The value of such an area, or areas, for snorkeling and diving, where people can see large fish, again and again, is much higher than taking the fish for dinner, once.		102
1/26/16 12:00	Fred Bartlett	N-146 general comment	BOATING, FISHING		MARTIN		Not Sure	Likely Not	Likely Not	this plan requires clear and durable marking of protected reef areas - otherwise it will fail	I believe that the fishing "no-take" areas will be difficult to mark and define in the martin county area. How will enforcement be handled? Many of these areas have very heavy commercial fishing pressure in spanish mackerel season. They damage reefs	101

1/26/16 18:00	sam	N-146 general comment	FISHING, BOATING, PROTECTION		MARTIN		Likely Not	Likely Not	Definitely Not	I just don't see how N-146 could be noticeably effective, water quality is our biggest enemy here, and I support eventhing on the ballet. To many rely on the areas you have highlighted.	MOTE marine is currently developing rapidly growing natural corals. Consider establishing no take, no anchor zones in already desolate area to grow freshcoral, establishing fresh nurserys for fish and coral alike without taking from fishermen and divers now.	100
1/26/16 18:00	michael strumski	N-146 general comment	DIVING, BOATING		MARTIN		Definitely Not	Likely Not	Definitely Not	water pollution is what is wrong with our reefs!	its always easier to blame it on fishing	99
1/27/16 12:00		N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING		PALM BEACH		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not			98
1/27/16 12:00		N-146 general comment			PALM BEACH		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	protect more areas	protect all the areas and more!	97
1/27/16 12:00	dawn zangara	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, PROTECTION		PALM BEACH		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	I support protection of at least 20-30% of our FI reef and specific no take zones. Also support seasonal protection during spawning and aggregation seasons.		96
1/27/16 18:00		N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		PALM BEACH		Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	as presented this is not a needed or scientifically supported management action	your process is clearly trying to exclude objection.	95
1/27/16 18:00	darren shull	N-146 general comment	FISHING		PALM BEACH		Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	speaking of the area I know if the entire area of interest off of jupiter inlet becomes a no-take area will be disasterous for the area fishing industy and recreational fishermen.	making broad no-take areas is too heavy handed and punishes the fishermen for environmental and pollution causes which are the main cause of the reef decline.	94
1/27/16 18:00	drew mayer	N-146 general comment	DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		PALM BEACH		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	I support sections of our coast to be no catch zones so fish can reproduce and eventually leave the zone to enrich the fishery. I also support species protection for those animals that may have wider ranges than just the zone area	thanks great work!	93
1/27/16 18:00		N-146 general comment	PROTECTION , OTHER	snorkel	PALM BEACH		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So		good to have a cohesive plan and action	92
1/27/16 18:00	chip garber	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING		PALM BEACH		Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	you are proposing changes that will greatly affect those that responsibly enjoy/utilize the water off PB & marting co. fisheries mangt. Protect the fish populations	you should be addressing environmental effects on the reef system, beach renourishment, runoff, big sugar outflow of fresh polluted water sewage. Don't penalize those that responsibly enjoy the reefs. FWC doesn't agree with you and neighter do i.	91
1/29/16 18:00		N-146 general comment	DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		PALM BEACH		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	I support all of this!!		90
1/29/16 18:00		N-146 general comment	DIVING		PALM BEACH		Likely	Not Sure	Definitely So			89
2/16/16 18:00		N-146 general comment	DIVING, PROTECTION		BROWAR D		Likely	Not Sure	Definitely So	its seems like it can really help and keep the reefs beautiful and it will be great for future generations if these reefs keep being protected.		88
2/16/16 18:00		N-146 general comment			BROWAR D		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	definitely need a comprehensive plan to clearly balance comprizing interests and arssure neighboring area isnt managed counter productively.		87
2/16/16 18:00	doug dashe r	N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		BROWAR D		Not Sure	Likely Not	Likely Not	enforcement of existing regulations, not more restrictions. Better water quality, less freshwater runoff, sewage		86

