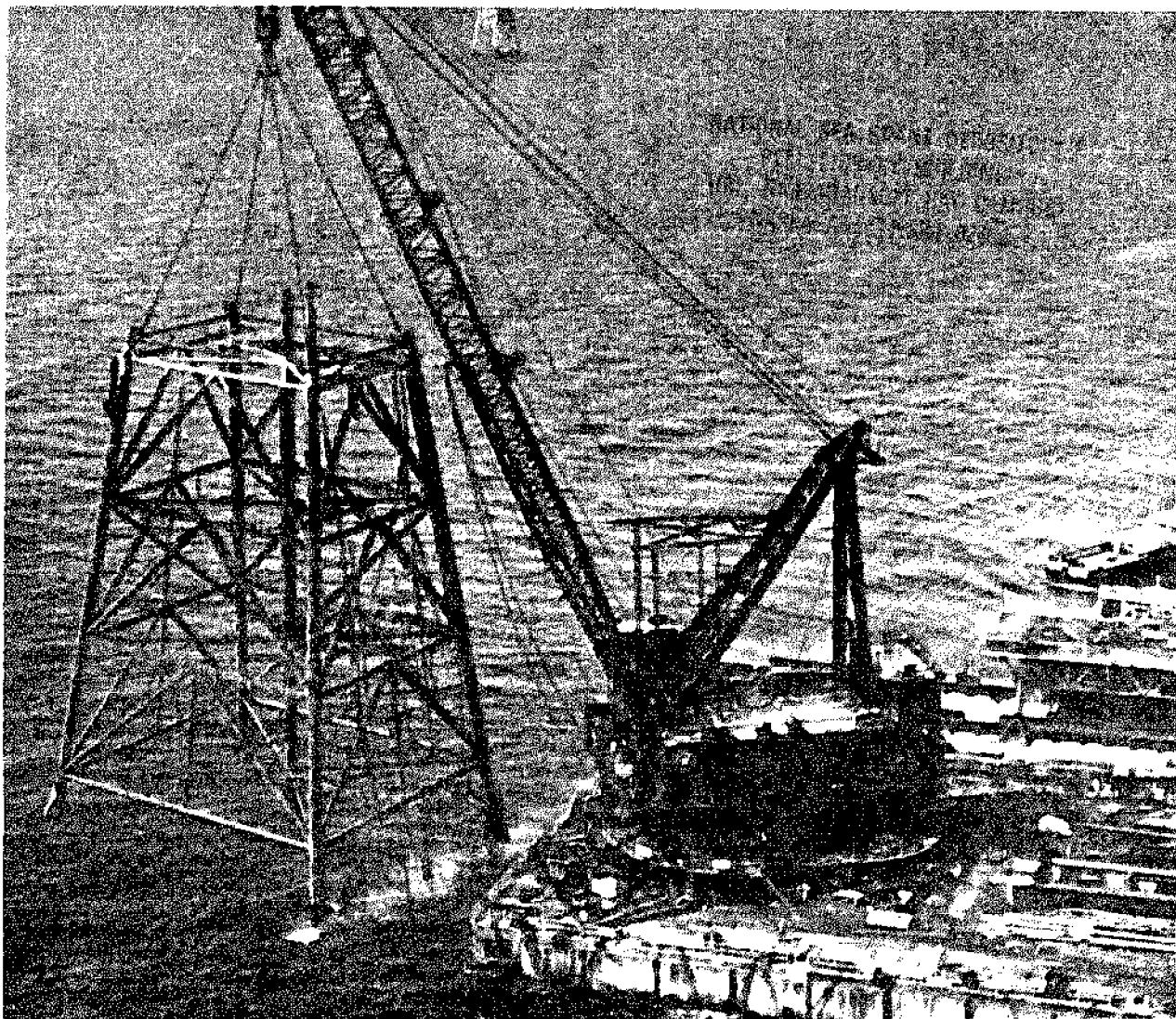


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The lower section of a surplus oil/gas platform donated by Tenneco Inc., to the State of Florida for use as an artificial reef, August, 1982. This structure, weighing 300 tons and standing 130 feet tall, has been placed on its side in 175 feet of water near Pensacola, Florida (see Reef No. 26, Area 6). Photograph furnished by Tenneco, Inc., Houston, Texas.

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INTRODUCTION

This Atlas is designed to provide the public with a guide to locations and characteristics of permitted artificial reefs constructed for fishing and diving purposes in Florida's coastal waters.

A 1979 version (Map-9) listed reefs based on permit applications filed with federal and state regulatory agencies. This Atlas has been updated to include reefs whose existence has been confirmed by knowledgeable local sources. Unconfirmed data were used in a few areas where local information was not available or was incomplete, but where permit records or other information still indicated the existence of a reef. Inaccurate data may be included due to these reasons and the user is thus informed of this possibility.

This Atlas also differs from the 1979 version in that the best available Loran-C coordinates for each reef are listed. Users are cautioned, however, that these coordinates may or may not be corrected for plotting positions on nautical charts. **THIS ATLAS IS NOT INTENDED FOR NAVIGATION PURPOSES.** Correction factors should be determined by getting time differences for several fixed positions, such as channel markers or day beacons, and by averaging each secondary reading. The correction factors should be applied to the listed coordinates to determine chart Loran-C position. Of the several ways that Loran-C radio navigation can assist users, its repeatable accuracy, once adjusted for local correction factors, is more important than absolute accuracy.

Further information on Loran-C can be obtained from the U.S. Coast Guard by requesting the Loran-C Users Handbook (COMDTINST M 16562.3).

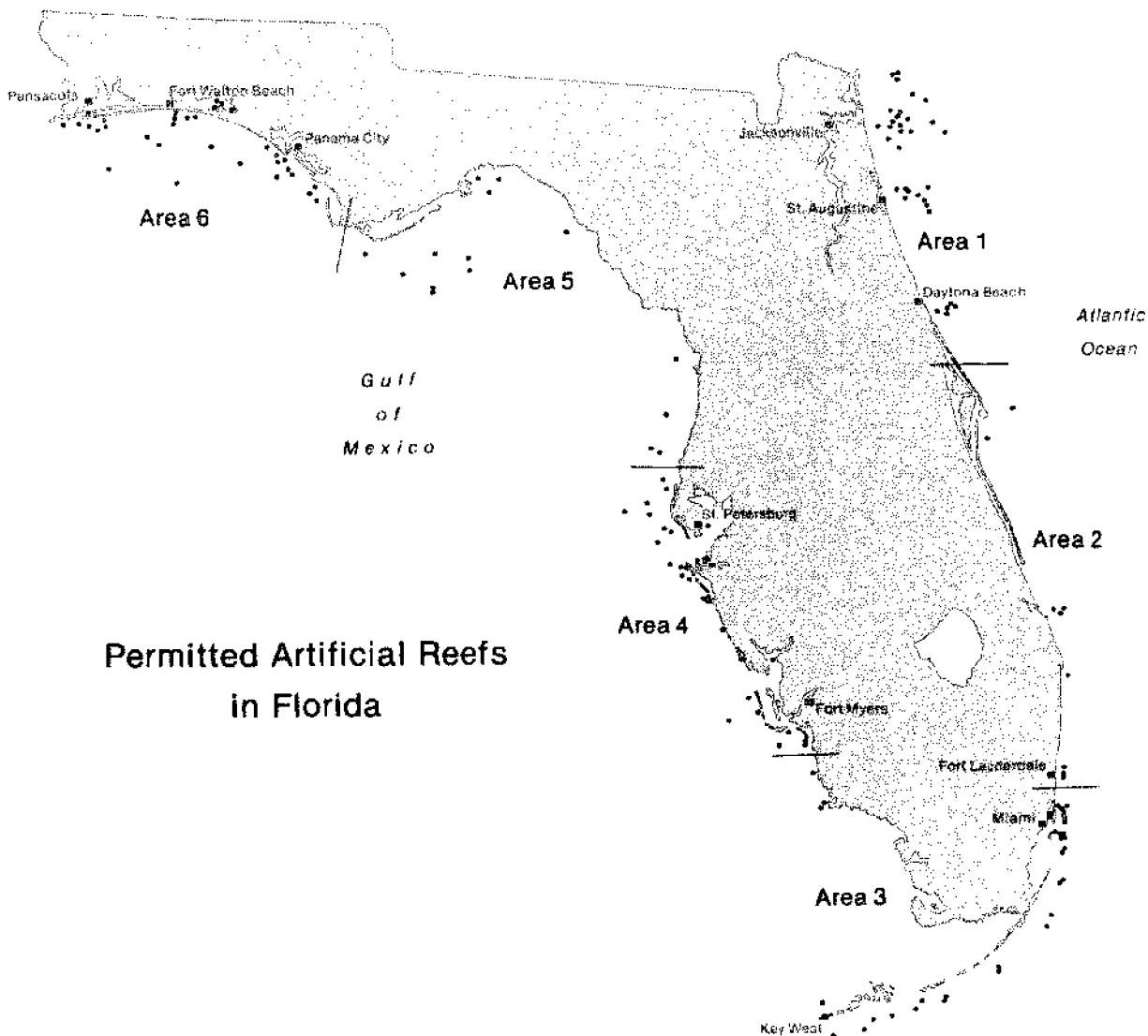
Users of this Atlas are also alerted to the fact that the coordinates listed may zero in

