

FLORIDA'S WATERWAY IMPORTANCE



VOCABULARY

WETLANDS

EROSION

FILTRATION

RECHARGE

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What might happen if the Everglades suddenly disappeared?

How can we protect our water from pollution, as well as saltwater intrusion?





TOP 3 TAKEAWAYS

Florida's water system, oceans, rivers, aquifers, are all connected;

Wetland and aquifers help clean and store our water;

We must protect these natural systems from overuse, pollution, and rising seas.

South Florida Marine Ecosystem



VOCABULARY

SEDIMENT

BIODIVERSITY

ECOTOURISM

ESTUARIES

OVERFISHING

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What would happen to Florida's economy if these marine ecosystems disappeared?

What can individuals do to help protect these underwater habitats?





TOP 3 TAKEAWAYS

South Florida's marine ecosystems support life, jobs, and coastal protection;

Coral reefs, seagrass beds, mangroves and estuaries are all connected;

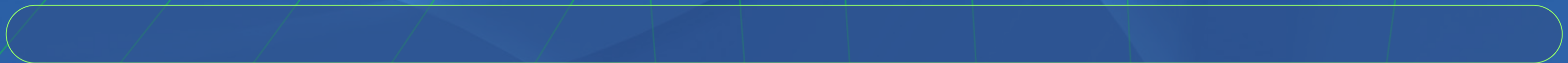
These ecosystems face serious threats but we can take actions to help.



Marine Biologist

Environmental Policy Specialists

Eco Tour Guide



Florida's Fishing Industry and Eco Tourism Impacts



VOCABULARY

RECREATIONAL

VIABILITY

DEGRADATION

SUSTAINABILITY

OVER EXPLOITATION

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

How can Florida balance tourism and environmental health ethically?

What role do individuals play in keeping fishing sustainable?





TOP 3 TAKEAWAYS

Florida's fishing and ecotourism industries are major economic drivers;

Each region faces unique environmental challenges;

Sustainability is key to protecting jobs and their environments.



Fisheries Manager

Ecotourism Guide

Marine Conservationist

