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Hayden	Acors	Florida International University	North Miami	FL	Spatial Patterns and Habitat Structure Influence on Seagrass Invertebrate Communities Across the Florida Keys	1	Tuesday, 10/28/2025
Sean	Ahearn	SGS Beta	Miami	FL	Spectroscopic Tracking of the Dissolved Organic Carbon (DOC) Conversion to Carbon Dioxide (CO2) for Isotopic Analysis and Carbon Fate Tracking	2	Wednesday, 10/29/2025
Morgan	Aldrich	Quiescence	Key Largo	IN	Promotion and Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage of the Florida Keys	1	Tuesday, 10/28/2025
Phil	Allman	Goshen College JN Roth Marine Biology Station	Layton	FL	Using Citizen Science and Machine Learning to Identify and Track Individual Sea Turtles in the Florida Keys	1	Tuesday, 10/28/2025
Andrew	Altieri	University of Florida	Gainesville	FL	Novel Predator Exclusion Method Improves Coral Reef Restoration Success	2	Wednesday, 10/29/2025
Gina	Badlowski	Florida International University	North Miami	FL	Mesoconsumer Trophic Linkages Across Reef-Seagrass Seascapes Within Sanctuary Preservation Areas in the Florida Keys	2	Wednesday, 10/29/2025
Christian	Brown	University of Georgia	Athens	GA	Florida Keys Porites astreoides Population Growth Rates Indicate Site-Specific Fates for Populations	1	Tuesday, 10/28/2025
Tristan	Buckell	NSU Florida	Dania Beach	FL	Mapping the Extent of the 2024- 2025 Caulerpa Microphysa Macroalgae Bloom on Southeast Florida Reefs	2	Wednesday, 10/29/2025

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Leah	Cifers	Florida International University	North Miami	FL	Optimizing Invertebrate Herbivore Restocking Strategies to Enhance Coral Recruitment	2	Wednesday, 10/29/2025
Gina	Clementi	Florida International University	North Miami	FL	Length Distributions of Aggregating Permit (Trachinotus falcatus) in Response to the Western Dry Rocks Seasonal Closure	2	Wednesday, 10/29/2025
Katherine	Cummings	Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission	Marathon	FL	Marine Debris Characterization of the Marquesas, Florida	1	Tuesday, 10/28/2025
Ross	Cunning	John G. Shedd Aquarium	Chicago	IL	Rapid Increases in Tolerance of Surviving Corals Across Extreme Heatwaves	1	Tuesday, 10/28/2025
Alexandra	Draime	Bimini Biological Field Station Foundation	Hollywood	FL	Investigating the Potential Sublethal Physiological Impacts of the 'Spinning Fish Condition' for Coastal Sharks in the Lower Florida Keys	1	Tuesday, 10/28/2025
Katharine	Egan	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	Key West	FL	Identifying Knowledge Gaps for Effective Sargassum Management: Findings from a Multisector Workshop	1	Tuesday, 10/28/2025
Courtney	Eshelman	FWRI	Marathon	FL	Population Demographics of Xestospongia muta on Ten Florida Keys Reefs from 2014 to 2024	1	Tuesday, 10/28/2025
David	Ganz	University of Miami	Key Biscayne	FL	Presence, Abundance, and Distribution of Common Invasive and Non-Native Species in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary	2	Wednesday, 10/29/2025