on a marker buoy on or adjacent to the reef or may center on one corner or end buoy of a reef. A depth finder should be used to accurately determine reef contours and optimum fishing sites.

Users may also find a slight deviation between listed longitude-latitude coordinates and Loran-C coordinates if exact chart overlays are made. The coordinates may also not align precisely with reefs noted on National Ocean Survey navigation charts. The coordinates are listed as reported by the best available local information sources. Differences can result from varying local recording procedures. Users are advised to consult local fishing clubs, guides, marinas, Chambers of Commerce and sportswriters to confirm specific fishing and diving sites when questions arise. A directory of persons and organizations concerned with artificial reefs in Florida (MAFS-35) is available from the Florida Sea Grant Marine Advisory Program (see back cover) or from local County Cooperative Extension Service offices.

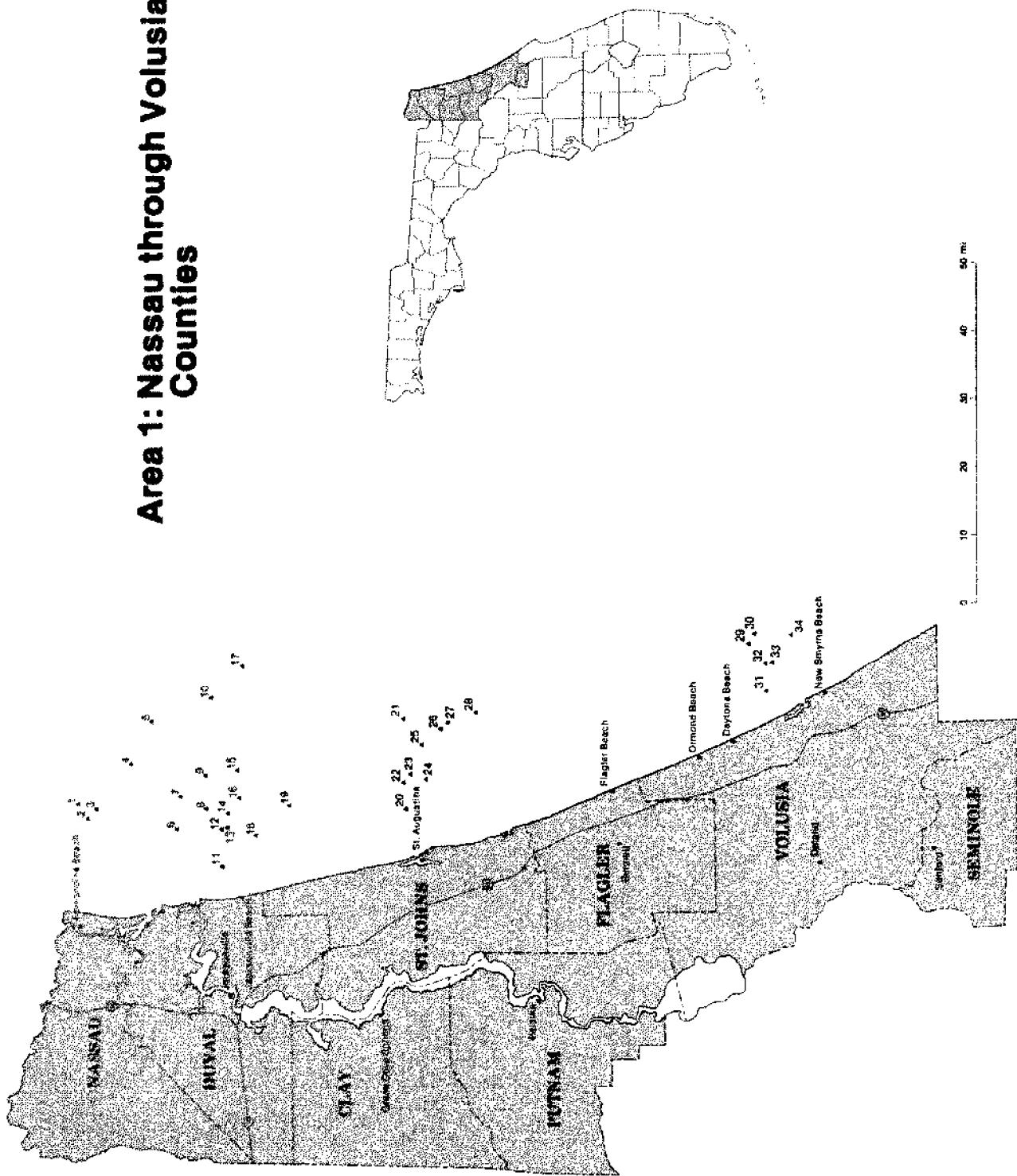
The survey leading to this publication was conducted during late 1982 and does not include reefs permitted and constructed during 1983. The survey methodology consisted of mailings, telephone and personal contacts, archive searches and local Marine Advisory Program assistance. Gratitude is expressed to those persons and organizations who provided local information. Neither the authors nor the Florida Sea Grant College Program can accept responsibility for the complete accuracy of the data contained herein.

The maps and charts that appear in the Atlas were constructed by Paula Rose of the Florida Resources and Environmental Analysis Center located at Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida.



