



**Florida Department of Environmental Protection**

# **Marine Debris Rapid Response Program**

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# Rapid Response

- FCMP Strategic Plan -Partner agencies helped envision priorities for the future
- One Priority was the addressing Orphan Debris
  - ❖ Respond to debris that is not covered in an existing program
  - ❖ Regional teams
  - ❖ Evolved into rapid response marine debris
- Example: Tenneco Towers Net (1/2013)



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# Rapid Response overview

The Florida Marine Debris Rapid Response Program is envisioned as:

- State-wide Program
- Regional teams with lead contacts in 5-7 regions of the state
- Multiple partners with state, local and federal authorities
- Marine debris reported locally then response ramps up
- Contractor-based removal for large debris items
- Currently only Southeast region functioning, Northwest is initializing
- Respondents contact lead, and response is directed through central coordination for CZM or other source funding and to secure contractors



# Rapid Response overview

What types of marine debris could be considered for this program?

- Large fishing nets, shipping materials, pieces of structures, vessels, heavy industrial garbage, etc.
- Rapid response required when debris immediately threatens human safety, and marine habitat or species

FMDRRP Partners:



Florida  
Counties



US Army Corps  
of Engineers®

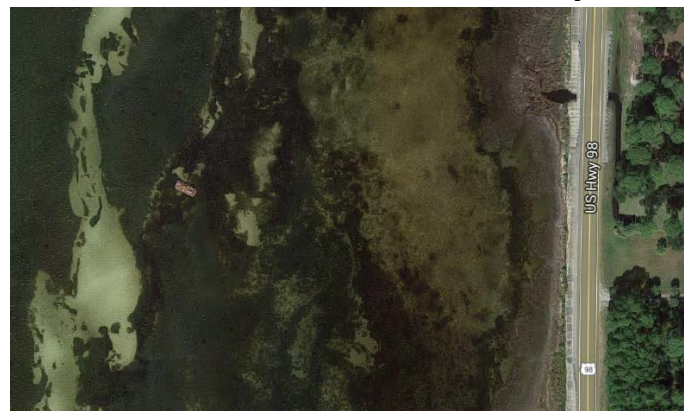


# What if there is no emergency?

## Removed derelict boat lift in Monroe County



## Currently proposing to remove vessel in Gulf County





# Rapid Response Contacts

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# CPI grants



## 2012 Coastal Partnership Initiative Grants

City of Flagler Beach replaced the standard trash containers with solar-powered, compacting containers. The containers were placed near the high use areas.  
(\$15,000)

Keep Brevard Beautiful received a grant to maintain the Adopt a Road and Adopt A Shore teams by providing equipment maintenance and outreach materials  
(\$15,000)



Palm Beach County





# Questions

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