

Pickles Reef Sanctuary Preservation Area and Snapper Ledge Sanctuary Preservation Area



Pickles Reef SPA protects an important spur-and-groove habitat that includes a shallow reef crest, sloping reef community, and a deeper, drowned spur-and-groove habitat with a historic presence of ESA-listed elkhorn, staghorn, and pillar corals, as well as several highly-visited shipwreck sites. This is an active site for staghorn coral restoration and provides an area for restoration of degraded coral reef ecosystem sanctuary resources.

Snapper Ledge SPA protects an important spur-and-groove community with large undercut ledges and swim-throughs that support large populations of schooling grunts and snappers. Historically supported ESA-listed staghorn and elkhorn coral populations and is a long-term restoration site for both of the species.

This map contains proposed marine zone alternatives for public comment. Proposed marine zone alternatives do not reflect agency decision at this time.

For more details about the proposed alternatives and zone descriptions, including associated regulations, see Section 3.3 and 3.4 of this DEIS.

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