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Title: Set new and appropriate water turbidity standards and support the efforts to improve turbidity monitoring methods for marine construction to limit damage from coastal constructions to reefs and associated habitats.

Objective: The intended outcome of this action is to set a new Florida State limit for construction in or adjacent to submerged resources of ecological significance and are sensitive to turbidity and/or sedimentation.

Background: This recommended management action is being put forth because of the damage to corals caused by high turbidity and silt deposits during construction work. The current turbidity standard may not be effectively minimizing resource impacts caused by sedimentation and high turbidity in the water column resulting from coastal construction projects.

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