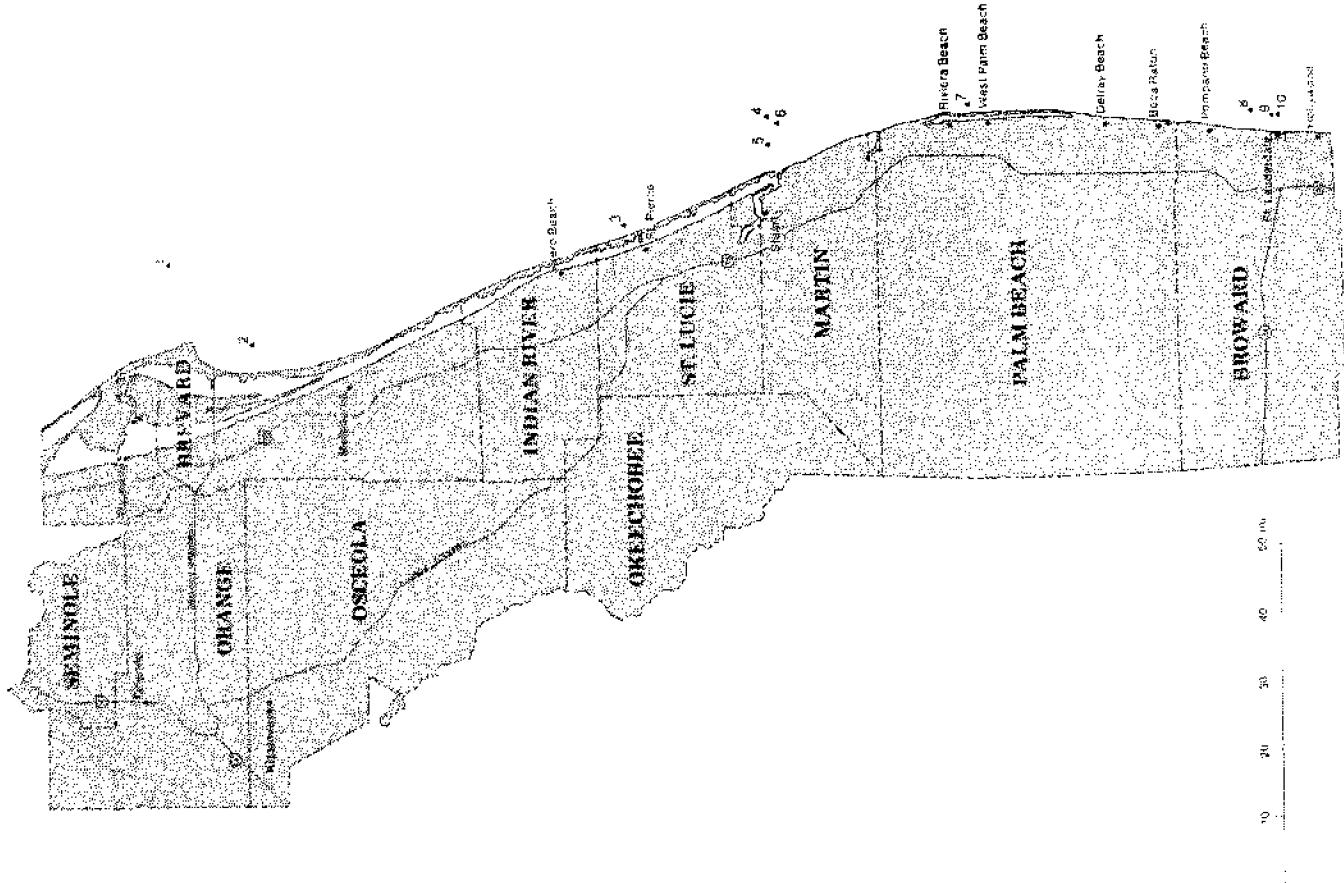
For the purposes of portraying artificial reef locations, the state of Florida has been divided into six coastal areas. They are presented in numerical order beginning with the northern Atlantic coast, proceeding south through the Keys and continuing north along the Gulf coast of the state. This map shows the general distribution of permitted reefs. For detailed information refer to the area maps and their accompanying data on reef characteristics and location.

