



Project Design Criteria Checklist for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Jacksonville District's Programmatic Biological Opinion

Activity 9: Marine Debris Removal

Agency internal use only:			
Date checklist sent to NMFS (MM/DD/YY)	PM Last Name	Application #	Checklist Version

Proposed Activity (Select all that apply): *[SPGP Ref: Work Authorized A.5 and F.1.a. allows under SPGP only removal of derelict vessels only when they pose a threat to human health and safety and/or aquatic natural resources.]*
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). *[SPGP Ref: Work Authorized F.2.a.(1) and Special Condition 10.a.]*

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). *[SPGP Ref: Work Authorized F.2.a.(2) and Special Condition 9.b.]*

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). *[SPGP Ref: Work Authorized F.2.a.(3) and Special Condition 9.c.]*

Marine debris shall be lifted straight up and not be dragged through seagrass beds, coral reefs, coral, or hard bottom habitats (A9.5). *[SPGP Ref: Work Authorized F.2.a.(4) and Special Condition 9.d.]*

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) *[SPGP Ref: Work Authorized F.2.a.(5) and Special Condition 9.e.]*

Comments: