



Another load makes a splash.

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marine life, but will also be an exciting diving site for recreationists," said Pamela Keyes, a Collier County CZM environmental specialist.

The concept of artificial reefs is not a new one; over the past several decades, objects such as bath tubs, refrigerators, tires and anything else that could provide structure were dumped on the sea bottom to attract fish and other marine life.

Environmental and public safety concerns now dictate that artificial reef materials must be heavy, stable, durable

and non-polluting materials. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection allows clean concrete or rock, clean steel boat hulls, other clean, heavy gauge steel products with a thickness of quarter-inch or greater and prefabricated structures that are a mixture of clean concrete and heavy gauge steel to be used as artificial reefs in state waters. This eliminates fiberglass hulls, cars, tires, refrigerators and many of the other previously used materials as possible reef candidates.

Collier County's newest artificial reef, the first of 2009, was made possible with a \$60,000 grant from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. The money paid for concrete transport by Gulfshore Site Development and barge costs for McCulley Marine.

CZM and Collier County Parks and Recreation recently launched an interactive map at www.colliergov.net/coastal-zonemanagement showing the latitude and longitude of Collier County's reefs as well as public beaches and boat ramps. ■

■ Dive into reef clean-up ■

>>The Collier County Coastal Zone Management Department and University of Florida Sea Grant Extension Service hold quarterly cleanups of artificial reefs. Certified divers who are over the age of 18 and who have logged 10 dives in the past year are eligible to volunteer for a cleanup dive. For more information, call Camden Smith at 252-5326.



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