

Florida Oceans and Coastal Resources Council



Update

**The Oceans Council rests
at the juncture of research,
government agencies, and
politics.**

Governor's Proposed Budget

- The Governor's recommended budget includes \$8.1 million and two Full Time Positions to support the water quality issues that have been identified by the Florida Oceans and Coastal Resources Council and address the department's strategic priority for a statewide water quality monitoring program. Funds will also be used for the data management and analysis requirements of the Florida Ocean and Coastal Resources Council.

Governor's Proposed Budget

- *Council operations, including legislative mandates: \$465,814*
 - *Council meetings, staff, operations*
 - *Research Review*
 - *Resource Assessment*

Governor's Proposed Budget

- *Integrated Data Management and Dissemination: \$600,000*

Governor's Proposed Budget

- *Ocean observing: up to \$1.5M*

Governor's Proposed Budget

- *Priority research in Water Quality, Ocean and Coastal Ecosystems, and Tools and Technology: up to \$5.057M*

Governor's Proposed Budget

- *Management of funded projects:
\$462,000*

Research funding mechanism for 07-08 research contracts

- **Florida Ethics Commission:**
Council involvement in RFPs,
selection, or funding of
research a probable Conflict of
Interest.