2/17/16 18:00		N-146 general comment			MIAMI-DADE		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	no fishing zones!		85
2/17/16 18:00	arlene ferris	N-146 general comment			MIAMI-DADE		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	I support immediate action. We need to make up for lost time and the urgency comes from not losing any more. We know the value of marine ecosystems already so lets not take years gathering data while more of these precious resources are destroyed. Also, more people are moving to south florida every day, sp the forces contributing to destruction grow greater with each new person. that is why immediate action is required (we CANNOT leave our society's future in the hands of developers)		84
2/17/16 18:00		N-146 general comment			MIAMI-DADE		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	I support protecting areas with high abundance of corals ie giving them special protection above and beyond existing protections		83
2/18/16 18:00	clarke	N-146 general comment			MIAMI-DADE		Definitely So	Likely	Definitely So	protect spawning areas to improve fish population		82
2/18/16 18:00		N-146 general comment			MIAMI-DADE		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	marine reserves, coral gardens, marine protected areas, spawning aggregations		81
2/18/16 18:00	robert mahoney	N-146 general comment	DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		MIAMI-DADE		Definitely So	Likely	Definitely So	rma N-146 is the option I support as it will offer the largest umbrella of protection for the reef area and all its uses		80
2016-02-29 13:26:03		9. MacArthur State Park	DIVING		PALM BEACH		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	i love snorkeling out at this park and would the fish diversity is very unique and it's a great place to see tropical fish. this is a good area for no-fishing it helps protect the beach goers/snorklers as well.		79
2016-02-29 13:25:02		9. MacArthur State Park	FISHING		PALM BEACH		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	i don't know how valuable the nearshore rocks there are for the fish but seems like an easy enough area to make as a no take and it wouldn't relaly impact the fishing community.		78
2016-02-29 13:19:30		8. Juno Pier	FISHING		PALM BEACH		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	yes this smaller area (compared to jupiter) is good for a no take area, should allow fishing off of the pier		77
2016-02-13 11:00:02	David Chapin	8. Juno Pier	FISHING		PALM BEACH		Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	<p>I support the other measures proposed by your organization, but the no take zones in all areas are an ominous proposal that would anger many of the people who should be your allies. I fish the reefs in the Palm Beach county areas from the Breakers to the South to off Jupiter Inlet. You choice of the Juno pier, by your own admission was made because It is equidistant from the Lake Worth (Palm Beach) and Jupiter Inlets.</p> <p>Among the most targeted reef species in all these areas are yellowtail, mutton and other snapper species, already under bag restrictions and likely to be further restricted. As far as I can tell, the Juno pier proposed no take zone was chosen because it is easiest to sell, not because there have been tagging or other studies that would prove that closing this area will help fish populations outside of the area.</p> <p>Most of the fish species targeted by fisherman spend their early lives in estuaries and other near</p>	<p>I attended your meeting at the Shriners building in Palm Beach County. My biggest fear is that the dye is already cast and that the public meetings and collection of comments is simply window dressing on what could be a bureaucratic "done deal". I hope this is not the case</p> <p>I have taught my teenage son and his friends to obey the fishing regs, to measure and take legal fish and to release all fish that will not be eaten with the utmost care. I see virtually no enforcement of existing laws. Spend some time at a fish cleaning station when some of the drift fishing boats come in and you will see "short" fish being taken. Better efforts here would be of help.</p> <p>With regards to mutton snapper, slot limits may also insure the that mature spawning age fish can survive and help increase their number.</p>	76

									<p>shore areas. Those areas are being adversely impacted by water quality issues that no take zones will not address.</p> <p>My other concern is that fishing for schooling and migratory species takes place in the Juno pier and other zones. Kingfish will move in and out and I am certain that enforcement of recreational and commercial fisherman when this species is present would be difficult. There is also kite fishing and trolling activity in the area, often aimed at sailfish that are typically released.</p> <p>If there are specific and documented spawning sites in any of the reef system, some type of seasonal closures of any areas might make sense. Gear restrictions (circle hooks only) can also help.</p> <p>The proposal also has the potential of creating a zone to allow lionfish a safe haven to multiply.</p>		
