

For four days in a row earlier this month, [the planet reached its hottest day ever recorded](#).

LINK: <https://abcnews.go.com/US/4th-july-breaks-record-highest-temperature-measured/story?id=100702850#:~:text=Earth%20warmed%20to%20the%20highest,Centers%20for%20Environmental%20Prediction%20shows>.

A good roundup of the environmental catastrophe which was the 2023 spring legislative session in Florida, highlighted by the governor's signing of a bill into law which [removes the possibility of citizen led ballot initiatives to control development](#). This anti-democratic, anti-environment, pro-development bill was forwarded by a high ranking official for the Miami Association of Realtors, the nation's largest Realtors' association, who also happens to be a legislator.

Florida state government is an inside job promoting development in the face of everything else. This state has come to exist to support development and developers.

LINK: <https://floridaphoenix.com/2023/07/06/desantis-oks-shutdown-of-florida-citizen-driven-growth-referendums/>

The Miami Seaquarium will be [returning its orca to home waters in the Pacific Northwest](#) 50 years after capturing the animal, removing it from its family, and putting it on display.

LINK: <https://www.npr.org/2023/03/31/1167132912/lolita-the-orca-returns-to-waters-after-50-years>

Speaking of whales, a recent rash of whale deaths on the East Coast has anti-clean energy advocates attempting to connect those deaths to offshore wind production, including headlines to that effect on Fox News. No evidence supporting that link exists, but when it comes to derailing clean energy and supporting fossil fuels, the truth rarely takes high priority.

LINK: <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/environment/article/humpback-whales-strandings-offshore-wind-energy?cmpid=org=ngp::mc=social::src=twitter::cmp=editorial::add=tw20230609env-whaleddeaths&linkId=222728290>

[The Florida Master Naturalist program](#) will be offering a class in Duval and Nassau counties later this summer related to invasive plants.

LINK: <https://conference.ifas.ufl.edu/fmnp/IP23-10inperson.html>

What is the Florida Master Naturalist program? [My "Welcome to Florida" podcast](#) devoted a recent episode to it.

LINK: <https://www.stitcher.com/show/welcome-to-florida/episode/episode-153-florida-master-naturalist-303596385>

Here's one to keep an eye on with potentially far reaching consequences, conservationists and fishermen want the Environmental Protection Agency to [pull the permit for a proposed fish farm](#) off the coast in Sarasota.

Aquaculture and industrial fish farming has enormous potential benefits and drawbacks depending upon how its executed, and the potential for Florida to be involved in this industry is obviously great.

LINK: https://www.heraldtribune.com/story/news/local/venice/2023/06/14/groups-want-epa-to-revoke-permits-for-aquaculture-project-near-venice/70301625007/?utm_source=heraldtribune-dailybriefing-strada&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=dailybriefing-headline-stack&utm_term=Content%20List%20-%20Stacking%20-%20optimized&utm_content=nsht-sarasota-letter65

Humanity has long viewed cities as separate from, or in opposition to, nature. With the dual global crises of climate change and biodiversity collapse threatening all life on earth, [it's time to start rethinking cities](#) and the positive – not just negative – roles they can play in addressing both problems. With an increasingly urban global population, climate change and the extinction crisis can't be mitigated without them.

LINK: https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2023-05-30/biourbanism-why-thinking-of-cities-as-nature-is-key-to-fighting-climate-change?utm_source=twitter&utm_content=citylab&utm_campaign=socialflow-organic&utm_medium=social