Area 1: Nassau through Volusia Counties



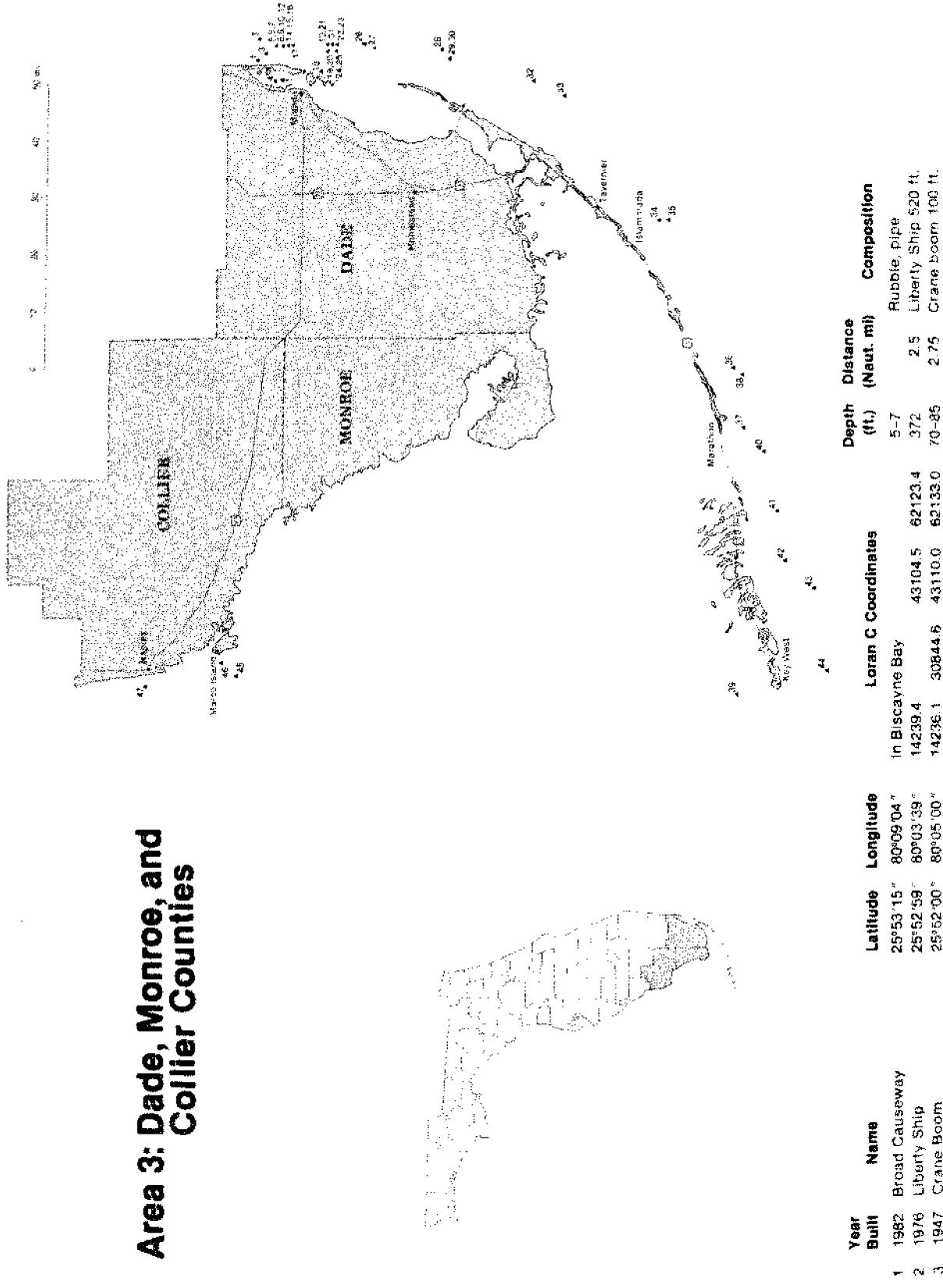
Year Built	Name	Latitude	Longitude	Loran C Coordinates	Depth (ft.)	Distance (Naut. mi)	Composition	
1 1973	Sahlmans Gully	30°40'07"	81°09'07"	45308.1	61874.1	76	15.1 Steel barge	
2 1973	Whitakers Snapper Hole	30°38'07"	81°12'07"	45314.4	61907.1	55	12.7 Steel barge	
3 1975	Fernandina Snapper Banks	30°37'01"	81°10'09"	45292.6	61699.0	70	14.4 Wood vessel	
4	Amberjack Hole	30°32'48"	81°03'12"	45210.5	61849.0	83	Barge, two tugs	
5 1976	Tanzlers Waters	30°29'38"	80°57'31"	45151.8	61814.5	102	Tugs	
6 1959	Montgomery Reef	30°26'49"	81°13'18"	45235.5	61958.0	76	5.5 Autos, metal junk, concrete rubble	
7	Busey's Bonanza	30°25'57"	81°08'18"	45196.0	61918.5	72	Drydock, barge, tug, vessel	
8	Jacksonville Nine Mile Reef	30°23'34"	81°10'16"	45192.2	61944.9	72	Barge, steel tanks, curvets	
9	East 14 & 15	30°23'26"	81°04'58"	45156.2	61801.2	65	Stadium demolition material	
10	Harms Ledge	30°22'19"	80°53'56"	45077.0	61813.7	100	Tug	
11	Spoil area	30°20'47"	81°18'04"	45228.0	62019.1	56	Scrap metal, general junk	
12 1982	Pablo Grounds	30°20'33"	81°12'46"	45190.0	61976.0	73	Curvets, rubble, steel tanks, trees	
13 1971	Blackmars Reef	30°21'48"	80°46'50"	45182.4	61975.3	65	Ferryboat, barges, tugs	
14 1967	Paul Mains Reef	30°19'42"	81°11'18"	45181.3	61976.4	88-75	11 Autos, curvets, tugs, barges, vessel	
15	Claytons Holler	30°18'44"	81°04'09"	45117.0	61912.5	92	Steel tugs	
16	Middle Grounds	30°18'26"	81°08'15"	45141.7	61947.7	85	Concrete curvets	
17	Casa Blanca	30°17'29"	80°49'18"	45012.7	61795.2	105	LST, cables	
18 1941	Jacksonville Beach Wreck	30°16'31"	81°13'56"	45166.0	62091.0	60	Steel tanker, dredge pipe	
19 1977	Ponta Veda Ground	30°12'16"	81°09'40"	45106.0	61982.0	75	Tires, steel scaffolding	
20 1974	Four Mile Reef	29°56'43"	81°10'45"	44983.2	62045.6	80	2.1 Tires (on natural reef)	
21 1973	Dorothy Louise	29°56'17"	80°57'20"	4587.2	44903.0	70	19.5 Concrete, old vessel	
22 1976	Pop Warner Reef	29°56'05"	81°05'53"	4585.6	44960.0	62008.7	65	Tires
23 1974	Nine Mile North Reef	29°55'24"	81°06'33"	4583.0	44953.5	62008.3	65-70 6.9 Tires (on natural reef)	
24 1974	Nine Mile South Reef	29°53'33"	81°06'36"	4581.0	44946.0	62022.7	60 Tires (on natural reef)	
