



**Project Design Criteria Checklist for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Jacksonville District's Programmatic Biological Opinion
Activity 9: Marine Debris Removal**

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Proposed Activity (Select all that apply):

Marine debris removal (A9.1)

Pre-removal activities:

Visual confirmation (e.g., divers, swimmers, and camera) will be completed prior to removal to ensure that the item can be removed without causing further damage to aquatic natural resources (A9.2).

If an item cannot be removed without causing harm to surrounding coral (ESA listed or non-listed), the item will be disassembled as much as practicable so that it no longer can accidentally harm or trap species (A9.3).

Monofilament debris will be carefully cut loose from coral (ESA listed or non-listed) so as not to cause further harm. Under no circumstance will line be pulled through coral since this could cause breakage of coral (A9.4).

Marine debris shall be lifted straight up and not be dragged through seagrass beds, coral reefs, coral, or hard bottom habitats (A9.5).

An absorbent blanket or boom shall be immediately deployed on the surface of the water around any derelict vessel to be removed if fuel, oil, or other free-floating pollutants are observed during work (A9.6)

Comments: