

**From:** [Robert Weber](#)  
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**Subject:** Fwd: Oceanfront beach May 25 3400 S Ocean Blvd in front of The Atriums. South Tower. Robert, why aren't these visible nests flagged? Where's the monitoring you told me was in effect, Robert?  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 25, 2022 9:48:22 AM

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**From:** Robert Weber <[RWeber@townofpalmbeach.com](mailto:RWeber@townofpalmbeach.com)>  
**Date:** May 25, 2022 at 9:46:00 AM EDT  
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Kirk,

Below is another email response to a resident (this time in the south end) who continues to inquire about sea turtle nesting monitoring. Again, our efforts are performed consistent with regulatory requirements.

Since the BMA was signed in 2013, our sea turtle monitor has performed the same exact monitoring protocol for 245 consecutive days each year between March 1 and October 31, with the exception of monitoring during beach or dune projects, where efforts are adjusted per permits/BMA individual project approvals.

**Robert Weber**  
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**From:** Robert Weber  
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**To:** Jim Zisson <[jjzisson@gmail.com](mailto:jjzisson@gmail.com)>; Florida Fish and Wildlife Law Enforcement Officer Philip Stone <[philip.stone@myfwc.com](mailto:philip.stone@myfwc.com)>  
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**Subject:** RE: Oceanfront beach May 25 3400 S Ocean Blvd in front of The Atriums. South Tower. Robert, why aren't these visible nests flagged? Where's the monitoring you told me was in effect, Robert?

Mr. Zisson,

Good morning. Thank you for sharing the photographs that you have sent today. As of the time you took those photographs, the sea turtle nesting monitor had not been through your area this morning. It is noticeable because there is a turtle crawl in one of the photos where the ATV had not yet crossed over. Lately, there has been an exceedance of 300 turtle crawls each night in the Town so it takes time for the monitors to gather all the data. All 12.2 miles of the Town are broken into zones where different protocol and data collection efforts take place. The Atriums is in the south end of Zone 57, which is one of the Beach Management Agreement (BMA) "non-marking" zones. Please understand, consistent with FDEP-permitted and FWC-authorized protocol, that the monitor drives up and down the track or crosses it perpendicularly once they have logged the crawl/nest information.

If you do notice any "marking" in your area, they may be in place as an overabundance of caution. The monitor uses discretion and does stake out nests within approximately 10-feet of the mean high water line to help the beach cleaners. In the coming weeks, you may also notice some stakes every couple hundred feet or so that create a line above the mean high water line to further assisting beach cleaners. These stakes are directly put in place by our sea turtle monitor and FWC staff. This effort is typically done in the month of June when nesting reaches even higher densities of the season and when seas are often a bit calmer so that the stakes do not wash out from nor'easters and strong spring-time storms.

Please let me know if you have any other questions regarding the Town's extensive sea turtle nesting monitoring program.

Best regards,

**Robert Weber**  
**Coastal Program Manager**

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**From:** Jim Zisson <[jzisson@gmail.com](mailto:jzisson@gmail.com)>

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**To:** Robert Weber <[RWeber@TownofPalmBeach.com](mailto:RWeber@TownofPalmBeach.com)>; Florida Fish and Wildlife Law

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Turtles, Yes. Tractors, No.

Why isn't The Town overseeing the sea turtle monitors we are all indirectly paying \$300,000 yrly to the independent company who hires the sea turtle daily monitoring we here in Palm Beach are all paying for, Robert?

This is the 3rd morning I've seen these tracks. Maybe they're on vacation?

Carol, sadly there's a story here about the Palm Beach South End environmental beach and turtle ecology that probably needs to be investigated and written about.

Jim Zisson

Wednesday May 25

7:40am