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Taylor	Gill	University of Miami CIMAS/NOAA AOML	Miami	FL	Innovative Solution for Real-Time Acidification Monitoring: Sofar Buoy and SAMI-pH Integration	2	Wednesday, 10/29/2025
Kathryn	Grazioso	University of Miami's Cooperative Institute for Marine and Atmospheric Studies (CIMAS) / NOAA SEFSC	Miami	FL	From Monitoring to Restoration: A Multifaceted Approach to ESA- Listed Coral Conservation	2	Wednesday, 10/29/2025
Laura Jay W.	Grove	NOAA Fisheries, Southeast Fisheries Science Center	Miami	FL	National Coral Reef Monitoring Program's Reef Fish Surveys Support Diverse, Multi-Agency Fisheries Management Efforts	1	Tuesday, 10/28/2025
Carsten	Grupstra	Florida Atlantic University	Boca Raton	FL	Diversity in Disguise: Leveraging Cryptic Coral Diversity for Conservation in South Florida	1	Tuesday, 10/28/2025
Abigail	Haddock	Dolphin Research Center	Grassy Key	FL	Determining Ranging Patterns and Association Preferences of Bottlenose Dolphin Communities in Southeast Florida	2	Wednesday, 10/29/2025
Samantha	Hagedorn	Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission	Marathon	FL	Quantifying Tagged Fish Mortality Using an Incentivized Reward Program and Acoustic Telemetry within Marinas	1	Tuesday, 10/28/2025
Rob	Harper	Cooperative Institute for Marine and Atmospheric Studies, University of Miami	Key Biscayne	FL	Evaluating Atlantic Goliath Grouper (Epinephelus itajara) on Florida Reefs Using 25 Years of Visual Surveys	1	Tuesday, 10/28/2025
Cailin	Harrell	Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission	Marathon	FL	Disturbance Response Monitoring: Two Decades Spent Documenting Stressors Impacting Coral Populations Across Florida's Coral Reef	1	Tuesday, 10/28/2025

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Sophia	Ippolito	University of Miami CIMAS/NOAA SEFSC	Miami	FL	High-Concentration Amino Acids Bath Enhance Post-Settlement Survival in Acropora palmata and Orbicella faveolata	2	Wednesday, 10/29/2025
Emily	Jackson	Florida International University	North Miami	FL	Murky Waters, Clear Signals: The Behavioral and Epigenetic Responses of Bicolor Damselfish to Increased Turbidity	2	Wednesday, 10/29/2025
Morgan	Jarrett	Florida International University	North Miami	FL	Suffocation Via the Gills? The Physiological Struggle of Panulirus argus & Maguimithrax spinosissimus	2	Wednesday, 10/29/2025
Alia	Jones	FIU	Miami	FL	Regional Differences in Permit Diet and Resource Use Suggest Shifts in Seagrass Flat Food Webs	2	Wednesday, 10/29/2025
Nicholas	Jones	Nova Southeastern University	Dania Beach	FL	Site Selection for Florida's Coral Reef Restoration & Recovery (FCR3) Initiative	2	Wednesday, 10/29/2025
Heather	Kalaf	New York University, National Geographic, The Nature Conservancy	Boca Raton	FL	Queen Conch Conservation Through Signage Project	1	Tuesday, 10/28/2025
Carolyn	Kalinowski	Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission	Tallahassee	FL	Artificial Reefs in the Florida Keys: Opportunities to Support Fisheries Management Objectives	2	Wednesday, 10/29/2025
Hanna	Koch	Monroe County BOCC	Marathon	FL	Using Habitat Support Structures to Address Habitat Deficits within Bayside Nearshore Hardbottom of the FKNMS	1	Tuesday, 10/28/2025

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Cory	Krediet	Eckerd College	Saint Petersburg	FL	Microbiome Manipulation: Using Beneficial Microorganisms of Coral (BMCs) to Increase Disease Resilience	2	Wednesday, 10/29/2025
Shelly	Krueger	University of Florida	Key West	FL	Sponge Restoration Aquaculture: Reproductive Viability Following Propagation for Nearshore Spongiidae Species in the Florida Keys	1	Tuesday, 10/28/2025
Mackenzie	Magyar	Florida Department of Environmental Protection	Marathon	FL	Florida Keys Aquatic Preserves Seagrass Monitoring Program	1	Tuesday, 10/28/2025
Kayla	Merrill	Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission	Marathon	FL	Marine Lens Florida Keys: Empowering Participatory Scientists to Explore Marine Habitats via Zooniverse	1	Tuesday, 10/28/2025
Elizabeth	Murphy	University of South Alabama/Dauphin Island Sea Lab	Dauphin Island	AL	Understanding the Prevalence and Distribution of Natural Toxins in Teleost "Spinning" Fish from the FL Keys (2023-2025)	1	Tuesday, 10/28/2025
Andrew	Natter	Florida International University	North Miami	FL	Assessing Genetic Connectivity of the Permit (Trachinotus falcatus) Between South Florida and Belize	2	Wednesday, 10/29/2025
Alisa	Newton	OCEARCH	Park City	UT	Ocean Snow Birds: The Importance of Florida's Coast to the Overwintering White Shark (Carcharodon carcharias)	2	Wednesday, 10/29/2025
Zach	Niedermaier	Nova Southeastern University	Dania Beach	FL	Hot-Spot Cluster Analysis of Large Parrotfish in the Florida Reef Tract to Inform Restoration		Tuesday, 10/28/2025

