

City of Jacksonville

1st Floor - Council Chamber
117 W. Duval Street



Agenda - Marked

Wednesday, September 14, 2022

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Council Chambers 1st Floor, City Hall

Jacksonville Waterways Commission

CM Nick Howland, Chair
CM Randy DeFoor, Vice Chair
CM LeAnna Cumber
CM Brenda Priestly Jackson, Alternate
Jon Michael Barker
Robert Birtalan
Lane Burnett
Senator Audrey Gibson
Mark Devereaux
Andrew Fraden
Marc Hardesty
Richard Hartley
Jill D. Haskell
Raymond S. Pringle, Jr.
Marshall Adkison, Ex-Officio
Adam Hoyles, Ex-Officio

Barbara Ireland Hobson, Legislative Assistant
Sharon Wyskiel, Asst. General Counsel
Dr. Quinton White, Jacksonville University
Dr. Gerard Pinto, Jacksonville University
Richard Distel, Research Assistant
Jim Suber, Waterways Coordinator

1. **Call To Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **St. Johns River Status Report on Water Quality - Dr. Quinton White - 10 Minutes**
4. **St. Johns River Status Report on Manatees - Dr. Gerard Pinto - 10 Minutes**
5. **ADA Waterways Status Report - Kara Tucker - 10 Minutes**
6. **Approval of Minutes**
7. **New Business**

Discussion - Right Whale Speed Zones Resolution

8. Old Business

[2022-0463](#)
DEFER ORD-MC Estab a Boating-Restricted Area in the Arlington River Around the
Cesery and University Blvd Bridges; Amend Chapt 614 (Public Order and
Safety), Sec 614.132 (Reg on Operations of Boats), Ord Code, to Estab the
Boating-Restricted Area; Prov for Design and Implementation; Prov for
Oversight. (Grandin) (Introduced by CM Ferraro)
6/14/22 CO Introduced: NCSPHS, TEU, JWC
6/21/22 NCSPHS Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/21/22 TEU Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/28/22 CO PH Read 2nd & Rerefer: NCSPHS, TEU, JWC
Public Hearing Pursuant to Chapt 166, F.S. & C.R. 3.601- 6/28/22

Contact: Susan Grandin - OGC

Discussion - Inshore Artificial Reef Subcommittee - 10 Minutes

Contact: Commissioner Jill Haskell

Discussion - Offshore Artificial Reef Subcommittee - 10 Minutes

Offshore Reefs Presentation - Marshall Adkinson - Ex Officio

Contact: Commissioner Bob Birtalan

Discussion - St. Johns River Shoaling Subcommittee - 10 Minutes

Contact: Commissioner Marc Hardesty

11. Public Comment**12. Adjournment**

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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 10, 2022

9:00 AM

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Meeting Convened: 9:03 AM Meeting Adjourned: 11:00 AM

Call To Order

Roll Call

St. Johns River Status Report on Water Quality - Dr. Quinton White - 10 Minutes

Dr. White said there has been strange weather this year, but no hurricanes have hit Duval County. Dr. White talked about the algae blooms and their impact on the waterways.

St. Johns River Status Report on Manatees - Dr. Gerard Pinto - 10 Minutes

Dr. Pinto said that no manatee deaths have been recorded since the last meeting, and there has been one manatee death recorded this year.

Boat Compliance Study Report - Dr. Gerard Pinto - 10 Minutes

Dr. Pinto went over a Powerpoint that detailed the methodology of the study and went over the observations relative to this study and past studies. Dr. Pinto showed photos of the worst offenders. Mr. Adkison talked about the importance of boater education. CM DeFoor said it is important to find a standard that is easy to follow.

Approval of the Minutes - Jacksonville Waterways Commission Meeting for June 15, 2022.

Senator Gibson, Mr. Birtalan, Mr. Pringle, Mr. Devereaux, CM DeFoor, CM Howland, CM Cumber, Mr. Hardesty, Mr. Fraden, Mr. Burnett, Mr. Hartley voted to approve the minutes from the previous meeting 11 to 0.

New Business:

2022-0433 ORD Adopting a Small-Scale Amendmnt to the FLUM 2030 Comp Plan at 7893 Hogan Settlement Rd, btwn Hogan Settlement Rd & Hogan Cove Dr - (R.E. # 007618-0000) (15.41± Acres) – LDR to MDR – Connie L. Michener - (Appl # L-5708-22C) (Dist. 12– White) (Lukacovic) (LUZ) (PD & PC Apv) (JWC Apv)
(Rezoning 2022-434)
6/14/22 CO Introduced: LUZ, JWC
6/22/22 LUZ Read 2nd & Rerefer
6/28/22 CO Read 2nd & Rerefer: LUZ, JWC
7/26/22 CO PH Addnt'l 8/9/22
8/9/22 CO PH Cont'd 8/24/22
8/16/22 LUZ PH Approve 4-0
LUZ PH – 8/2/22, 8/16/22
Public Hearing Pursuant to Sec 163.3187, F.S. & Chapt 650, Pt 4, Ord Code –7/26/22 & 8/9/22, 8/24/22

Edward Lukacovic, City Planner, gave a Powerpoint presentation of the legislation. CM DeFoor asked about storm water management.

Senator Gibson, Mr. Birtalan, Mr. Pringle, Mr. Devereaux, CM DeFoor, CM Howland, CM Cumber, Mr. Hardesty, Mr. Fraden, Mr. Hartley voted yes to approve the legislation. 10 - 0

Contact: Edward Lukacovic

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DEFER

Susan Grandin, Office of General Counsel, explained the legislation and detailed its history. Ms. Grandin talked about the meetings CM Ferraro and CM Morgan have had with the community and that they will have more to discuss this issue of the need for a slow speed zone.

Daniel Bierman and Azi Yavari talked about the need for a slow speed zone to help the safety concerns of their rowing club.

Contact: Susan Grandin

Old Business:**Discussion - Maintenance of Baffle Boxes - 10 Minutes**

John Pappas, Public Works, gave a Powerpoint presentation on the maintenance on Baffle Boxes done by the Public Works Department. Mr. Pappas talked about the infrastructure and went over the quarterly inspection process. CM DeFoor asked how they determine the placement of a box. Mr. Pappas said it is grant funded and based on high sediment areas. CM Cumber asked if the soil is tested. Mr. Pappas said that it is not tested.

Contact: John Pappas
Public Works Dept.

Discussion - Sub Committees

Dr. White suggested that artificial reefs continue as a committee. Mr. Pringle, Mr. Adkison and CM DeFoor voiced support for this committee. CM Howland said the committee will have a scope of focus to only within the river. Mr. Hardesty suggested continuing the shoaling committee. CM Howland confirmed that there will be two committees which will each have 3 members.

Public Comment

John Nooney talked about public participation.

Carnell Oliver talked about environmental rights needed on a state level.

Adjournment

NOTE: The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, September 14, 2022.

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Rollcall

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| Present | 13 - | Commissioner Raymond Pringle, Commissioner Lane Burnett, Commissioner Mark Devereaux, Commissioner Marc Hardesty, Chair Nick Howland, Vice Chair Randy DeFoor, Commissioner LeAnna Cumber, Commissioner Robert Birtalan, Commissioner Audrey Gibson, Ex-Officio Marshall Adkison, Ex-Officio Adam Hoyles, Commissioner Andrew Fraden, and Commissioner Richard Hartley |
| Excused | 2 - | Commissioner Jon Michael Barker, and Commissioner Jill Haskell |

Minutes: Richard Distel, Council Research
RDistel@coj.net 904.255.5140
Posted 8.19.2022 5:00 pm

Inventory List

TYPE	Name	Description					
	HOGANS CREEK GREENWAY	TRAIL					
	S-LINE RAIL TRAIL	TRAIL					
	JACKSONVILLE/BALWIN RAIL TRAIL	TRAIL					
	CASTAWAY ISLAND PRESERVE	TRAIL					
	CAMP MILTON HISTORIC PRESERVE TRAIL	TRAIL					
	BLACK HAMMOCK PARK	TRAIL					
	BUCCANEER/BIG PINE TRAIL	TRAIL					
	ARLINGTON LIONS CLUB BOAT RAMP	ACCESSIBLE FISHING DOCK					
	RIBAUT PRESERVE	ACCESSIBLE FISHING DOCK					
	COUNTY DOCK RD BOAT RAMP	ACCESSIBLE FISHING DOCK					
	JAX BEACH PIER	ACCESSIBLE FISHING DOCK					
	BETHESDA PARK	ACCESSIBLE FISHING DOCK	ADAPTIVE KAYAK LAUNCH				
	HANNAH PARK	ACCESSIBLE FISHING DOCK	ADAPTIVE KAYAK LAUNCH				
	HARBORVIEW BOAT RAMP	ACCESSIBLE FISHING DOCK					
	DAMES POINT PARK	ACCESSIBLE FISHING DOCK					
	BETZ TIGER POINT PRESERVE	ACCESSIBLE FISHING DOCK					
	MANDARIN PARK	ACCESSIBLE FISHING DOCK	ADAPTIVE KAYAK LAUNCH				
	POPE DUVAL PARK	ACCESSIBLE FISHING DOCK					
	CHARLES REESE PARK	ACCESSIBLE FISHING DOCK					
	HALF MOON ISLAND BOAT RAMP	ACCESSIBLE FISHING DOCK	ACCESSIBLE BOAT RAMP				
	SOUTHBANK RIVERWALK	ADAPTIVE KAYAK LAUNCH	TRAIL				
	MICHEAL B SCANLON	ACCESSIBLE BOAT RAMP					
	BEACH AND PEACH URBAN PARK	ACCESSIBLE FISHING DOCK					
	TROUT RIVER PIER	ACCESSIBLE FISHING DOCK					
	JIM KING BOAT RAMP	ACCESSIBLE BOAT RAMP					
	GOODBYS CREEK BOAT RAMP	ACCESSIBLE BOAT RAMP					
	MEMORIAL PARK	ACCESSIBLE FISHING DOCK					
	PALMS FISH CAMP	ACCESSIBLE BOAT RAMP					
	INTRACOASTAL BOAT RAMP	ACCESSIBLE BOAT RAMP					
	GEORGE CRADY FISHING PIER	ACCESSIBLE FISHING DOCK					
	EXCHANGE CLUB ISLAND PARK	PICNIC, BOAT DOCK					
	FREEDOM PARK	TRAIL					
	SHEFFIELD PARK	TRAIL, PICNIC, PLAYGROUND					
	HUGUENOT MEMORIAL PARK	PICNIC, PLAYGROUND, TRAIL, CAMPING					
	JAX BALDWIN RAIL TRAIL	TRAIL					
	TOUCHTON RD PARK	PLAYGROUND, PICNINC					
	TAYE BROWN PARK	TRAIL					



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OCTOBER 4TH, 2022



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3 **JACKSONVILLE WATERWAYS COMMISSION RESOLUTION**
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5 A RESOLUTION REQUESTING AN EXTENSION TO THE COMMENT PERIOD FOR
6 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC RIGHT WHALE (NARW)
7 VESSEL STRIKE SPEED RESTRICTION RULE.
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9 **WHEREAS**, thousands of Jacksonville residents make their living
10 on the water and live, raise their families, and recreate in coastal
11 and offshore areas; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Jacksonville Waterways Commission (JWC) is charged
13 with studying and making recommendations to the Jacksonville City
14 Council with respect to the improvement, development and protection
15 of the St. Johns River, all tidal waters, and all saltwater, estuarine
16 and riverine wetlands in Duval County; and

17 **WHEREAS**, since 2008, the National Marine Fisheries Service
18 (NMFS) has enforced a 10-knot vessel speed restriction (50 CFR
19 224.105) for most vessels \geq 65 ft in overall length within designated
20 Seasonal Management Areas (SMAs) along the U.S. East Coast to reduce
21 the likelihood of mortalities and serious injuries to the endangered
22 North American Right Whale (NARW); and

