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From: vkieffer@bellsouth.net <mailto:vkieffer@bellsouth.net>
To: Dale.E.Beter@saj02.usace.army.mil
<mailto:Dale.E.Beter@saj02.usace.army.mil>
Sent: Tuesday, October 08, 2002 10:23 AM
Subject: Beach Enrichment Horseshoe and Casino reef areas.

Dear Mr. Beter:

This communication is to ask you to reconsider the use of the Horseshoe/Casino reef borrow areas in the forthcoming beach enrichment project in central Palm Beach county. Horseshoe and Casino reefs are the least spoiled reefs in the Palm Beach reef ecosystem, due to their distance from the silting influence of major inlets and previous beach enrichment projects. I have been diving the Palm Beach reefs since 1973 as a Tourist from Missouri and since 1984 as a resident of Palm Beach County. I worked in the diving industry as a SCUBA instructor from 1976 to 1992 and have seen first hand the degradation of the Palm Beach reef ecosystem brought about by silting of the reefs by beach enrichment and inlet outfall. As a degreed Biologist and having completed Graduate Research in Coral Reef Ecology at Fairleigh Dickinson University's West Indies Lab in pursuit of my Master's Degree, I am intimately familiar with the factors affecting the health of our offshore underwater resources Silting is one of the most deadly and irreversible conditions to affect the health of a coral reef. Horseshoe and Casino are the healthiest reefs in the Palm Beach area. Please look to the long term benefit of our irreplaceable underwater resources in choosing a source of sand for the beach enrichment project.

Most Sincerely,

Victor B. Kieffer III
vkieffer@bellsouth.net <mailto:vkieffer@bellsouth.net>

P.S. I sent the same email to you on the 8th, but forgot to reference the project name and number, 200000380 (ip-dep), Phipps Ocean Restoration Project City of Palm Beach Palm Beach County FL.

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