2016-01-27 19:19:07		7. Jupiter, 10. Blue Heron Bridge / Phil Foster, 11. Lake Worth Inlet S. of Peanut Island, 12. Breakers Shallow, 13. Mar A Lago / Bath & Tennis, 13-2. Breakers Flower Garden, 16-2. Castor Wreck	FISHING, DIVING, PROTECTION		PALM BEACH		Definitely So	Not Sure	Definitely So		75
2016-02-04 16:30:35	Fred Rohwedder	7. Jupiter	FISHING	FL	PALM BEACH		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not		74
2016-01-27 21:11:57	DAVID ANDERSON	7. Jupiter	DIVING	FL	PALM BEACH		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	<p>I support any steps to preserve for the future resources and natural habitat and that helps restore species diversity and stabilization of the ecosystem to a sustainable state. Many resources are disappearing at an alarming rate that is on course for a total loss of many valuable species that can help maintain what we need to assure that ourselves and future generations of humans as well as other sentient beings will be able to survive. We have witnessed total collapse of ecosystems around the world as the result of over-fishing or otherwise unrestrained taking of valuable parts of the ecosystem. With the number of humans inhabiting our planet and particularly the coastal areas, taking of resources must be controlled if not stopped until a sustainable level is established. More than an economic imperative for fishermen, diving operators or tourism, this is essential for the survival of our species.</p>	73

2016-01-27 17:29:57		7. Jupiter	DIVING		PALM BEACH		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	Very glad to see something like this, it is about time we start to manage our reefs.		72
2016-01-21 16:50:09	Lee Aldo	7. Jupiter	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING		PALM BEACH		Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	I DO NOT support any "no take" zones.	Your organization is infringing on natural rights here, I suggest you proceed with caution. Your organization has no authority to impose a "no take" zone ANYWHERE. I am all for conservation and taking care of our natural resources, but this is outrageous.	71
2016-02-29 13:18:44		6. Blowing Rocks Preserve	FISHING		PALM BEACH		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	yes this area should be no take, it's good juvenile habitat		70
2016-02-29 13:16:41		5. Offshore Martin Deep Ridge	FISHING		PALM BEACH		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	i think the larger area should be the one considered for seasonal protection of spawning aggregations, but i think it should stop on the north side of those artificial reefs		69
2016-02-15 12:21:21	Charles Klement	5. Offshore Martin Deep Ridge	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING		BROWAR D		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	<p>Florida's well-managed marine fisheries are enjoyed by millions of anglers each year and support a thriving marine recreation economy. Our Florida Reefs has proposed many recommendations that would strip state authority to manage our fisheries and close large areas of the ocean to recreational fishing without scientific basis.</p> <p>Specifically, I oppose the following recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementing a Marine Protected Area zoning framework • Nominating the entire region as a National Marine Sanctuary • Applying for United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) world heritage site status for entire Florida Reef Tract • Establishing Coral Reef Gardens <p>Rather than proposing to add 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.</p> <p>Water quality is the real issue. Discharge from Lake Okeechobee and outfall (sewage) is the real culprit. The 1974 injunction filed by Everglades National Park forced South Florida Water Management to discharge into the Caloosahatchee and the Miami Canal. Subsequently the reefs in Broward County died.</p> <p>Discharge of outfall (sewage effluent) began around the same time. The Everglades restoration program is supposed to address the issue of phosphorus levels in the discharge water from the Everglades Agricultural Area. If they can do what they claim, then the water that comes into the lake at 100 parts per million will leave the</p>		68

										holding areas at 37.5 parts per million. Sounds good until you note that the Park Service set the standard at 10 parts per million. Banning hook and line is not going to fix that!!! Banning spear fishing is even more absurd. Anglers and spear fisherman respect the reefs more than anyone. You need to make allies not enemies !!! I'm curious, are you even aware of the injunction????		
