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Title: Strongly encourage elected and regulatory officials to oppose extensions to dates established in existing sewage treatment outfalls legislation to ensure the timely closure (prior to 2025) of all treated wastewater outfall pipes and build/upgrade infrastructure for advanced water treatment and reuse capacity to improve ocean water quality.

Objective: The intended outcome of this action is to end direct release of wastewater onto coral reefs by closing outfall pipes and to create advanced water treatment systems in the Southeast Florida Coral Reef Initiative region for improved water quality and water reuse.

Background: This recommended management action is being proposed because water quality is affecting the health of coral reefs and coastal habitats; it is causing issues with poor diving conditions; and causing potential health hazards for coastal residents.

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