25 1973	Desco Boat	29°53'26"	81°00'51"	4583.7	44903.3	61976.0	70 15.3 Concrete, old vessel	
26 1974	Inner Plane	29°51'20"	80°58'23"	44873.0	61964.9	70	Small plane	
27 1974	Outer Plane	29°50'18"	80°57'19"	44858.0	61980.0	80	Pieces of plane	
28	Shipwreck	29°45'54"	80°56'00"	14577.1	44818.0	61962.5	80 20.1 Old vessel	
29 1982	The Wreck	28°12'30"	80°46'00"	44461.7	61989.3	75	10 WWII ship, concrete teams, curvets	
30 1961	Liberty Reef	28°11'58"	80°44'45"	44457.8	61982.0	85	10.8 Liberty ship, Mindinore	
31 1971	County Reef	29°09'04"	80°53'20"	14528.0	44486.4	60	4.4 Tires, autos, rubble	
32 1972	Nine Mile	29°09'00"	80°49'00"	44473.4	62015.3	70	6.5 Barge, auto, concrete rubble	
33 1970	Wharton Tie Reef	29°08'54"	80°49'26"	44529.0	44460.0	70	7.4 Concrete teams, curvets, rubble	
34 1982	Cracker Ridge	29°08'47"	80°41'27"	44410.9	61948.7	70	11 Concrete beams, rubble	

Area 2: Brevard through Broward Counties



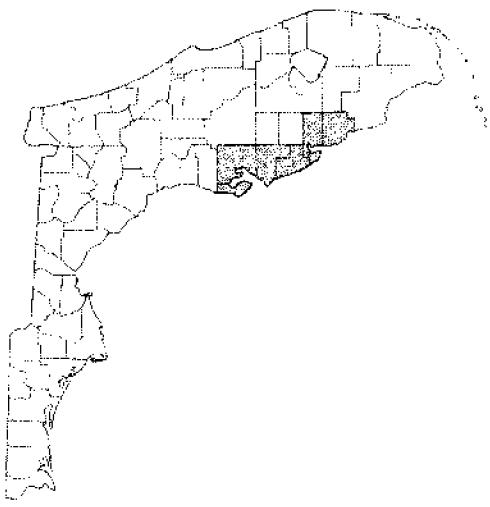
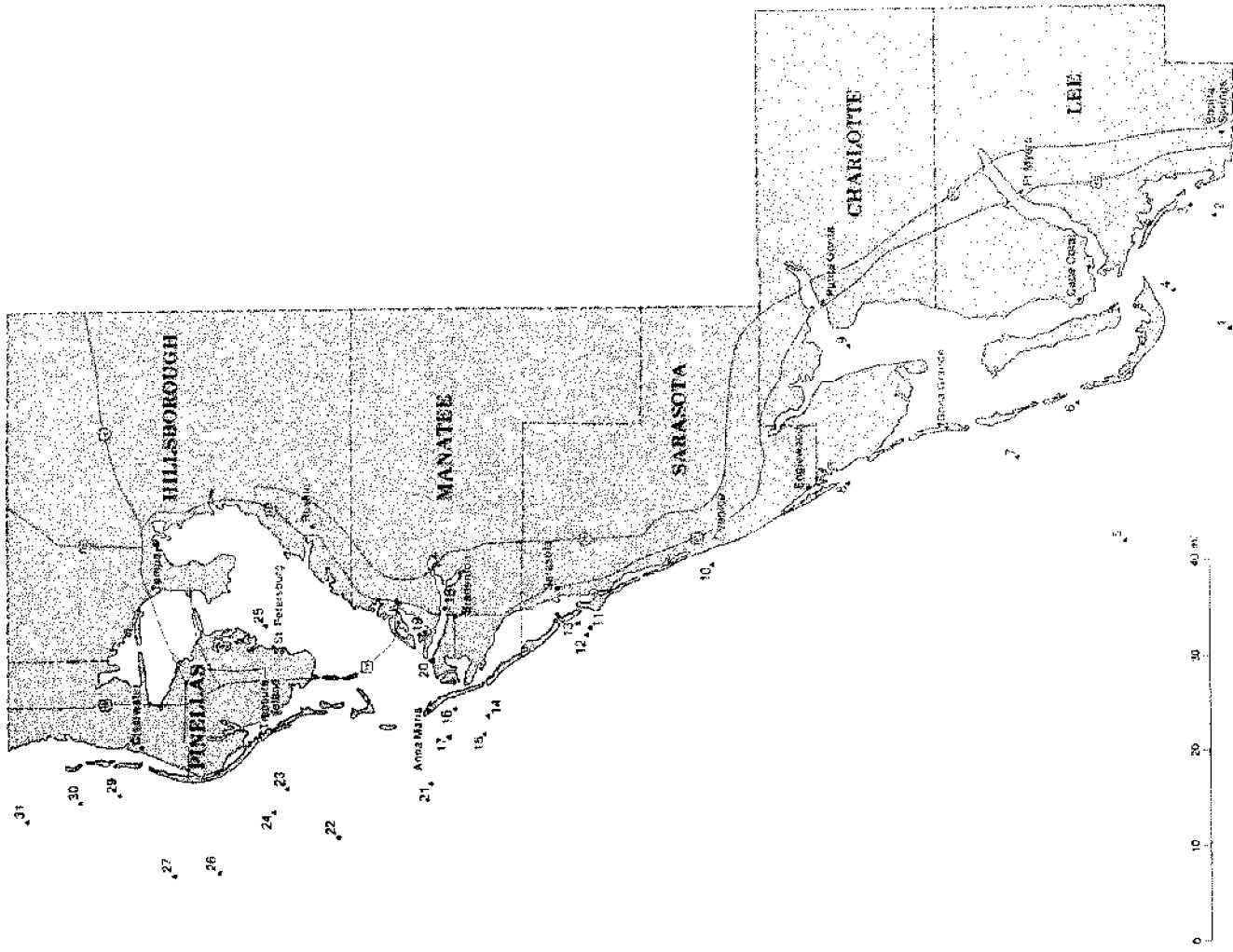
	Year	Built	Name	Latitude	Longitude	Loran C Coordinates	Depth (ft.)	Distance (Naut. mi)	Composition
Breakwater	1	1970	unnamed	28°30'00"	80°21'18"	14486.0	43940.0	80	10 Concrete rubble, tires
	2	1984	unnamed	28°19'35"	80°33'25"	14460.9	43912.7	25	2 Concrete blocks
St. Lucia									
	3	1961	unnamed	27°30'21"	80°16'55"	14392.7	31229.6	43344.9	36 1 Autos, concrete rubble
Marina	4	1970	Bill Donaldson Reef	27°12'17"	80°02'18"	14374.0	43090.0	61990.1	85 8 Landing craft, tires
	5	1982	Capt. Al Sirokin Reef	27°12'10"	80°06'20"	14370.3	43107.3	62013.8	58 3.25 Barges, concrete barrels, tubs, bowls, toilets
	6	1971	Dr. Edgar Ernst Reef	27°09'30"	80°03'30"	14392.7	43065.2	62002.0	60 4.7 Barges, tires, bus bodies
Palm Beach									
	7	1965	Palm Beach Artificial Reef	26°45'37"	80°01'00"	14331.4	43012.6	65.95	1 Vessels Amaryllis and Mizpah, tires, metal, PC Boat
Breakwater	8	1968	unnamed	26°10'10"	80°03'21"	14268.8	62098.9	65-600	1 Barges, tires, steel tanks, fish aggregating devices
	9	1978	unnamed	26°06'48"	80°04'10"	14262.1	62107.5	240	2.5 Drydock, ship hull molds, barges, concrete rubble
	10	1978	unnamed	26°06'40"	80°04'33"	14261.5	62109.7	145	1.5 Midwater fish attractors