2016-01-21 22:05:07	Henry Avilla	4. LORAN Tower Ledges, 15. Gulf Stream Reef, 19. Copenhagen Preserve, 22. Ft. Lauderdale Sunrise Blvd to Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, 24. John U Lloyd, 26. County Line, 28. Key Biscayne, N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		MIAMI-DADE		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	I enjoy fishing in Florida waters I have been paying for a Florida fishing licence since I was a teenager Keep fishing alive for all that feels like fishing Thank you		67
2016-02-29 13:17:25		4. LORAN Tower Ledges	FISHING		PALM BEACH		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	this area should be cut off just north of the artificial reefs		66
2016-02-29 13:15:04		4. LORAN Tower Ledges	FISHING		PALM BEACH		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	the larger area should be looked at for seasonal protection of spawning agregations		65
2016-01-29 12:27:21	Glenn	3. South St. Lucie Inlet State Park, 4. LORAN Tower Ledges, 5. Offshore Martin Deep Ridge	FISHING		MARTIN		Not Sure	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Limit commercial fishing, not recreational fishing		64
2016-02-29 13:13:33		3. South St. Lucie Inlet State Park	FISHING		PALM BEACH		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	There is a problem with rogue fishing gear, i think the area to the south would be a good no-take zone that wouldn't impact the fishing community that much.		63
2016-01-22 11:50:19	Ron Rico	28. Key Biscayne, N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, OTHER	Preserving a way of life.	OTHER	Brevard	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	I support no action in Biscayne Bay!! In general I do not oppose MPAs, but I support them only when there is clear and concrete scientific data, which includes anecdotal input for me to support such action! Please don't allow the self serving people pushing this agenda to succeed! As a youngster, I spend many days fishing the waters of Biscayne Bay. There is a hidden reason for their efforts and it is primarily jobs and money, rather than helping the Bay. If they succeed there will be grants to study, measure and evaluate the Bay. It's all about the money!!!	Because they are they are so extreme, "no-take zones" should be considered only when recreational fishing poses a clear and demonstrated threat to the sustainability of fisheries resources and only after conventional fisheries management measures, like seasons and bag and size limits, have failed. Neither of these is true for the proposed Marine Protected Areas.	62
2016-01-21 17:34:42		28. Key Biscayne, N-146 general comment	FISHING		MIAMI-DADE		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not			61
2016-01-21 17:15:59	Rey Figueroa	28. Key Biscayne, N-146 general comment	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING		MIAMI-DADE		Not Sure	Likely Not	Definitely Not			60
2016-03-01 23:04:55	Michael Beach	28. Key Biscayne	DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION	FL	MIAMI-DADE		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So			59
2016-03-01 09:29:13		28. Key Biscayne	DIVING, PROTECTION		BROWARD		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So			58
2016-02-29 14:01:42		28. Key Biscayne	DIVING		BROWARD		Definitely So	Not Sure	Likely	i would still want to be able to dive in this area.		57

2016-02-29 14:00:51		28. Key Biscayne	FISHING		PALM BEACH		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	i think this is a good area for no-take, depending on what that no-take means, there is a lot of diving in the area and i don't think the divers would be happy if they can't dive		56
2016-02-27 12:38:44	Barb Bohns ack	28. Key Biscayne	FISHING, DIVING, PROTECTION , OTHER	conserv ation	MIAMI- DADE		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	I strongly support making a no-take marine ecological reserve to include the coral reefs in the Key Biscayne Area of interest. The inshore grass beds probably do not need to be included, but the coral reefs covering the north to south extent of the KB area of interest is a great idea. I think the protected area should include reefs east of the state boundary as well.		55
2016-02-27 11:30:45		28. Key Biscayne	FISHING, DIVING, PROTECTION		MIAMI- DADE		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	I strongly support including the coral reefs in the Key Biscayne Areas of interest as a no-take marine ecological reserve . This is an important area for conservation. I also support establishing marine reserves throughout the region for conservation.	This is a great area for coral reef growth and will enhance it attractiveness as a dive attraction in Key Biscayne. It is about 10 miles north of the Biscayne National Park Reserve and is much easier to access for residents of Key Biscayne and the Miami area.	54
2016-02-16 06:45:03	Steve n Hurst	28. Key Biscayne	FISHING, BOATING		MIAMI- DADE		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Eliminate RMA's and enforce existing regulations		53
2016-01-28 16:07:52		28. Key Biscayne	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, OTHER	fish tagging	OTHER	Brevar d formerl y Dade	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	No action should be taken. This is an effort to create jobs and employment for environmentalists at the expense of fishers and divers. There is no scientific basis for closing to fishing and diving.!!!		52