23 **WHEREAS**, the season is mid-November through mid-April and the
24 SMA applicable to Jacksonville is the Southeast SMA, which runs north
25 along the coast from south of St. Augustine, Florida to north of
26 Brunswick, Georgia, and extends out from shore to 20 nautical miles
27 or more, encompassing Jacksonville's coastal and near-offshore
28 waters; and

29 **WHEREAS**, on July 29, 2022, pursuant to its rulemaking authority
30 under MMPA section 112(a) (16 U.S.C. 1382(a)) and ESA section 11(f)
31 (16 U.S.C. 1540(f)), NMFS proposed a rule amendment to add most

1 vessels \geq 35 ft and $<$ 65 ft in length into the vessel size class
2 subject to the speed restrictions, among other changes, and announced
3 a public comment period through September 30, 2022; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the JWC understands that various Florida harbor pilot
5 associations have submitted comments to NMFS expressing concern that
6 NOAA's latest proposal would capture virtually all purpose-built
7 pilot boats currently operating in Florida's waters, noting that the
8 amendments proposed could have the effect of undermining compulsory
9 pilotage, reducing navigation safety, and impeding the efficient flow
10 of maritime commerce, and requesting an extension of the public
11 comment period; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Northeast Florida charter and sport fishermen operate
13 vessels less than 65 feet in length within the Southeast SMA on a
14 daily basis and have expressed to the JWC that 10 knot speed
15 restrictions would significantly increase transit times to fishing
16 grounds, rendering both charter and sport fishing cost-prohibitive;
17 now therefore

18 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

19 **Section 1.** That the Jacksonville Waterways Commission is
20 committed to the preservation of the marine environment and the health
21 marine life in its waterways, in the coastal areas, and offshore, but
22 does hereby request an extension of the closing of the comment period
23 for the proposed amendment to the NARW vessel speed restriction rules
24 from September 30, 2022 to December 31, 2022, allowing additional
25 time for affected industries, including harbor piloting and sport
26 fishing, to complete economic and safety impact studies related to
27 adding vessels \geq 35 ft and $<$ 65 ft in length into the size class
28 subject to speed restrictions.

29 **DONE AND ORDERED** at the September 14, 2022 meeting of the
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1 Jacksonville Waterways Commission.
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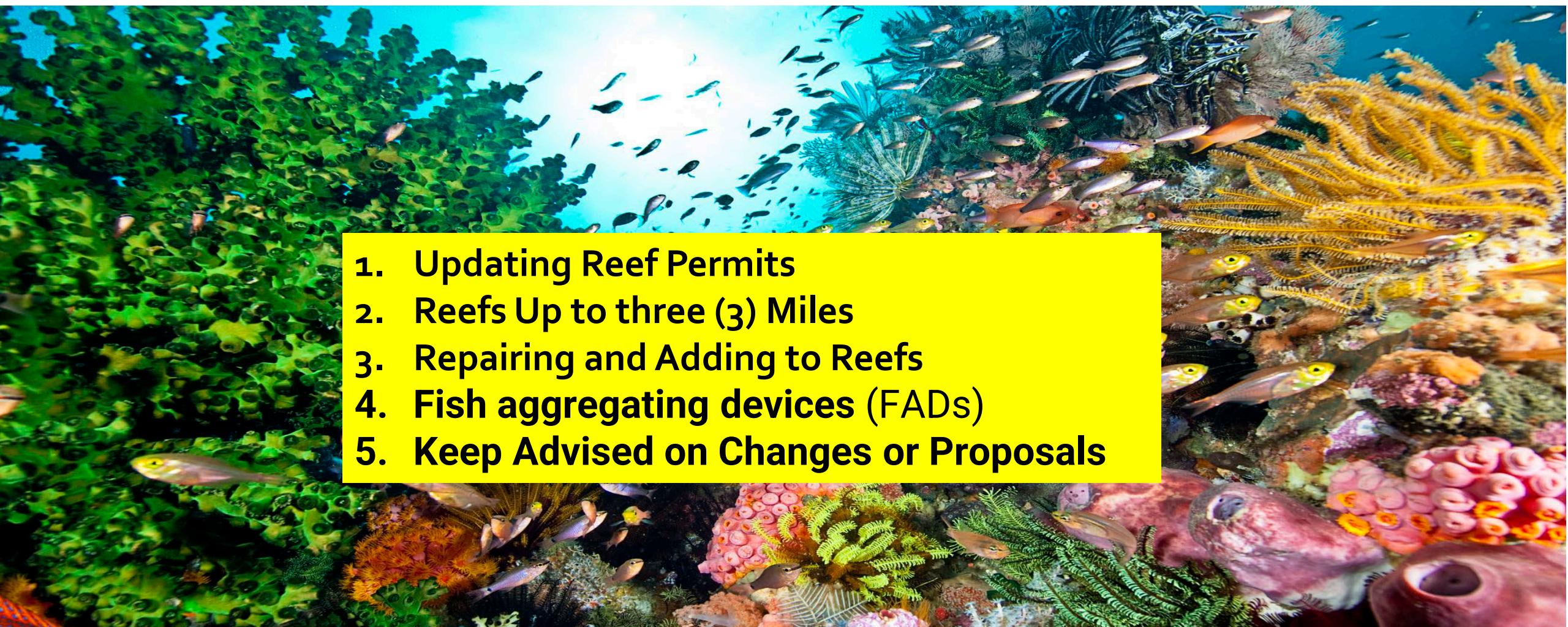
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6 Nick Howland

7 Chairman, Jacksonville Waterways Commission

8 City Council Member, At-Large, Group 3
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JACKSONVILLE'S OFFSHORE REEF SUB-COMMITTEE

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1. Updating Reef Permits
 2. Reefs Up to three (3) Miles
 3. Repairing and Adding to Reefs
 4. Fish aggregating devices (FADs)
 5. Keep Advised on Changes or Proposals



