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Cc: Dale.E.Beter@saj02.usace.army.mil  
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The project we all are referring to is:

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

As divers that frequently dive the reef's of West Palm, we are very  
concerned about any type of dredging, dumping or beach replenishment that is  
proposed for these areas. We are especially concerned about any of this  
type of work that may be proposed in the area of the Breaker's Reef. This  
reef is one of the active and colorful reef's on the East Coast of Florida.  
We would STRONGLY OBJECT to any such work in this area

George W.J. Kenney, Jr.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Beter, Dale E SAJ [mailto:Dale.E.Beter@saj02.usace.army.mil]  
Sent: Wednesday, October 09, 2002 12:25 PM  
To: 'Barahal, Lisa'  
Subject: RE: Help protect Palm Beach reefs..... This is very important  
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To Whom It May Concern:

To what project are you referring? I do not know who you are, or what  
precipitated this email. Please provide me the following information:

- what public notice, announcement, or website is your response based on
- where/how did you get my email address
- the Corps project name you are referring to
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I have been receiving other, similar, emails. Please teel those who also  
emailed me, to not send anymore messages, until I have determined the

appropriate recipient.

Thank You,

Dale Beter  
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From: Barahal, Lisa [mailto:lbarahal@harris.com  
<mailto:lbarahal@harris.com> ]  
Sent: Wednesday, October 09, 2002 7:52 AM  
To: 'Dale.E.Beter@saj02.usace.army.mil'  
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-Lisa Barahal

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From: The Irishman [mailto:Irishman@sprynet.com  
<mailto:Irishman@sprynet.com> ]  
Sent: Tuesday, October 08, 2002 7:52 PM  
To: - Irishman@sprynet.com  
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> 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.....

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> 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  
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> come to and 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  
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> 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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> Thanks

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