Area 3: Dade, Monroe, and Collier Counties

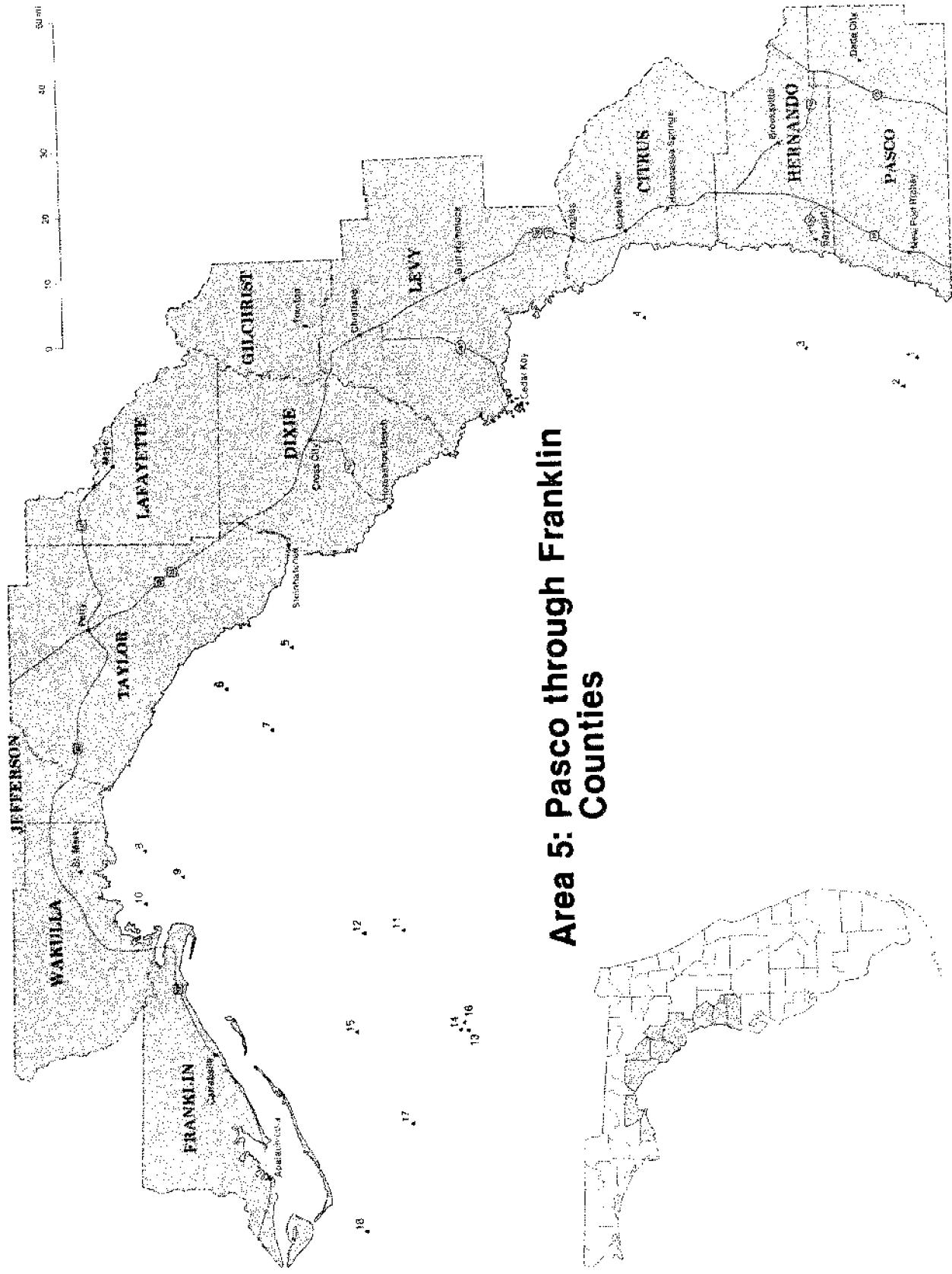


4	1979	Pelican Harbor	25°50'45"	80°10'00"	In Biscayne Bay	43109.8	62128.5	5-7	
5	1973	Fireboat	25°50'31"	80°04'02"	14234.8	43110.7	62130.1	222	2.25
6	1971	Mine Sweeper	25°50'01"	80°04'14"	14233.7	43110.1	62129.2	180	2
7	1971	Lotus	25°49'54"	80°04'00"	14233.8	43110.3	62129.1	216	2.25
8	1980	Walka Q	25°49'22"	80°03'50"	14233.1	43112.4	62129.1	282	2.5
9	1971	Pimelons	25°49'06"	80°04'11"	14232.3	43111.3	62130.3	135	1.75
10	1973	West End	25°49'05"	80°04'01"	14232.4	43111.3	62130.3	228	2.25
11	1982	Julia Tuttle	25°48'48"	80°10'12"	In Biscayne Bay	43112.0	62130.9	28	
12	1969	LCI	25°48'42"	80°04'03"	14231.7	43112.1	62131.1	202	2
13	1978	Pipes	25°48'33"	80°04'02"	14231.5	43112.1	62131.1	204	2
14	1976	Deep Freeze	25°48'21"	80°04'23"	14230.7	43113.6	62133.0	120	1.75
15	1978	Dry Dock	25°48'19"	80°03'43"	14231.5	43111.4	62129.9	330	2.5
16	1970	Hopper Barge	25°47'18"	80°03'54"	14229.5	43113.5	62132.1	234	2.25
17		Bear Cut	25°43'30"	80°08'05"	14217.3	62156.2	6-10	1.25	
18	1981	Shrimp Drift-boats	25°42'09"	80°05'10"	14216.6	62144.4	55-100	4	
19	1976	Biscayne Wreck	25°42'08"	80°05'17"	14218.5	62145.0	55	3.5	
20	1977	Dade County Reef	25°42'00"	80°04'06"	14220.3	62142.8	220	5	
21	1982	Arlida	25°41'43"	80°04'24"	14219.7	62143.7	90	4	
22	1982	Lakeland	25°41'28"	80°04'23"	14218.6	62123.9	126-140	4.25	
23	1982	Star Trek	25°41'28"	80°04'01"	14219.0	62122.9	205-210	4.75	
24	1981	Orion	25°41'26"	80°05'03"	14217.4	62145.0	95-100	4	
25	1982	Cement Mixer	25°41'05"	80°04'47"	14218.4	62144.6	75-88	4	
26	1981	Hopper Barge	25°36'43"	80°04'37"	14210.3	62130.9	62149.9	160-166	
27	1980	Railroad Barge	25°34'48"	80°04'49"	14206.9	62152.8	170	6.5	
28	1976	Santa Rita	25°25'00"	80°05'34"	14188.9	62170.7	240-247	5	
29	1975	Almirante	25°24'27"	80°06'43"	14187.5	62173.8	122-132	4.75	
30	1973	Belcher Barge	25°23'45"	80°08'48"	14187.0	62154.5	117-122	4.75	
31	1980	San Rafael	No coordinates available--check locally				330	2.5	
32	1978	Aya Chapman Reef	25°12'36"	80°11'36"	14160.4	43185.8	62209.5	220	8
33		Elbow Wreck	25°07'21"	80°13'55"	14149.4	30644.8	43199.4	62224.3	180
34	1981	Crocodile Reef	24°51'42"	80°34'06"	14093.2	43292.6	110	5	
35		Nimrod	24°51'05"	80°33'45"	14092.6	43292.0	210	5.5	
36		Marathon Reef	24°41'26"	80°57'05"	14038.6	43397.4	25	3.4	
37		Marathon Reef	24°39'36"	81°04'41"	14022.4	43432.8	25	2	
38	1982	VACA Cut Reef	24°39'30"	80°58'30"	14033.7	36417.9	43404.8	90-115	
39	1971	City of Key West	24°39'30"	81°51'06"	13933.8	43665.8	20	5.3	
40	1981	Savon Mile Reef	24°38'20"	81°10'00"	14006.8	43460.6	90-100	2	
41	1982	American Reef	24°34'00"	81°20'00"	13984.7	43507.2	40-45	1.7	
42	1982	Big Pine Shallow Reef	24°33'00"	81°28'00"	13968.2	43548.6	60-100	4	
43	1981	American Shoal	24°28'48"	81°33'00"	13951.8	43570.2	200-300	9	
44	1991	Key West Tournament Reef	24°27'47"	81°45'15"	13923.5	43639.5	210	7	
45	1972	Five Mile Fish Haven	25°52'42"	81°47'48"	14075.8	43713.4	30-35	4.4	
46	1972	Two Mile Fish Haven	25°54'24"	81°46'15"	14083.6	43708.3	20-23	1.5	
47	1974	Naples Reef	26°07'45"	81°57'45"	14100.1	43765.1	24	2	

