



# Reminder: Biscayne Bay Summit News - August 2020

1 message

**Biscayne Bay Marine Health Summit Coalition** <biscaynebaysummit@gmail.com>

Sat, Aug 22, 2020 at 1:52 PM

Reply-To: biscaynebaysummit@gmail.com

To: emilio@soptechint.com

AUGUST 2020



### Fish Kill in Biscayne Bay

We are passing a tipping point for the Bay not being able to support any life -- literally overnight, the Bay became a dead zone. On Monday morning, August 10th, Miami Waterkeeper's samplers and members of the public encountered about a dozen dead fish while conducting our weekly fecal indicator bacteria monitoring at Morningside Park. Miami-Dade County DERM monitoring groups conducted their routine monthly sampling nearby, noted very high water temperature (~90 F), and low dissolved oxygen levels.

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE](#)



### Biscayne Bay Task Force Report Update

The **Biscayne Bay Marine Health Summit Coalition** is pleased to share that the **Biscayne Bay Task Force (BBTF) Report** and **Bay Report Card** will be on the next BCC meeting agenda at the end of this month. The announcement was made at a recent press conference held by Mayor Carlos Gimenez. Our Steering Committee would like to give a very special **THANK YOU** to **MD County Commissioner Rebeca Sosa** for her support and for establishing the BBTF whose forthcoming report will help establish permanent oversight to the Bay's recovery. The restoration process will be long, costly and will not be easy. But we all know it must be done. The future of our community relies on a healthy Bay, clean waters, vigorous wildlife and thriving flora. For that, we will need the support of all members of our Greater Miami-Dade community. And we hope to count on your support. Please get involved and be part of the change.



## City of Aventura Preventing Nutrient and Stormwater Pollution of Biscayne Bay

Three years ago, the inaugural [Biscayne Bay Marine Health Summit](#) took place at Florida International University's Biscayne Bay Campus. The event included presentations and discussion groups comprised of state and local government agencies, environmental nonprofits, and solution providers all with the same mission in mind: to establish collaboration among diverse stakeholders, in order to create an effective Action Plan for reducing pollutants in Biscayne Bay as well ..

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE](#)



## Irela Bague joins Oscar Musibay on CN MiamiView Show

Oscar Musibay, Miami's Community Newspaper reporter, interviews Irela Bagué, Chair for MDC Biscayne Bay Task Force, on the soon to be released Biscayne Bay Task Force Report.

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE](#)



## Biscayne Bay Needs Better Pollution Rules, an Oversight Board and a Chief Officer, Task Force Says

A year and a half after worsening conditions in Biscayne Bay prompted Miami-Dade commissioners to create a task force to fix problems — and amid a [fish kill](#) spreading across social media — the group is now calling for a new oversight board and stricter pollution limits.

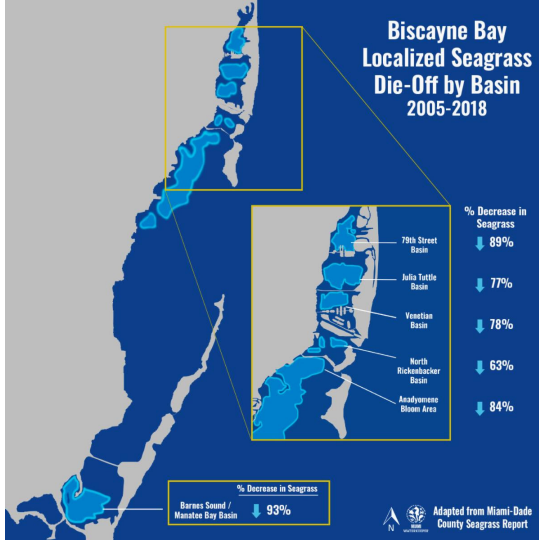
In a draft report, task force members say a new bay management board and chief bay officer are needed to ...

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE](#)

## Biscayne Bay is Experiencing Localized Seagrass Die-offs

Seagrasses are one of Biscayne Bay's critical habitats. Seagrass beds serve as a food source, a habitat for small marine organisms, and they regulate water quality by stabilizing sediments and cycling nutrients. However, seagrass cover in the Bay has drastically declined over the last decade. Miami-Dade County's recent report, "Report on the Findings of the County's Study on the Decline of Seagrass and Hardbottom Habitat in Biscayne Bay," highlights underlying factors that are causing these die-offs and provides a series of recommendations to help direct the County's approach moving





forward. Read the full report and list of recommendations by clicking on the link below.

