

LEGISLATIVE REQUESTS 2018-19

CORAL REEFS

- Proposed FDEP budget contains \$1,000,000
 - Continue water quality and coral disease projects
- Southeast Florida Coral Reef Ecosystem Conservation Area - HB 53 and SB 232
 - Sovereign submerged lands and state waters offshore Martin, Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade Counties

Endorsed by the Southeast Florida Coastal Ocean Task Force and jointly by the South Florida Regional Planning Council and the Treasure Coast Planning Council



SOUTHEAST FLORIDA CORAL REEF ECOSYSTEM CONSERVATION AREA

- Anticipated Outcomes:
 - Organized coordination to improve the reef system
 - Annual budgeting of conservation/restoration measures
 - Integrated approach to conservation of coral reefs and associated fisheries (FDEP and FWCC)

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■ Potential Improvements:

- Consolidate local mooring buoy programs into a regional program for increased cost effectiveness
- More effective response to large scale reef damage incidents and disease epidemics
- More cost effective reef restoration projects (regional economy of scale)
- Targeted and coordinated infrastructure investments
- Coordinated education and outreach programs