Outstanding Florida Waters

- Application since May 3, 2003
- We continue to inquire about the status of our application and have not received an answer
- These reefs support a multi-billion dollar industry
- FDEP has failed to address the issue of no Public Workshop on our application
Outstanding Florida Water
Critical Habitat for Threatened Species

- North of Port Everglades has some of the farthest-north Staghorn reefs

- With the current rise in Sea Surface Temperatures these reefs may play a crucial roll in reefs migrating northward

- Lost 8 miles of nearshore Staghorn habitat to Broward Dredge and Fill Project last summer
Corals Buried and Smothered by Beach Dredge Fill
Hollywood Florida Aug 2005
Threatened Species being Buried. This coral has been completely buried in sand since photo was taken
Broward Dredge and Fill Project

• We reported that reefs were being buried and smothered beyond the ETOF Estimated Tow of Fill
• Reported bleaching in the area from water Temperature
• Asked that Project be halted until bleaching event ended
• Project continued burying miles of reef and killing corals
• Reported corals being crushed by the Pipeline corridors
• Rapid Response to Coral Damage Workshop held in February from Infrastructure Installation and Ship Groundings no permitted projects were allowed to be discussed
• 8 months later - little had been done to restore the corals damaged
• Still do not know the total amount of damage since we do not have access to the reports
Fill Pipe on large coral head
Coral Crushed by Pipeline
Hollywood, FL 2005
Southeast Florida Coral Reef Initiative

- No Stakeholder meetings since November 2004
- Currently working on projects 3 years in the future without stakeholder meetings
- We have been denied a seat at the table on the FDOU and Awareness groups
- We must return stakeholder involvement to the SFCRI process
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