SEA TURTLE REPORT

Marco's Sea Turtle Lighting Ordinance

By Maria Lamb

Collier County sea turtle nesting season is from May 1st to October 31st and Marco Island beaches turn into a nesting habitat for the female loggerhead sea turtles. According to experts, the only reason for a female sea turtle to come out of the water is to NEST! The goal of Marco's Sea Turtle Lighting Ordinance is to ensure the safety of sea turtles during the nesting season and to prevent false crawls and disorientation.

Under Marco's Sea Turtle Lighting Ordinance, "After one warning in a calendar year, excluding an irreparable event, the following shall apply:

Ordinance continued on A/19



Photo by Maria Lamb

Sea Turtle monitors Christina Vinroe and Jeanene Jewett install a wire mesh screen over a sea turtle nest. The cages provide additional protection by preventing predators from digging under the screen and have proven to be effective in areas with high predation.

Notices of Violation provided by Marco Island Code Enforcement

Code Case Number	Address	Code Case Opened Date	Code Case Closed Date	Code Case Status	Code Case Description
CCC24-1197	940 Cape Marco DR 78567001257 Marco Island, FL 34145	5/14/2024	5/16/2024	Closed	Sea Turtle Protection Initial Warning
CCC24-1196	890 S Collier BLVD 78567001406 Marco Island, FL 34145	5/14/2024	5/16/2024	Closed	Sea Turtle Protection Initial Warning
CCC24-1198	870 S Collier BLVD 78567001341 Marco Island, FL 34145	5/14/2024	5/16/2024	Closed	Sea Turtle Protection * Initial Warning *
CCC24-1199	850 S Collier BLVD 78567001309 Marco Island, FL 34145	5/14/2024	5/16/2024	Closed	Sea Turtle Protection * INITIAL WARNING *
CCC24-1322	940 Cape Marco DR 78567001257 Marco Island, FL 34145	5/29/2024		Open	Sea Turtle Protection - Lighting Second Offense
CCC24-1372	400 S Collier BLVD 78567000724 Marco Island, FL 34145	6/6/2024	6/10/2024	Closed	Sea Turtle Protection - Beach Obstructions * 1st Warning *
CCC24-1371	400 S Collier BLVD 78567000724 Marco Island, FL 34145	6/6/2024	6/10/2024	Closed	Sea Turtle Protection - Lighting * 1st Warning *
CCC24-1373	350 S Collier BLVD 78567001781 Marco Island, FL 34145	6/6/2024	6/10/2024	Closed	Sea Turtle Protection - Lighting * 1ST WARNING *
CCC24-1375	220 S Collier BLVD Marco Island, FL 34145	6/6/2024	6/10/2024	Closed	Sea Turtle Protection - Lighting * 1st Warning *
CCC24-1374	300 S Collier BLVD Marco Island, FL 34145	6/6/2024	6/10/2024	Closed	Sea Turtle Protection - Lighting * 1ST WARNING *
CCC24-1685	900 S Collier BLVD 78567001325 Marco Island, FL 34145	7/11/2024	7/15/2024	Closed	Sea Turtle Protection (lighting) * INITIAL WARNING *
CCC24-1684	400 S Collier BLVD 78567000724 Marco Island, FL 34145	7/11/2024	7/15/2024	Closed	Sea Turtle Protection * INITIAL WARNING *
CCC24-1701	940 Cape Marco DR 78567001257 Marco Island, FL 34145	7/11/2024		Open	Sea Turtle Protection (lighting) * 3RD OFFENSE *
CCC24-1702	840 S Collier BLVD 78567001367 Marco Island, FL 34145	7/11/2024	7/15/2024	Closed	Sea Turtle Protection (lighting) * INITIAL WARNING *
CCC24-1703	930 Cape Marco DR 78567001202 Marco Island, FL 34145	7/11/2024	7/15/2024	Closed	Sea Turtle Protection (lighting) * INITIAL WARNING *
CCC24-1700	890 S Collier BLVD 78567001406 Marco Island, FL 34145	7/11/2024		Open	Sea Turtle Protection * 2ND OFFENSE *
CCC24-1699	960 Cape Marco DR 78567001260 Marco Island, FL 34145	7/11/2024	7/15/2024	Closed	Sea Turtle Protection (lighting) * INITIAL WARNING *

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