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE](#)



### Biscayne Bay: Our Water, Our World Educational Exhibit

Dade Heritage Trust is presenting an original exhibit about Biscayne Bay, its cultural and environmental heritage, the negative impacts of insensitive development and potential solutions to ensure a healthy Bay. The exhibit, will feature historic and contemporary images, curated text and artifacts.

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE](#)



### Managing the Threat of Sea Level Rise at Historic Waterfront Park

As impacts from flood related issues and sea level rise started receiving more attention, Miami-Dade County Parks relied on Cummins Cederberg, a leading South Florida based coastal and marine engineering firm, to recommend solutions.

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE](#)



### Miami-Dade Fireboats Hit the Water to Help with Major Fish Kill in South Florida Waters

Another day of dead marine life surfacing in Biscayne Bay as the swath of suffocated fish appears to be spreading. On Saturday, members of Miami-Dade Fire Rescue went out on the water to help the animals breathe.

The effort was coordinated by Miami Waterkeeper after reaching out to Port Miami for use of their fireboats.

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE](#)

### USACE Extends Comment Period for CSRM Draft Report

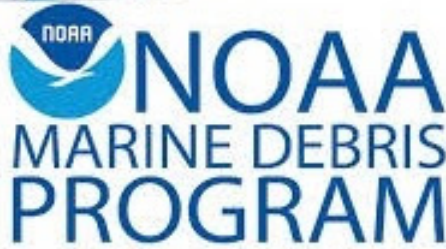
## Miami-Dade Back Bay Coastal Storm Risk Management



### Draft Feasibility Study

NORFOLK, Va. – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at the request of Miami-Dade County, its nonfederal sponsor, has extended the comment period for the Miami-Dade Back Bay Coastal Storm Risk Management Feasibility Study, due to the unprecedented amount of attention and resources needed to deal with the COVID-19 outbreak in the area. Originally scheduled to close on July 20, the comment period will now close on August 19. Comments on the Miami-Dade Back Bay Coastal Storm Risk Management Feasibility Study, can be sent via email to [MDBB-CSRStudy@usace.army.mil](mailto:MDBB-CSRStudy@usace.army.mil) or visit <http://arcg.is/fm0Xe>. They can also be sent by mail to: Ms. Justine Woodward, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Norfolk District, 803 Front St., Norfolk, VA 23510. **The deadline is August 19, 2020.**

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE](#)



<https://MarineDebris.noaa.gov>

### NOAA Marine Debris Program e-Newsletter - August 2020

#### [MARINE DEBRIS BLOG](#)

- [Locations and Languages: Marine Debris Curricula and Resources from Near and Far](#)
- [Turtle Trash Collectors Goes Virtual!](#)
- [The United States Becomes a Member of the Global Ghost Gear Initiative](#)
- [Protect the Ocean by Keeping Personal Protective Equipment from Becoming Marine Debris](#)
- [Now Open: FY 2021 Grant Opportunity for Marine Debris Removal Projects](#)

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE](#)

The Biscayne Bay Summit News is a monthly newsletter promoting post-Summit news, including restoration and preservation initiatives being planned or initiated by key Biscayne Bay Stakeholders.

## Interested in collaborating with this Newsletter?

We hope so! This is a collaborative project in which you are the editor!

Click on the link below for the [Online Submission Form](#)

## ARTICLE SUBMISSION FORM

### Biscayne Bay Marine Health Summit Coalition

*The purpose of the Biscayne Bay Marine Health Coalition is to establish collaboration amongst diverse stakeholders in order to create an effective Action Plan for reducing pollutants in Biscayne Bay as well as Miami-Dade's canals and rivers.*

**Founder & Project Coordinator:** Luiz Rodrigues

**Steering Committee Members:** Albert Gomez, Camila Quaresma, Dave Doebler, Emilio Lopez, Irela Bagué, Patrick Shearer, Scott Stripling and Steve Sauls.



[CLICK HERE TO BE ADDED TO OUR DATABASE](#)



Biscayne Bay Marine Health Summit Coalition | [360 Collins Ave, Suite 203, Miami Beach, FL 33139](#)

[Unsubscribe emilio@soptechint.com](#)

[Update Profile](#) | [About our service provider](#)

Sent by [biscaynebaysummit@gmail.com](mailto:biscaynebaysummit@gmail.com) powered by



Try email marketing for free today!