2016-01-22 09:37:48	Antho ny Mach ado	28. Key Biscayne	FISHING		MIAMI- DADE		Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Pick other areas of the State.		51
2016-01-22 09:02:10	Jose A Suare z	28. Key Biscayne	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING		MIAMI- DADE		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not			50
2016-01-22 07:16:22		28. Key Biscayne	FISHING, DIVING, PROTECTION		MIAMI- DADE			Definitely Not	Definitely Not			49
2016-01-21 17:50:06	Rober t Lyhne	28. Key Biscayne	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING		MIAMI- DADE		Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Change the bag limits or sizes of the species in danger. To close the reef will destroy one of the biggest reasons we live in Southeast Florida.		48
2016-01-21 16:19:35	BILL LYTEL L	28. Key Biscayne	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING		OTHER	LEE	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	DO NOT make "no take zones" but manage the laws already on the books, with more patrols and stiffer fines for violations. Reduce the amount of game/fish taken, shorten the seasons, but do not make them sterile no take zones. Stop lobster/crab trapping on the reef period. That has destroyed the coral reef more than all storms and ship wrecks put together. I know, I have dove the reef from 1979 and have seen the destruction of traps smashing and smashing and smashing elk horn corals and all. The recreational person is the person who really owns these reefs, and should not be excluded from them entirely. The commercial few who make huge profits from them should be excluded however, permanently and with stiff penalties for violations. Some thoughts		47

2016-02-29 14:00:11		26. County Line	FISHING		PALM BEACH		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	i think this is a good area for no-take		46
2016-02-23 18:01:30	Captain Gil Gutierrez	26. County Line	FISHING		BROWAR D		Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not		Your are putting hard working captains out of business.	45
2016-03-01 09:28:50		24. John U Lloyd	DIVING, PROTECTION		BROWAR D		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So			44
2016-02-29 13:58:42		24. John U Lloyd	FISHING		PALM BEACH		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	i think in general this is a good area for some kind of actions. but i don't know if it could be no-take,		43
2016-02-16 11:50:41	Carl Figini	24. John U Lloyd	FISHING	Florida	BROWAR D		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Move anchorages for commercial vessels/tankers, stop discharging polluted water		42
2016-01-26 07:40:16	Elizab eth A Pirruccio	24. John U Lloyd	FISHING, DIVING, PROTECTION		BROWAR D		Likely Not	Likely Not	Definitely Not	I believe in leaving the zones alone and allow people to enjoy the natural resources we have here off the coast line of south Florida. We moved here from New England several years ago and fished the waters there for many years. Stop regulating everything we do....		41
2016-01-21 20:40:28	Carl Figini	22. Ft. Lauderdale Sunrise Blvd to Lauderdale-By-The- Sea, 24. John U Lloyd	FISHING		BROWAR D		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not		The major damage to the reefs in the Port Everglades area have been from large ships running aground and dragging anchors on the reef. The reef anchor balls that are North and South of the port greatly mitigate problems caused by small boats anchoring on the reefs. Look more at water quality rather than restricting recreational fishing	40
2016-03-01 09:28:21		22. Ft. Lauderdale Sunrise Blvd to Lauderdale-By-The- Sea	DIVING, PROTECTION		BROWAR D		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So			39
2016-02-29 13:57:48		22. Ft. Lauderdale Sunrise Blvd to Lauderdale-By-The- Sea	FISHING		PALM BEACH		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	this area should definetly be a no-take area		38
2016-02-26 22:17:45		22. Ft. Lauderdale Sunrise Blvd to Lauderdale-By-The- Sea	DIVING		OTHER	Hillsbor ough	Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So			37
2016-02-24 13:18:45	Sama ntha Baker	22. Ft. Lauderdale Sunrise Blvd to Lauderdale-By-The- Sea	PROTECTION	FL	BROWAR D		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	This RMA will ensure that our reefs our protected. Reefs are so important to both wildlife and our tourism industry. Without them,not only will our economy suffer, but so will our wildlife (including fish that people eat).		36
2016-02-19 13:48:57	Ryan Palmer	22. Ft. Lauderdale Sunrise Blvd to Lauderdale-By-The- Sea	FISHING		BROWAR D		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	I support conservation using current data & proper enforcement. These areas are too large to start with. There should be more focus on our current environmental impacts instead of complete closures. Start with the big sugar & lake O discharges. Start with dredging projects that are pouring slit all over the reef systems. You cannot simply close area & expect them to rebuild without addressing these issues first!.	I support conservation using current data & proper enforcement. These areas are too large to start with. There should be more focus on our current environmental impacts instead of complete closures. Start with the big sugar & lake O discharges. Start with dredging projects that are pouring slit all over the reef systems. You cannot simply close area & expect them to rebuild without addressing these issues first!.	35
