

RMA N-64:
 Require registration and tagging of lead line for all cast nets over six feet and traps, as well as reporting the coordinates of any lost nets to FWC for retrieval, for commercial and recreational fisherman, within St. Lucie Inlet Preserve State Park to prevent and track lost gear (ghost nets).

Submitted	Name	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 #
2016-03-03 15:41:05	N.P.F.	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING		BROWARD		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So			1497
2016-03-01 17:22:57		FISHING, DIVING				Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So			1353
2016-02-29 14:57:40		DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		MARTIN		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	I believe that people should be responsible for their actions, especially when their deliberate negligence impacts other people and communities.		1270
2016-02-29 14:33:33	Coastal Conservation Association Florida	FISHING				Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	CCA FL opposes N-64.		1255
2016-02-28 11:01:34		FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		MARTIN		Likely	Not Sure	Likely Not	I support no cast netting within the preserve. Registration of gear is kind of ridiculous though. Registration of some commercial traps should be done, but of all gear is likely not the best solution.		1141
2016-02-17 07:14:50	Sebastian Armas	PROTECTION		MIAMI-DADE		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	Make fishing with unsafe equipment illegal.	I like many fish and i dont want them to die off because of the carelessness of humans.	924
2016-01-30 16:25:40	Joe Bartoszek	DIVING, PROTECTION		OTHER	Brevard	Likely	Definitely Not	Definitely So	I have seen copious amounts of lost fishing gear such as nets, This could make a significant change		751
2016-01-28 19:55:42		FISHING		MARTIN		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	You should ban fresh water dumping into our Florida estuaries you are destroying everything including peck lake park reef with polluted fresh water ... The fisherman harm nothing compared to the state of Florida who dump polluted freshwater ..think about that	Ban freshwater dumping first that would help out our beautiful Florida other than that recreational fishing should also be ban let the commercial fisherman work the ocean... This is not a playground ..God made fish to eat	717
2016-01-28 16:40:26		FISHING, DIVING		MARTIN		Likely	Likely	Likely	eliminate all cast nets in the st lucie state park no exceptions	ban all cast nets in the st lucie state park they are ruining are reefs just dive the reefs during mackeral season the cast net webbing is killing turtles fish and many crustacians	715
2016-01-27 20:31:31		FISHING, DIVING		MARTIN		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	This action is next to useless. The only fishermen that use cast nets in this area are commercial Spanish mackerel fishermen. Seldom do they lose the lead line, when a net is hung up. Therefor an ID on the lead line would be ineffective. Its the webbing that is lost and causes the damage as it now becomes a gill net catching reef fish, stone crabs, and lobsters. As they die they act as chum attracting more into the net. In addition the fishermen would not report the lost gear in fear they might be required to retrieve it or pay for its removal or be fined. The best thing is to BAN THE CAST NETS because they do damage to both the hard and soft corals growing on the reef as they are retrieved. The FWC has rules for both com trappers as well as recreational trappers requiring all traps to be marked with ID tags with permit numbers for commercial trappers. Recreational fishermens name, address, phone number, are required to be attached to the trap. This part of the rule is not needed.	Ban THE CAST NETS.	687

1/26/16 12:00	fred bartlett			MARTIN		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	this will eliminate harmful fishin and especially nets and illegal fish traps in our area		33
1/26/16 18:00				MARTIN					If you require registration of fishing gear, don't just limit the area to St. Lucie Preserve. Other protected areas/habitats should also be included. Unfortunately this seems to be an extremely difficult task to enforce & regulate.		60
1/27/16 18:00		DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		PALM BEACH		Definitely So	Likely Not	Definitely Not	meeting with the net fishermen and focus on the impact of ghost nets advise to them their negative impact could result in this action		81
1/27/16 18:00		FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		PALM BEACH		Definitely Not	Definitely Not	Definitely Not	impractical: put a bounty and pay cash for ghost nets to divers who retrieve/mark them	this idea sound good but it wont work - real world.	100
2/17/16 18:00	ray	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING		MIAMI-DADE		Definitely So	Not Sure	Not Sure	the enforcement of this proposal if it became law would be minimal at best/lead generally sinks into the sand quickly as a result of water surge		258
2/18/16 18:00		FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		MIAMI-DADE		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	companies need to be held accountable for their actions and for their impacts on our marine resources. I would like to see penalties for lost nets/fishing gear		337
3/1/16 0:00	Caroline Chen		snorkeling			Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So		should be expanded to additional areas!	357