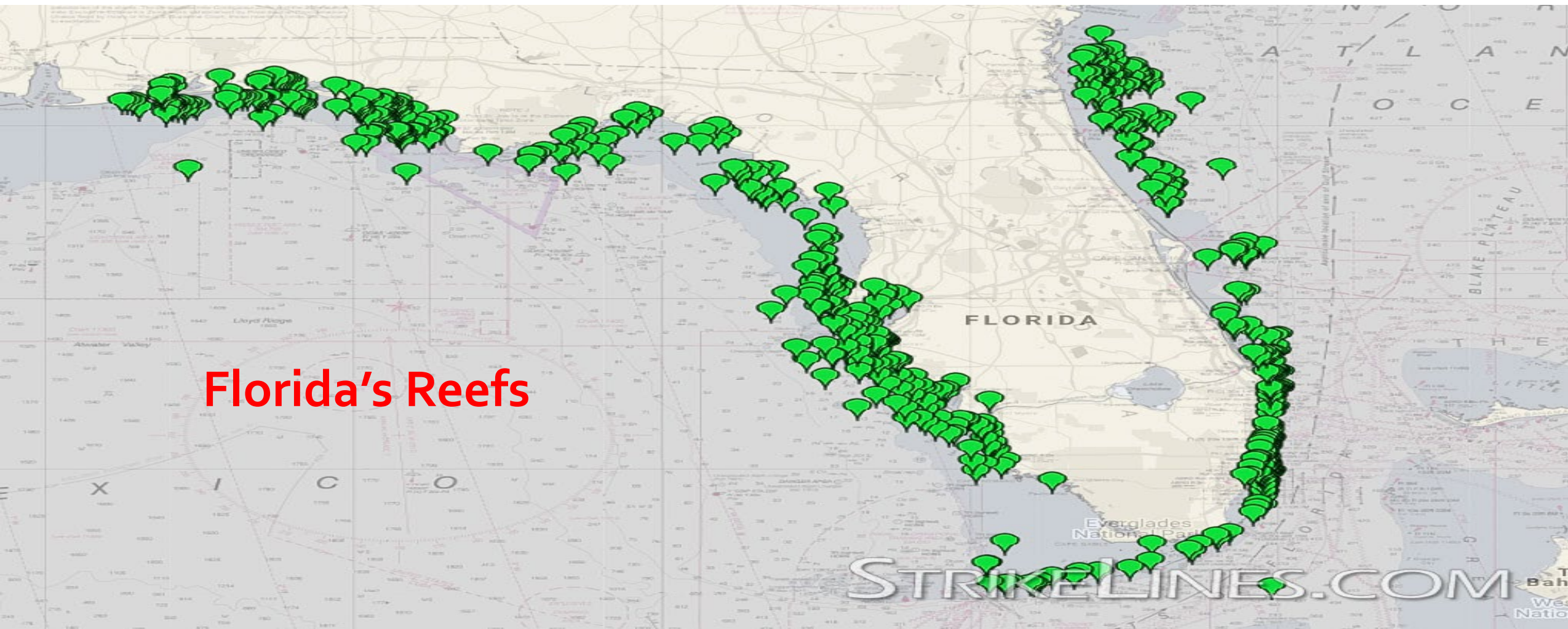
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Updating Reef Permits

1. **Get a COJ employee to manage permits and keep Waterways updated monthly**
 - a. Submitting for new permits
 - b. Updating permits
 - c. Get permits to rebuild or enlarge our existing Reefs
2. **Identifying the Reefs we have permits on**
3. **Grants for building up our already permitted reefs**
4. **Identify Local entities that would help**
 - a. Tug boats operators and owners
 - b. Barges
 - c. Equipment to move Reef Building Materials
 - d. Divers that are able to help
 - e. Locations to store Reef Building Materials
 - f. Possibility to rename reefs with Sponsorship
 - g. Who is already worked on this and doing it now