2016-02-17 08:32:43		22. Ft. Lauderdale Sunrise Blvd to Lauderdale-By-The- Sea	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION				Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	You guys are going to kill the recreational boating industry!		34
2016-02-29 13:57:19		19. Copenhagen Preserve	FISHING, DIVING		PALM BEACH		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So			33

2016-03-01 18:41:16		18. Finks Grouper Hole	FISHING, DIVING		PALM BEACH		Definitely So	Likely	Definitely So		Finks Grouper Hole is one of the best dive locations in this vicinity, having ledges, good coral growth, and maybe far enough away from the Boynton and Boca charter boats that it experiences less disturbance than more accessible areas. This location should be considered for special protection since it still has some large predators and reef structure.	32
2016-02-29 13:55:53		18. Finks Grouper Hole	FISHING		PALM BEACH		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	I think that Fink's Delray and the Fink's Grouper hole need to be consolidated. yes there should be a no-take area but not the whole thing and it shouldn't go all the way to the shore. maybe from seagate grouper hole to NE 40th, because that's where spanish river park starts and you can see that from the water. or maybe linton should be the northern border,		31
2016-02-29 13:55:29		16. Finks / Delray	FISHING		PALM BEACH		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	I think that Fink's Delray and the Fink's Grouper hole need to be consolidated. yes there should be a no-take area but not the whole thing and it shouldn't go all the way to the shore. maybe from seagate grouper hole to NE 40th, because that's where spanish river park starts and you can see that from the water. or maybe linton should be the northern border,		30
2016-02-24 07:49:49		16. Finks / Delray	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING		PALM BEACH		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	If we cannot preserve land in our home town(s), we must, at the very least, aim to preserve our oceans.		29
2016-01-22 08:01:54		15. Gulf Stream Reef, 16. Finks / Delray, N-146 general comment	FISHING		PALM BEACH		Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	I support not allow anchors on deef		28
2016-02-29 13:52:16		15. Gulf Stream Reef	FISHING		PALM BEACH		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	i think this area is good for a no-take		27
2016-02-29 13:50:04		14-2. Lake Worth to Manalapan	FISHING		PALM BEACH		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	i think this area should stop at E ocean ave to the south. this one should be a no-take area as well, but it dosen't look lik it is		26
2016-02-29 13:29:00		13-2. Breakers Flower Garden	FISHING		PALM BEACH		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	there is a lot of overlap with diving in this area and seperating the divers and fishers would be a good thing. so i could see this area as a no fishing area. i don't know if the divers would appreciate it being no-take if that means they aren't allowed to go there.		25
2016-02-29 13:31:18		13. Mar A Lago / Bath & Tennis	FISHING		PALM BEACH		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	i think this area is better for no-take than the breakers shallow, i think less people would be impacted. but also have breakers flower garden offshore be no-take as well.		24
2016-02-29 13:27:52		12. Breakers Shallow	FISHING		PALM BEACH		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	this area should be no -take it's good habitat for juvenile fish and should be allowed to have those fish grow.		23
2016-02-29 13:26:51		10. Blue Heron Bridge / Phil Foster	DIVING		PALM BEACH		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	yes this should absolutely be a no take area. yes you can allow fishing from the bridge. this is a world renowned site and should be protected!		22
2016-02-16 16:30:37	Craig Howe	10. Blue Heron Bridge / Phil Foster	DIVING		BROWAR D		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	I think this should be a no take area for line fishermen as well. There is always monofilament line all over the place, I've seen many fish with hooks in their mouths, and especially at night, the fishermen try to hook the divers.		21

										While I would prefer no removal of fish by any method, at least stop the fishing the 2 hours around high tide.		
2016-02-01 11:33:48		1. St. Lucie Inlet State Park to Bathtub Reef, 2. Central St. Lucie Inlet State Park, 3. South St. Lucie Inlet State Park, 4. LORAN Tower Ledges, 5. Offshore Martin Deep Ridge	FISHING, DIVING		MARTIN		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Remove the no take zones as these have been proven to not improve the quality of the reefs (Toth et al. 2014). Be species specific when asking for seasonal protection for spawning aggregations and back them up with studies that provide facts that these aggregations actually exist. Add annual species inspections to quantify the value of any continued restrictions to fishing.	The supposed 10-20% restriction/closure areas are actually 100% of the natural reef areas in Martin County south of bathtub beach. This is not an fair or equitable distribution.	20
