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Scuba News:

As a Very Active Diver in Florida, owner of a Florida Diving Web
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and a large Florida Divers E-Mail list, I'd like to inform you of some
proposed potential dredging and beach fill work that may destroy some of the
best reef's on the East Coast. I'd like to propose that Scuba News write
and article on the proposed reef dredging (also called dredging of Hard Pack
by those that want to do it) and fill of some beach areas. Below is a copy
of one such proposal. You can contact Capt Bob Johnson of the Dive Boat
Rampage in West Palm for more information.

800-525-0876 or e-mail at: Bob@TheRampage.com

Please also understand that members of our local dive clubs and dive groups
would strongly object to any dredging or fill that would have the potential
to destroy some of our state's most beautiful reefs - those off of West
Palm. This replenishment project (really it's been several proposed
projects) seems to be controlled by those that have several comma's in their
bank accounts and no interest in preserving the West Palm Reef Line. They
are after restoring their beech line at the cost of the local underwater
reefs!

George Kenney
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The number is # 200000380(ip-dep) the Phipps Ocean Park Restoration Project
City of Palm Beach in Palm Beach County Florida R16-26..... found in the
Federal Registry Aug 23 2002

> Hello Hello Divers of Palm Beach

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> It turns our that the Army corps of Engineers is taking public input for a
> beach renourishment project that could severely damage one of Palm Beach
> 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 barrow 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.....

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> 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 started 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 part now they want an emergency
> dredging
> that will cause harm to some of the areas best diving.....
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> 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 a 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.
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> 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 lead them to that
> conclusion, and of course the sample came from the dredging company. Silt
> does not disappear, it takes many years for it 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..
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> 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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> Dale.E.Beter@saj02.usace.army.mil
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> Thanks
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> Bob Johnson

George W.J. Kenney, Jr.

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