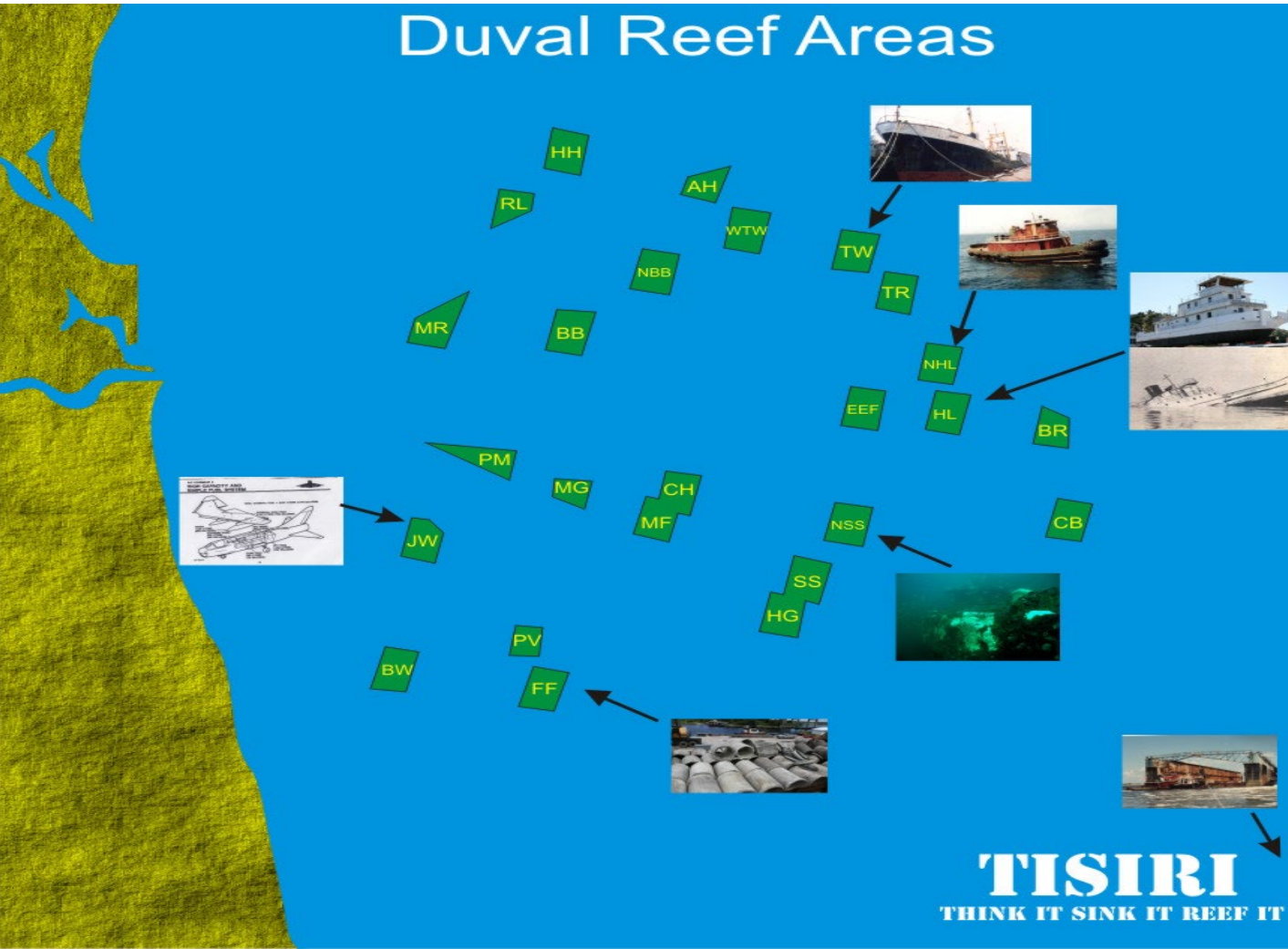
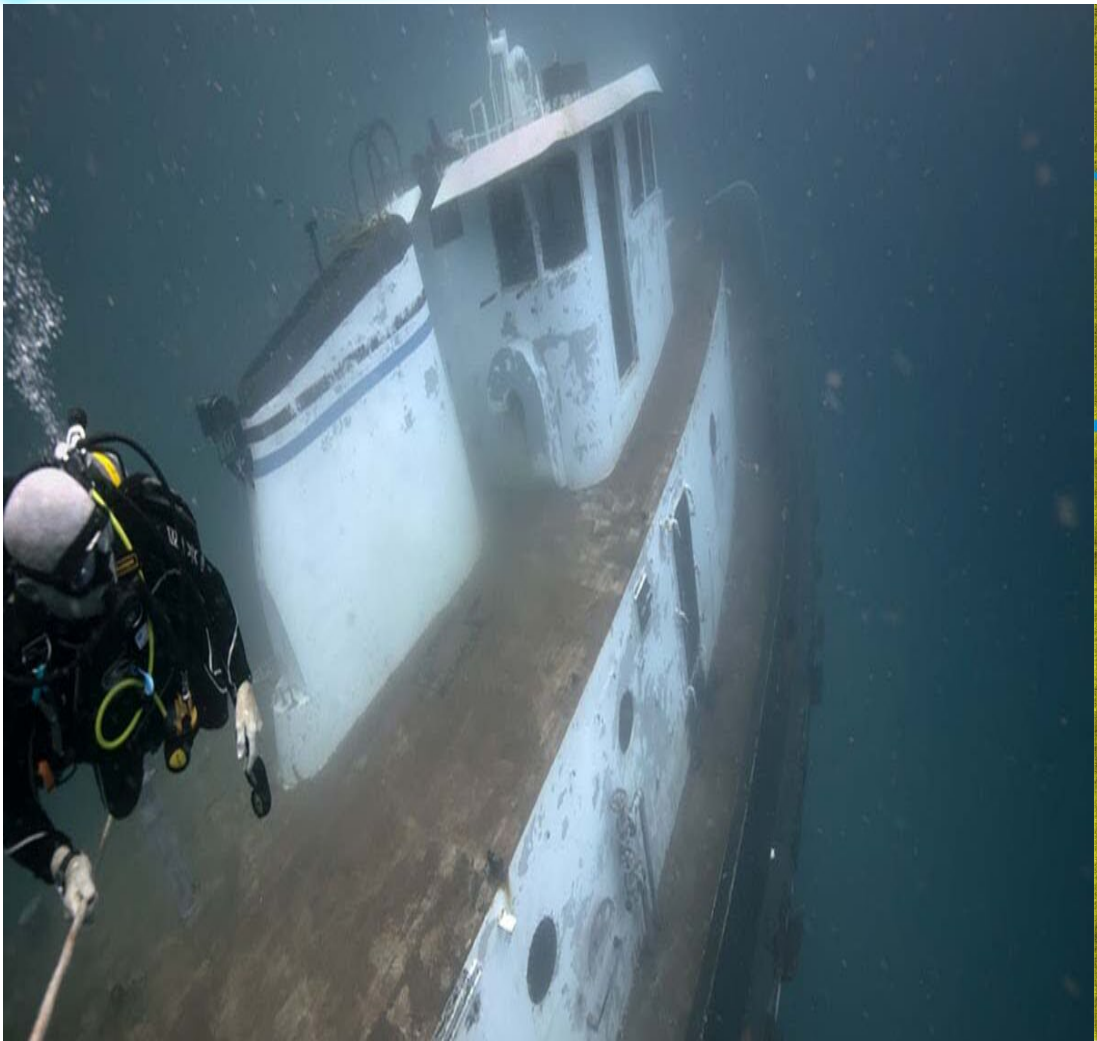