2016-02-28 19:38:54	Nicholas Muzia	1. St. Lucie Inlet State Park to Bathtub Reef	DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		MARTIN		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	I support more protective measurements for the St. Lucie Inlet State Park Reef and Estuary areas. These are great for kayaking in the mangroves and should be great for snorkeling & diving, but it's not all that good now. The river, I believe, is a major contributor. I support more protective measures for St. Lucie Inlet SP, because it may cause more pressure to keep the river cleaner and help the Indian River Lagoon.		19
2016-02-21 09:58:39	Valerie Wright	1. St. Lucie Inlet State Park to Bathtub Reef	PROTECTION		OTHER		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	If this area is protected, perhaps the government will stop discharging billions of gallons of polluted water from Lake Okeechobee into out estuaries, then out over our reefs.		18
2016-01-21 16:25:39	DON	1. St. Lucie Inlet State Park to Bathtub Reef	FISHING		OTHER	INDIAN RIVER COUNTY	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not			17
1/27/16 18:00	scott hurley	8. Juno Pier			PALM BEACH		Likely Not	Likely Not	Likely Not		the differences between management strategies between these two areas of interest (juno pier and jupiter)	16
1/26/16 18:00	scott harris	7. Jupiter	BOATING, DIVING, PROTECTION		MARTIN						suggest making manufactured artificial reef modules - no take- no anchor zones -	15
1/27/16 12:00	levi fulk	3. South St. Lucie Inlet State Park	DIVING		PALM BEACH		Not Sure	Not Sure	Likely	no take zone inside state park, rather than south of park boundary	more life present inside park, extending south leaves little option for shallow spearfishing in the area.	14
2/17/16 18:00		28. Key Biscayne	PROTECTION		MIAMI-DADE		Likely	Definitely So	Definitely So	recognizing that areas with high percent coral cover deserve special protection		13
2/17/16 18:00	philip kushlan	28. Key Biscayne	DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		MIAMI-DADE		Likely	Likely	Definitely So	rainbow reef (just north of emerald) could use mooring buoys - many spearfishermen anchor off of there		12
2/17/16 18:00	seren garcia	26. County Line			MIAMI-DADE		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	there needs to be protection of the north shore park area. There are numerous species in this area that need protection such as staghorn coral, hogfish, hawksbill turtles, brain coral, snake eels, moray eels, spotted rays, and trigger fish.		11
2/17/16 18:00		24. John U Lloyd	PROTECTION		MIAMI-DADE		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So		because there is talk of a PEU expansion it is critical that the reefs at john U lloyd are protected so we could avoid repeating the sediment-induced deaths of far too many corals in port of miami that occurred and are still occurring as a result of the deep dredge there.	10
2/17/16 18:00		24. John U Lloyd			MIAMI-DADE		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	protect port everglades from dredging activities that killed port miami corals!!!		9

2/18/16 18:00		24. John U Lloyd	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		MIAMI- DADE		Definitely So	Likely Not	Likely Not		john lloyd is too close to inlet protect copenhagen and sunrise and leave lloyd to public use	8
2/18/16 18:00	nichol as fort	24. John U Lloyd	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		MIAMI- DADE		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	everything	I work within john u lloyd state park at the whiskey creek hideout water sports and scuba diving. My superious are actually interested in constructing artificial reefs and aiding in the care of our rees and I was wondering if you could contact our dive master mike chrisitan for more info	7
2/17/16 18:00	dan merse lis	19. Copenhagen Preserve	OTHER		MIAMI- DADE		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	its really important to protect one of very few thick staghorn coral patches left!		6
3/1/16 0:00	Caroli ne Chen	14-2. Lake Worth to Manalapan		snorkeli ng			Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	lake worth to manalapan	lake worth to manalapan	5
1/27/16 18:00	scott hurley	13. Mar A Lago / Bath & Tennis, 13-2. Breakers Flower Garden			PALM BEACH					more artificial reefs	breakers/flower garder or Mar-a-lago/bath tennis as no take zones but not both areas.	4
2/17/16 18:00		12. Breakers Shallow			MIAMI- DADE		Likely	Likely	Likely	the deeper reefs off breakers (king neptune etc) have very high coral cover, might be worth expanding the area of interest		3
1/29/16 12:00	caroli ne chen	10. Blue Heron Bridge / Phil Foster, 11. Lake Worth Inlet S. of Peanut Island	OTHER	snorkel	PALM BEACH		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	both these areas are very important for access of urban/suburban people to the water - very heavy use but very important to protect.	people need education - collection of rare species can threaten the population	2
1/26/16 18:00	mike boche nic	1. St. Lucie Inlet State Park to Bathtub Reef	FISHING, DIVING, OTHER		MARTIN		Likely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	I support restoring coral reefs and habitat I do not support taking away from mine and many others livelihood with a plan that does not help the issue needing to be addressed	the water discharges need to be stopped/banned into our estuaries where the jevenile fish grow and thrive not the reefs. You need another plan of action.	1