



Texas Gulf Coast Council's position on Protecting the Marine Environment

The following are practices that the Council supports:

- Artificial reefs
 - <https://oceanservice.noaa.gov/facts/artificial-reef.html>
- The cleaning and disinfecting of dive equipment
 - <https://www.diversalertnetwork.org/news/dan-encourages-divers-and-dive-operators-to-properly-disinfect-dive-gear>
- Actions and efforts to:
 - Reduce or prevent ocean acidification
 - <https://www.noaa.gov/education/resource-collections/ocean-coasts/ocean-acidification>
 - Reduce or prevent ocean warming
 - <https://www.iucn.org/resources/issues-briefs/ocean-warming>
 - Reduce or eliminate plastic litter
 - <https://www.reuseplastics.org/news/no-longer-lost-at-sea>
 - <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2020/jun/08/more-masks-than-jellyfish-coronavirus-waste-ends-up-in-ocean>
 - Reduce or eliminate micro-plastics
 - <https://psmag.com/environment/there-is-no-escaping-microplastic-pollution>
 - Prevent the intentional release of balloons
 - <https://balloonsblow.org/the-ugly-truth/>
 - Eliminate trash dumping in our oceans, streams and waterways
 - <https://www.epa.gov/ocean-dumping/learn-about-ocean-dumping>