

Pinellas County Solid Waste Department has 13 reef sites, 3 to 38 miles offshore, in the Gulf of Mexico, and one in Tampa Bay, northeast of the St. Petersburg Pier. These reefs are designed to attract many different types of fish like grouper, snapper, mackerel, amberjack, cobia, barracuda and bait fish. The reef sites can have a base diameter up to 100 feet and reach up to half the water's depth.

INFORMATION FOR THE Angler & Diver

Approximately two weeks after placing material on the ocean floor, barnacles and algae form on the reef. Soon, sea urchins and



small fish come to feed at the new reef. Within the year (typically between six and nine months), the reef begins to support coral growth. After a year of coral growth, several types of invertebrates, such as sea squirts, inhabit the reef.



A watershed is an area of land that water flows across as it moves toward a common body of water – like Lake Tarpon, Brooker Creek, Cross Bayou or the Gulf of Mexico.

We all live in a watershed and everything we do can affect the health and well-being of our surrounding water bodies and natural floodplain areas. What you do in and around your home and in your community impacts our watershed.

We all share the responsibility to help prevent pollution and promote a healthy watershed for all of us.

Only rain down the drain! Keep debris and trash out of the streets, streams and ditches to prevent flooding and pollution.

For more information on what YOU can do to keep our waterways clean, our watersheds healthy or to report pollution, call the Natural Resources Hotline at (727) 464-4425 or email watershed@pinellascounty.org

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