

Florida Oceans Initiative

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by

Florida Dept. Environmental Protection

and

Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation
Commission

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Florida Oceans and Coastal Resources Act

**Florida Coastal & Marine Water Quality
Monitoring Plan**

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- 1) **Florida Oceans and Coastal Resources Council**

- 2) **14 Statements of Intent; *those most related to Oceans Council:***
 - **Protect marine biodiversity... through an ecosystem management approach.**
 - **Protect beaches and fisheries to ensure public health**
 - **Prioritize oceans and coastal research to ensure coordination among researchers and managers and long-term monitoring.**
 - **Enhance conservation and restoration of coastal habitat through: local and regional goals; a program dedicated to coastal and estuarine conservation; coordination of the state's activities relating to habitat; and improved research, monitoring, and assessment.**

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- 1) Prepare review of research**
- 2) Identify gaps in research relative to answering management questions**
- 3) Prepare research plan that recommends research objectives and priorities**
- 4) Prepare oceans and coastal resource assessment**

→ update annually ←

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- **Design and coordinate water quality monitoring network for Florida coastal and ocean waters**
- **Integrate with GOOS**

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