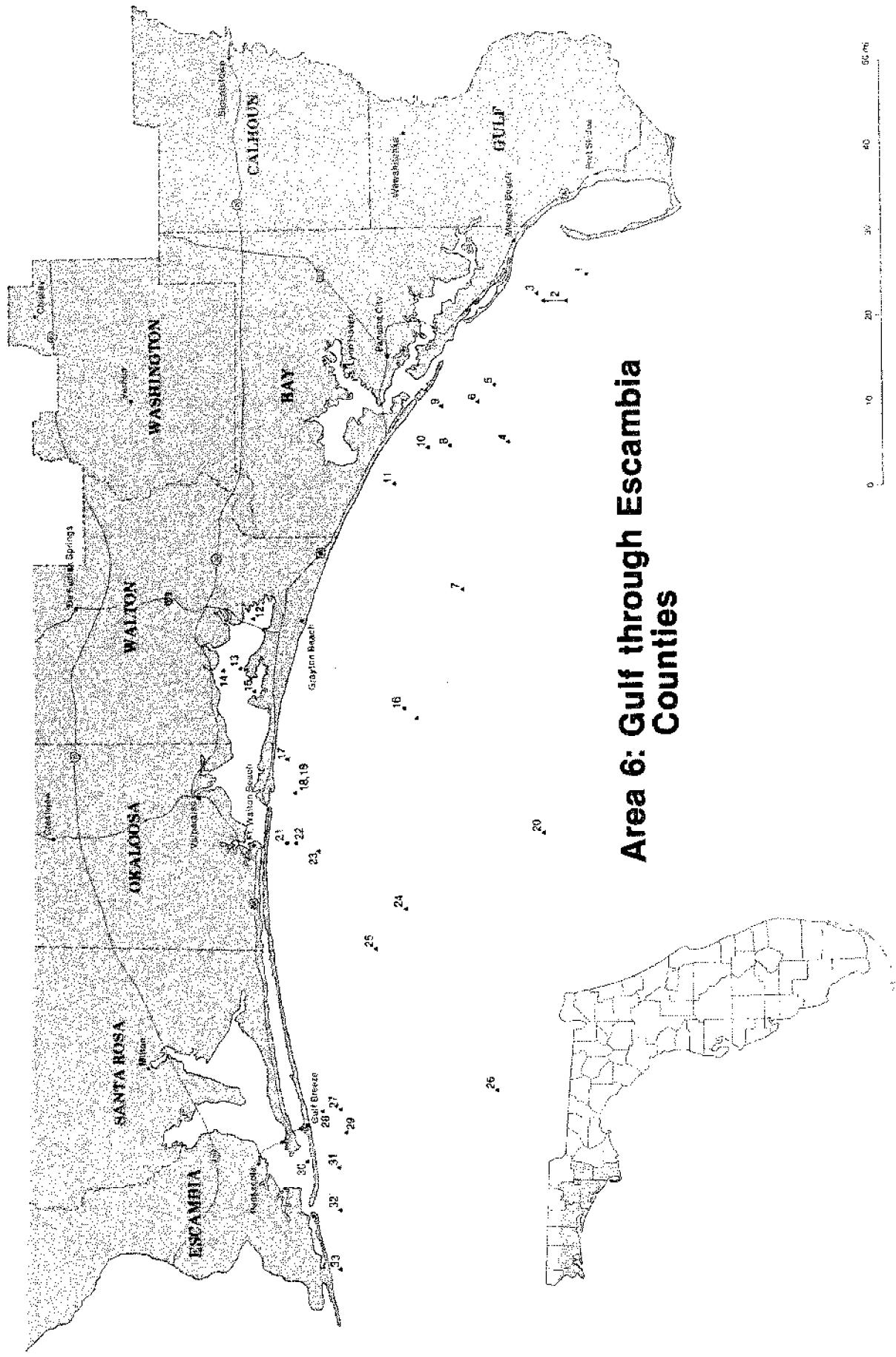
Area 4: Lee through Pinellas Counties



Year	Built	Name	Latitude	Longitude	Loran C Coordinates	Depth (ft.)	Distance (Naut. mi)	Composition
1	1973	No. 1 (Sanibel)	26°18'37"	82°05'05"	14100.	43913.	31-34	Tires
2	1981	unnamed	26°21'35"	81°56'37"	14116.	43849.	25-30	Concrete rubble, autos, barge
3	1973	SW of Big Carlos Pass	26°22'32"	81°55'05"	14123.	43836.8	20	Concrete rubble, bridge parts, old vessel
4	1978	SW of Sanibel Light	26°24'21"	82°02'38"	14112.	43902.2	20	Tires, concrete rubble
5		West of Captiva	26°29'44"	82°27'20"	14072.9	44118.3	60	Autos, metal objects
6	1978	No. 2 (Redfish Pass)	26°33'31"	82°13'45"	14110.0	30730	23	Tires, concrete rubble
Charlotte County								
7	1981	Boca Grande Fishing Reef	26°38'09"	82°18'09"	14112.1	44089.2	32	Concrete rubble, pilings
8	1980	Fish Haven	26°54'05"	82°21'48"	14141.4	44183.2	22	Bridge rubble
9	1970	Fish Haven	26°54'08"	82°07'05"	14169.4	44054.9	6-8	Tires
Sarasota County								
10	1980	Reef "D" (Venice)	27°06'06"	82°29'00"	14154.5	44302.1	20-30	Concrete, tires, rock
11	1980	Reef "A" (Lido Key)	27°17'03"	82°35'54"	14166.1	44422.9	20-30	Tires, concrete piling, rock
12	1981	Reef "B" (Lido Key)	27°17'55"	82°36'36"	14166.1	44438.1	25-30	Concrete slabs, piling, rubble
13	1982	Reef "C" (Lido Key)	27°18'06"	82°35'39"	14169.5	44426.2	20-25	Concrete piling, rubble
Manatee County								
14	1976	Reef "D" (3 miles)	27°26'33"	82°49'12"			30	Tires, concrete rubble, tiles
15	1976	Reef "C" (7 miles)	27°26'33"	82°44'48"			40	Tires, concrete rubble, tiles
16	1976	One Mile Reef	27°29'30"	82°44'05"	14180.0	30936.4	21	Barge, tires, metal pipe
17	1976	Reef "B" (3 mile)	27°29'57"	82°47'00"	14175.0	30931.0	30	Tires, concrete rubble, tiles
18	1975	Pt. Pleasant					12	Tires, concrete rubble
19	1986	Sarasota Bay Reef	27°31'51"	82°35'49"	14182.9	44462.6	92	Tires, concrete rubble, tiles
20	1975	Sneads Point					15	Tires, concrete rubble
21	1976	Reef "A" (7 mile)	27°32'15"	82°52'42"	14168.5	44654.5	40	Tires, concrete rubble, tiles
Pinellas County								
22	1975	St. Pete Beach Reef	27°40'36"	82°51'45"	14192.9	44694.1	28	Cement rubble
23	1975	Treasure Island	27°44'30"	82°52'51"	14200.8	44738.7	32	Cement culverts
24	1975	Madela Reef	27°46'18"	82°54'54"	14201.0	44768.0	32	Cement culverts
25	1975	St. Pete Reef	27°47'11"	82°35'37"	14242.6	44615.6	39	Cement rubble, steel barges
26	1975	Indian Shores Reef	27°51'24"	83°01'48"	14200.1	44859.8	49	Cement rubble, 2 LSMs
27	1975	Pinellas Two Reef	27°52'30"	83°11'24"	14181.6	44943.3	85	Tires, steel barge, SS Blackthorn (14181.7 X 44942.7)
28	1975	Rute Alyn Reef	27°55'36"	83°01'24"	14212.3	44886.4	40	Cement culverts, LSM, tires
29	1974	Creatwater Reef	28°00'57"	82°53'42"	14233.3	44851.1	25	Cement culverts, steel barge
30	1975	Dunedin Reef	28°03'12"	82°54'33"	14247.9	44887.3	25	Cement culverts
31	1975	Tarpon Springs	28°08'15"	82°55'51"	14259.3	44935.3	27	Cement culverts



	Year Built	Name	Latitude	Longitude	Loran C Coordinates	Depth (ft.)	Distance (Naut. mi)	Composition
Pasco	1 1981	Pasco Reef No. 1	28°15'19"	82°57'27"	14225.4	44987.5	25	9 Steel barge
	2 1982	Pasco Reef No. 2	28°17'42"	83°01'14"	14224.9	45048.6	30	11 Steel barge
Temando	3 1977	A.H. Richardson	28°30'00"	82°55'00"	14326.3	45111.1	18	Tires, concrete rubble
Chiles	4 1964	unnamed	28°51'45"	82°49'41"	14390.3	45232.4	22	6.5 Autos, concrete rubble
Taylor	5	Steinhatchee Reef	28°39'48"	83°37'49"	14459.9	46010.7	20	12 Fiberglass molds, concrete, tires
	6	Kenton Schooner Reef	28°48'12"	83°45'15"	14474.8	46140.0	20	8 Barges, gas storage tanks
	7	Taylor County Reef	28°43'41"	83°51'34"	14449.8	46152.0	35	20 Barges, gas storage tanks
Wekuha	8 1984	St. Marks Town Reef	30°00'00"	84°08'15"	14478.2	46426.6	20	5 Tires
	9 1984	Rotary Reef	29°55'42"	84°13'08"	14449.8	31589.5	21-30	12.5 Concrete, barges, tires
	10 1984	Shell Pt. Shallow Reef	30°00'00"	84°17'08"	14483.1	46490.7	15	4 Tires
Franklin	11	V Tower	28°24'54"	84°21'54"	14308.8	31352.3	48210.8	63572.2 Barge, concrete
	12 1981	K Tower	29°30'48"	84°22'06"	14330.2	31139.1.5	48282.5	63582.5 Barge, concrete
	13 1980	S Tower	29°17'08"	84°38'48"	14223.7	31248.2	48238.5	63648.0 105 Obsolete oil rig (dismantled)
Franklin	14 1979	S Tower Reef	29°17'55"	84°38'48"	14227.2	31252.9	46245.7	63647.8 Barge, concrete
	15 1981	O Tower	29°32'12"	84°37'08"	14287.3	31351.4	46375.7	63678.0 70 13 Gas storage tanks
	16 1982	O Tower Reef (Carrabelle)	29°31'05"	84°39'25"	14335.0	46380.0	70	13 Gas storage tanks
Franklin	17 1973	C Tower	29°24'24"	84°51'48"	14195.0	31236.3	46392.8	63739.7 Barge, concrete
	18	unnamed	29°31'12"	85°07'36"	14161.6	31210.9	46537.7	63827.5 45 6.5 Concrete rubble