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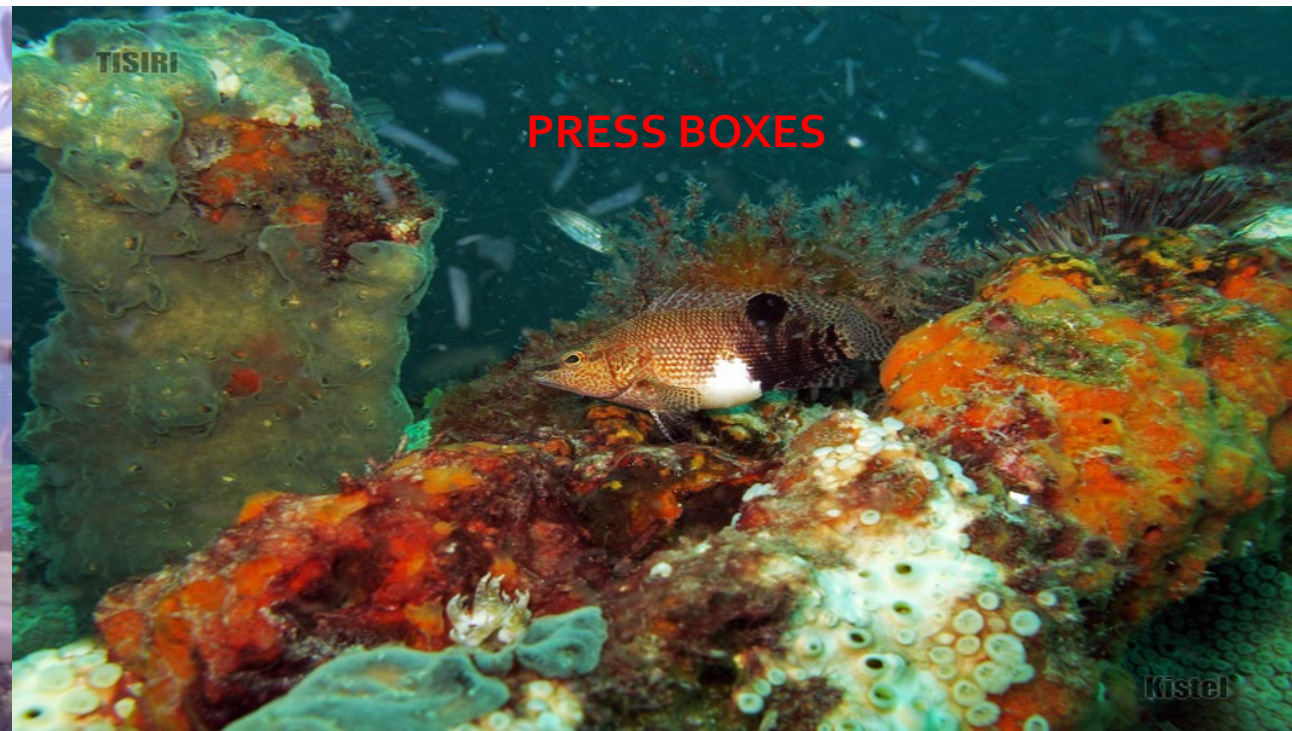
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With 22 miles of beaches and the most shoreline of any Florida city, Jacksonville is home to more than 100 artificial reefs with hundreds of colorful species of marine life off our Atlantic Coast shore. The extensive reef system, a diverse array of marine life, and affordable diving rates make Jax one of the best diving destinations on Florida's East Coast!





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Repairing and Adding to Reefs

1. Get funding for City
2. Locate private investors
3. Get public involved
4. Get Local Business to donate time
 - Barge operators
 - Scape Concrete yard set up
 - Tug Boats operators
5. Get University involved





JACKSONVILLE'S OFFSHORE REEF SUB-COMMITTEE

Reefs Up to three (3) Miles

1. **The need for reefs in our State waters out 3 miles.**
 - a. Fish that can be caught in State waters, not in Federal waters
 - b. Depth of water need reefs to attract marine life
 - c. Boater Safety small boats can use and enjoy offshore
2. **Work with the commercial shrimpers**
3. **Finding hang up locations (shrimpers don't troll around)**
4. **Type of Reefs that can be made**
5. **Permitting these reefs**
6. **Maintaining these reefs**



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Fish Aggregating Devices (FADs)

Fish aggregating devices (FADs) provide structure in an open ocean environment.