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Alison	Robertson	University of South Alabama & Dauphin Island Sea Lab	Mobile	AL	Biotoxin Exposure in the Smalltooth Sawfish, Pristis pectinata in the Florida Keys	1	Tuesday, 10/28/2025
Megan	Russell	Florida Atlantic University	Fort Pierce	FL	Population Genetics of Sponge Restoration in Florida Bay	1	Tuesday, 10/28/2025
Chase	Schaffhauser	Florida International University	North Miami	FL	Evening Movement Patters in Permit Pre-Spawn Aggregations as Observed by Active Acoustic Tracking	2	Wednesday, 10/29/2025
Genevieve	Schave	FL Sea Grant/FDEP	Marathon	FL	Overview of the State's Water Quality Monitoring Program in The Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary and Aquatic Preserves	2	Wednesday, 10/29/2025
Whitney	Schwab	Nova Southeastern University	Dania Beach	FL	Identify and Widen Bottlenecks in the Asexual Restoration of Endangered Orbicella Boulder Corals	1	Tuesday, 10/28/2025
Francis	Serrano	NOAA AOML	Miami	FL	Utilizing eDNA Metabarcoding to Monitor Biodiversity at Mission: Iconic Reef sites in the FL Keys	2	Wednesday, 10/29/2025
Gillian	Smith	Eckerd College	St. Petersburg	FL	Assessing the Impact of Elevated Temperatures on Caribbean King Crab Physiology	2	Wednesday, 10/29/2025
Robert	Spekis	Nova Southeastern University	Dania Beach	FL	Baseline Mapping of Florida's Largest Yellow Finger Coral, Madracis auretenra, Patches Amidst Environmental Stress	2	Wednesday, 10/29/2025

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Sharla	Sugierski	Florida Fish and Wildlife Research Institute	Marathon	FL	Bleaching and Recovery of Boulder Corals on a Patch Reef in the Middle Florida Keys	1	Tuesday, 10/28/2025
Justin	Voss	Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission	MARATHON	FL	Warming Sea Surface Temperature Trends in the Florida Keys: Implications for Queen Conch Population Persistence	1	Tuesday, 10/28/2025
Jordan	Waldron	Florida Atlantic University	Boca Raton	FL	Spatiotemporal Abundance of Whitespotted Eagle Rays in the Florida Keys	1	Tuesday, 10/28/2025
Brian	Walker	Nova Southeastern University	Dania Beach	FL	Decreasing Water Quality Unmasked on Florida's Coral Reef	2	Wednesday, 10/29/2025
Sandra	Walters	Eco Legacy Solutions, LLC & Member of EPA Water Quality Steering Committee for FKNMS	Fort Myers	FL	Treating All Roadway Stormwater Runoff to Remove Contaminants.	2	Wednesday, 10/29/2025
Holly	White	Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Fish and Wildlife Research Institute	Key West	FL	Paving the Way to Sponge Restoration in Florida Bay: Evaluating Sponge Restoration Techniques	1	Tuesday, 10/28/2025
Lawrence	Wood	National Save The Sea Turtle Foundation	North Palm Beach	FL	The Elusive Hawksbill Turtles (Eretmochelys imbricata) of The Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary	1	Tuesday, 10/28/2025
Alexandra	Zelaya	UNCW Coral Reef Lab	Wilmington	NC	Monitoring Thermally Preconditioned Pseudodiploria Clivosa Post-Outplanting	2	Wednesday, 10/29/2025

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Lauren	Zitzman	Fish and Wildlife Research Institute	Marathon	FL	Honoring the Past, Exploring the Future: Human Dimensions of the Caribbean Spiny Lobster Fishery	1	Tuesday, 10/28/2025
Treiana	Zuill	Florida International University	Miami	FL	Sexual Reproduction and Seedbanks of the Seagrass Syringodium filiforme as a Tool for Seagrass Restoration	1	Tuesday, 10/28/2025