

# SE\_FL\_Benthic\_Habitats\_10Nov2015\_PBunion

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*Publication\_Date:* 20130228

*Title:* SE\_FL\_Benthic\_Habitats\_10Nov2015\_PBunion

*Geospatial\_Data\_Presentation\_Form:* vector digital data

*Description:*

*Abstract:*

This shapefile is a combination of the most recent SE FL benthic habitat maps. The nearshore has been updated according to Walker and Klug 2014 (Hillsboro inlet to Fowey Rocks) and Cumming 2017 (Lake Worth inlet to Boynton inlet) combined with all previous mapping efforts. Cumming combined all hardbottom mapping from 2000 to present to obtain the total nearshore hardbottom extent. This habitat is variably exposed depending on temporal shifting sediment, beach nourishments, and large storm events. The Ecosystem regions were defined in Walker 2012 and Walker and Gilliam 2013. The SE FL nearshore benthic habitats were mapped using the same combined technique approach as described in Walker, Riegl, and Dodge (2008). Polygons were created by outlining and defining the features at a 1:1,000 scale and minimum mapping unit of 0.1 ha within recent aerial photography and high resolution bathymetric survey data. Southeast Florida benthic habitat maps were produced by delineating seafloor features evident in multiple datasets including the GMR Aerial Surveys, Inc. dba Photo Science imagery collected for this purpose on March 8, 2013, 2008 Broward lidar, and 2009 NOAA bathymetry. This dataset built upon previous regional mapping efforts by Dr. Brian Walker at Nova Southeastern University. The habitats were classified according to established NOAA guidelines in coordination with the NOS Coral Mapping Program and use a similar classification scheme when possible.

*Purpose:* Southeast Florida Benthic Habitat maps.

*Time\_Period\_of\_Content:*

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*Currentness\_Reference:*

Southeast Florida nearshore habitat from Government Cut (Miami-Dade) to Hillsboro Inlet (Broward) seafloor.

*Status:*

*Progress:* In work

*Maintenance\_and\_Update\_Frequency:* None planned

*Spatial\_Domain:*

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*Theme\_Keyword:* Southeast Florida

*Theme\_Keyword:* Coral Reef Mapping

*Theme\_Keyword:* Martin County

*Theme\_Keyword:* LIDAR

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*Access\_Constraints:* None

*Use\_Constraints:*

Contact Brian K. Walker at Nova Southeastern University for use limitations.

*Data\_Set\_Credit:*

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