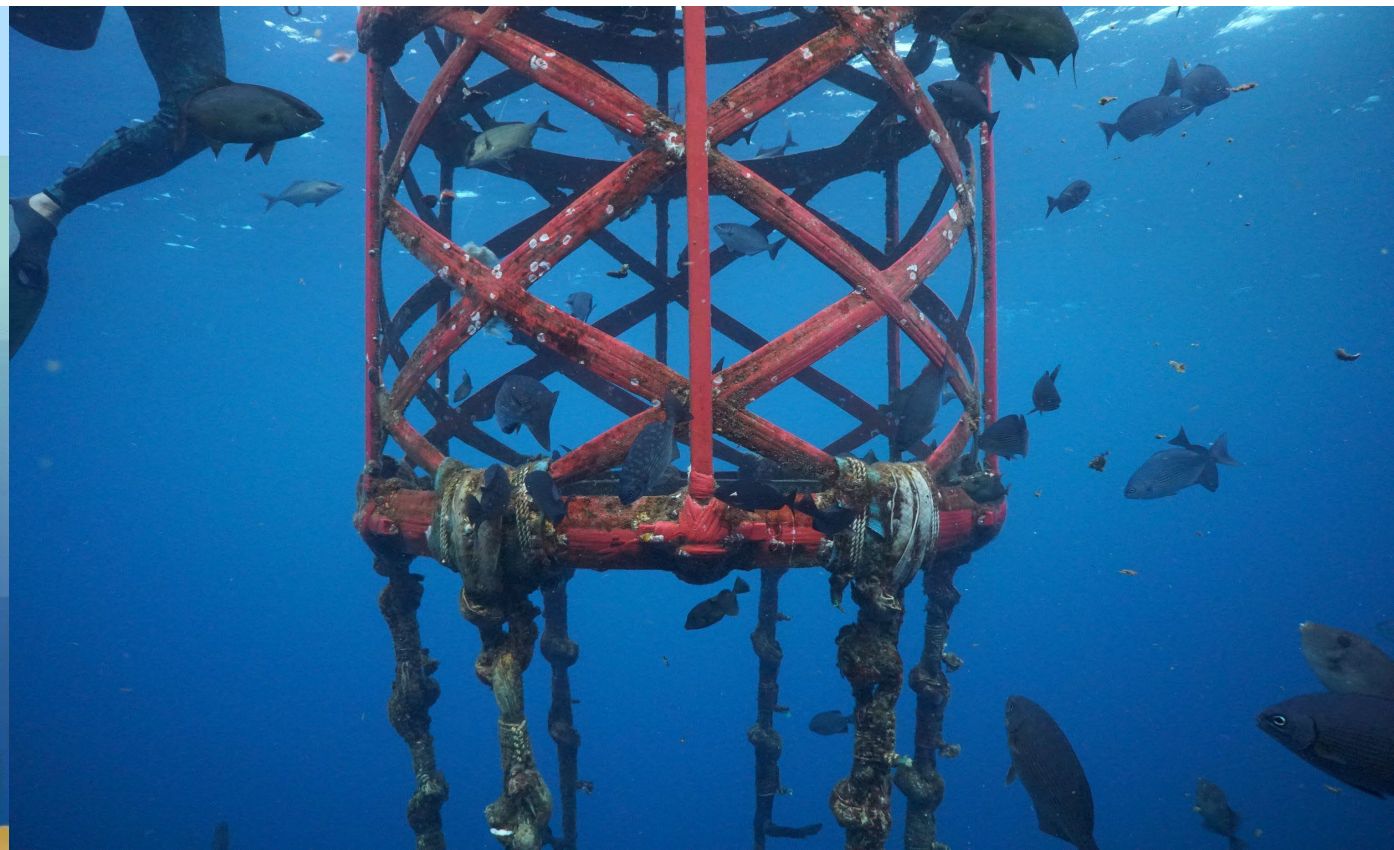
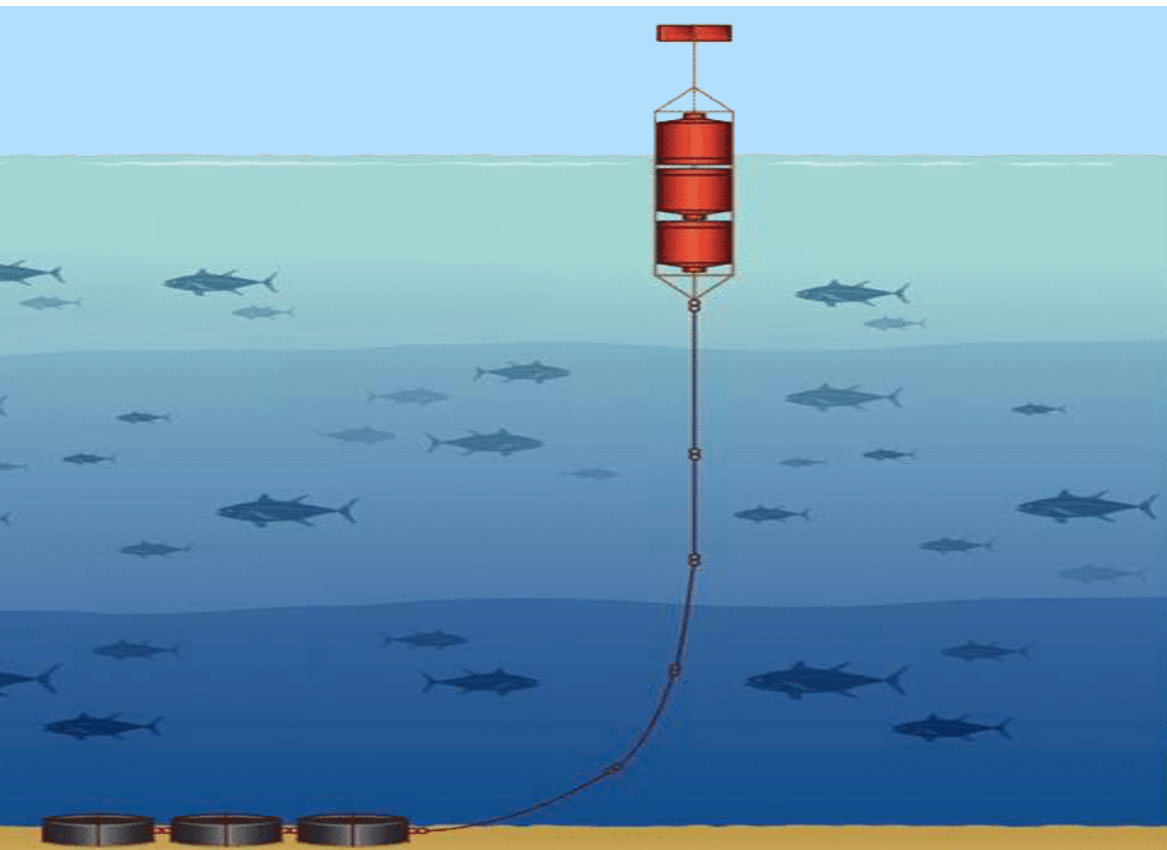
Fish are attracted to FADs for various reasons, including to feed on prey species or as reference points for schooling

Fish aggregating devices and artificial **reefs** enhance fishing opportunities for recreational fishers.



