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Sincerely yours,

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Dear fellow South Florida Divers.

We need your help to help stop a governmental project from absolutely destroying one of the most pristine and precious reef systems left.

The following message was originally sent by Bob at Dive Rampage, however I also feel that this project should be blocked and I implore you to please forward this email to EVERY diver that you know and urge them to email the address below to voice their opinions.

SEND YOUR EMAILS TO:
Dale.E.Beter@saj02.usace.army.mil

And be sure to forward this to a friend!

Jeff - Scubaclicks.com

In a message dated 10/8/02 9:50:03 AM Eastern Daylight Time,
bob@DiveRampage.com writes:

Hello Hello Divers of Palm Beach

It turns out that the Army Corps of Engineers is taking public input for a beach renourishment project that could severely damage one of Palm Beach's most spectacular reefs. The reefs of concern are Horseshoe and Casino reef, truly some of the best sixty foot reefs Palm Beach has to offer. The so-called borrow area (the area that they take the sand from and don't give back) is only 400 feet from the inside ledge or west side of the reef.....

As you know, the sand on the southeast coast of Florida travels from north to south, and the build-up of sand on the north side of the inlets is a common problem. The real problem stated when the pump from the sand transfer station at the end of the north jetty of the Palm Beach inlet needed maintenance and the Port of Palm Beach and the city of Palm Beach could not come to an agreement of who was going to foot the bill, so it sat for six years and the sand was moved off shore with expensive dredging. Now the sand did not move down the beach as normal for six years, and because of poor planning on the city of Palm Beach's part, now they want an emergency dredging that will cause harm to some of the areas' best diving.....

There are other ways and better sand in different borrow areas.....Palm Beach County has suggested to the city of Palm Beach that they take sand from an area near the inlet or from Peanut Island, yes, this will cost more, but the trade-off is a much better grade, as the samples taken from the Horseshoe borrow site have a lot of rock that is not suitable for beach use.

I was present for the mid-town dredging project in 1995 that is off of Breakers Reef and was very disappointed. I was told by the county that the plume of silt would only be 500 yards long, as you remember, the plume of silt was four miles long. I confronted the county, and they said they had been given a misleading sand sample from the borrow area that led them to that conclusion, and of course, the sample came from the dredging company.

Silt does not disappear; it takes many years for it to move on. When you think the water has cleared up, there comes a small blow and a swell, and the silt goes back in solution and continues to stress the hard and soft corals..

This is very important. Please take a moment and e-mail Dale Beter at the e-mail address below before Oct 13. Please convey to him the importance of protecting this reef area of Horseshoe, as it has been a source of joy to divers, a home to many floral and fauna, and a boost to the local economy.

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