Area 6: Gulf through Escambia Counties

Year Built	Name	Latitude	Longitude	Loren C Coordinates	Depth (ft.)	Distance (Naut. mi)	Composition
1 1964	unnamed	29°50'24"	85°29'18"	14111.6	46802.0	40	4.4 Concrete rubble, prefab concrete
2 1971	Cluster of Ten Reefs	29°53'15"	85°32'00"	14105.3	46819.9	44-70	6.5-8.5 Autos
		29°55'05"		14088.0	31198.3		
3 1979	Mexico Beach Site	29°54'06"	85°31'55"	14116.6	46845.5	54	1.7 Metal junk, tires
4 1979	Stage I Site	29°58'07"	85°48'49"	14011.3	46925.5	100	10 Concrete rubble
5 1974	Liberty Ship	29°58'03"	85°42'20"	14085.1	46918.6	74	6.2 Liberty ship
6 1979	Midway Site	30°02'23"	85°43'18"	14072.6	46949.6	71	5.5 Steel objects, tires, concrete rubble
7 1978	Grey Ghost	30°02'49"	86°05'32"	13891.1	46991.7	105	21 Steel tug
8 1978	Warsaw Site	30°04'16"	85°48'53"	14036.8	46977.2	77	5 Concrete rubble
9 1978	Loss Pontoon	30°05'01"	85°44'02"	14078.5	46973.8	65	3 Tires, steel objects, concrete rubble
10 1980	PCM Site	30°07'05"	85°49'29"	14043.8	47000.0	75	5 Barge, steel objects
11 1979	Fountainbleau Site	30°09'32"	85°53'33"	14019.8	47028.2	72	4 Concrete rubble
12 1972	unnamed	30°24'38"	86°08'48"	13933.2	47151.7	9	0.9
13 1972	unnamed	30°25'56"	86°14'18"	13883.2	47160.9	13	0.4
14 1972	unnamed	30°27'58"	86°14'34"	13885.9	47173.8	13	1.2
15 1972	unnamed	30°24'36"	86°17'35"	13847.3	47152.6	7	0.7 Tires, concrete rubble
16	unnamed	30°09'08"	86°19'07"	13766.4	47055.1	102	12.4 Barge
17 1977	Christmas Tree Reef	30°22'00"	86°25'00"	13768.0	47136.5	43-71	1 Tires, concrete, Christmas trees
18 1976	Pole Spot	30°21'00"	86°29'05"	13720.4	47131.0	85	1.9 Bridge rubble
19 1977	Elgin Barge	30°21'04"	86°29'06"	13720.4	4732.8	85	1.5 Barge
20	unnamed	29°55'01"	86°34'09"	13602.3	46987.1	27.8	Target ship
21 1978	Pier Rubble	30°22'03"	86°35'04"	13664.9	47138.0	85	1.3 Pier rubble
22 1977	Brown Barge	30°21'04"	86°35'07"	13660.7	47134.1	68	2.1 Barge
23 1977	Thomas Hayward	30°18'09"	86°38'02"	13648.2	47115.8	85	5.2 Liberty ship
24 1979	Diamond Barge	30°08'04"	86°43'08"	13544.2	47062.7	118	14.2 Barge
25 1980	Joseph E. Brown Reef	30°12'46"	86°48'20"	13515.2	47083.9	70-80	9.4 Liberty ship
26 1982	Tenneco Reef	30°00'00"	87°04'00"	13323.0	47013.0		
27 1978	P5M Reef	30°17'02"	87°07'06"	13326.3	30531.6	47105.8	86 Dismantled oil/gas platform
28 1973	Casino Fishing Reef	30°18'08"	87°07'30"	13326.3	30533.5	47118.0	86 Airplane wreck, tires
29 1976	Liberty Ship Fishing Reef	30°18'03"	87°09'07"	13305.2	30505.5	47103.1	86 Concrete rubble
30	unnamed	30°19'56"	87°13'12"	13263.3	30445.4	47073.7	20 Liberty ship
31 1974	Santa Rosa Barge Reef	30°17'25"	87°13'13"	13271.0	30475.3	47108.3	45 Polypropylene strips
32 1920	Battleship Reef	30°17'42"	87°18'42"	13215.0	30420.1	47103.6	10 Three barges, concrete rubble
33	unnamed	30°16'54"	87°25'36"	13145.0	30347.8	47108.9	20 Battleship, concrete rubble

OTHER SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Except as noted, the following publications are available, free of charge, from the marine advisory agent at local County Extension Offices, or from the Marine Advisory Program, G022 McCarty Hall, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32611.

1. For more information on reefs—"Artificial Reefs," a slide show produced by Florida Sea Grant College. Arrangements for viewing may be made with the marine advisory agent at local County Extension Offices, or the show may be borrowed from Motion Picture Services, Bldg. 116, IFAS, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32611.
2. For siting and evaluation—"Artificial Reef Site Selection and Evaluation," a Marine Advisory Fact Sheet. MAFS-20.
3. For construction of a buoy—"Construction of an Artificial Reef Buoy," a Marine Advisory Fact Sheet. MAFS-9.
4. For the location of artificial and natural reefs in Florida—"Reef Atlas," a Marine Advisory Bulletin. MAP-9.
5. For local contacts—"Directory of Organizations and Persons Concerned with Artificial Reefs in Florida," a Marine Advisory Fact Sheet. MAFS-35.
6. For construction of an artificial reef—"Financial and Technical Assistance for Artificial Fishing Reefs," a Department of Natural Resources Fact Sheet, may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources, 3900 Commonwealth Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32203.
7. Conference Proceedings:
 - a)"Artificial Reefs in Florida," proceedings of a conference held in 1977 in St. Petersburg, FL. Sea Grant Report No. 24.
 - b)"Artificial Reefs," proceedings of a conference held in Daytona Beach, FL, September, 1979. Sea Grant Report No. 41. (For sale—\$3.00. Make check payable to Univ. of Florida. Florida residents add 5% sales tax. Order from the Marine Advisory Program, G022 McCarty Hall, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32611).

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Florida is the leading state in the number of permitted artificial reefs, with 173 confirmed or otherwise documented. Several other states do, however, lead Florida in the actual number and variety of midwater fish attracting devices in use.

The first reef permit on file is dated November, 1918.

The heaviest reef construction occurred during the 1970's when 92 reefs were permitted and activated. On the basis of records in this report the trend in construction has been:

prior to 1950	3
1950 - 1960	1
1960 - 1970	15
1970 - 1980	92
1980 to date	36
unknown	26

A marked change has occurred in the type of reef materials used. In earlier days the availability and easy transport of surplus auto tires led to heavy use of these as convenient and inexpensive reef building materials. Surplus small craft and household plumbing, cooking, and refrigerating appliances were also popular materials. However, corrosion, siltation, and storm-related turbulence often caused these reefs to deteriorate completely or to be dispersed to the point of ineffectiveness.

The most recent trend has been to use more stable materials such as cast concrete, bridge rubble, culvert materials, large storage tanks, porcelain fixtures, decommissioned vessels and barges, and similar corrosion-resistant materials.

Several of the larger reefs have been constructed from Liberty ships, or similar large transport vessels. Most recently the first complete oil and gas drilling jacket and platform were deposited in two sections offshore of Pensacola, Florida. An earlier petroleum template had been deposited in the northern Gulf near Carabelle. Hopefully, these two contributions to Florida's fishing environment will be the forerunner of others from petroleum-producing companies.

Several experimental research reefs have been deployed off both the Atlantic and Gulf coasts of Florida. These have been of Japanese manufacture and are being monitored to determine their effectiveness and adaptability to Florida's warm waters. (They are not included in this publication.)

The Dade County area leads the state in the number of maintained artificial reefs (31); other heavily reefed areas include the waters off Duval, Pinellas, and Okaloosa counties. Only two counties on the east coast and two on the gulf coast have no reefs on record, with all others having one or more.



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