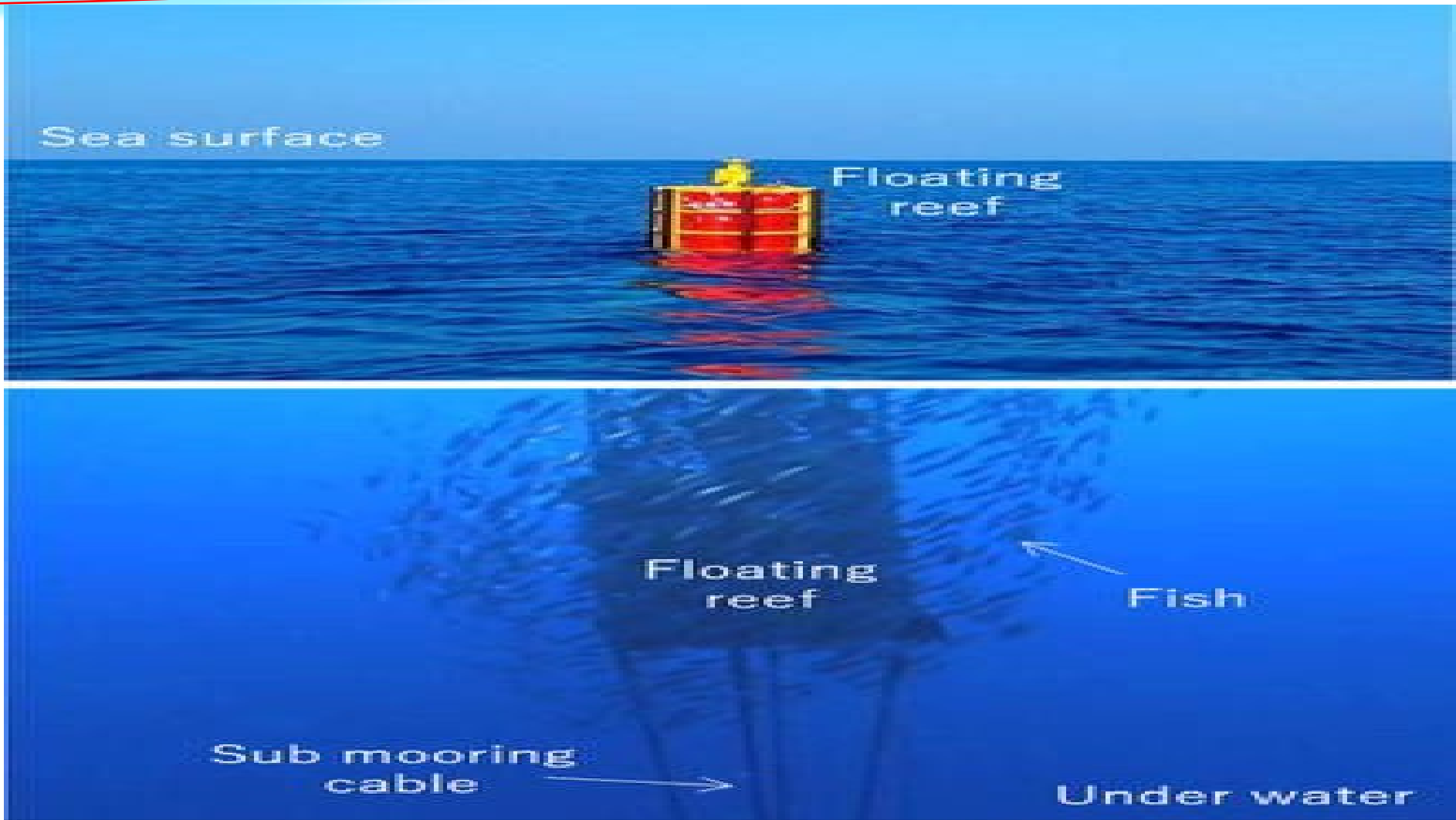
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Typical Fish Aggregating Devices (FADs)





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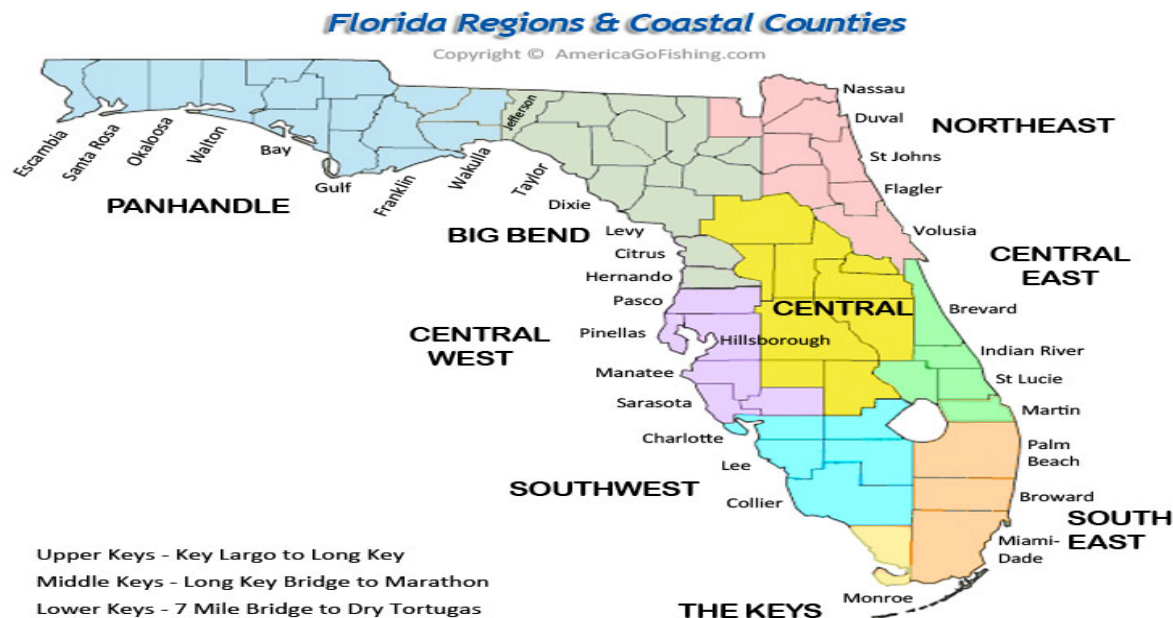




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How Do we Get Neighboring Counties to Help

Invite to our Water Ways Meetings
Invite and add to Sub Committees





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Keep Advised on Changes or Proposals