

Schmieder: And by the end of that year we had a huge number of specimens, huge number of photographs, charts of new pinnacles that we had discovered. We discovered five of the six or four of the five shallow points.

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And so that formed the incipient body of knowledge about what Cordell – and I was able to pull together a preliminary summary of what we knew about Cordell Bank, including some species – a beginning species list and the charts and the observations of the divers and some of the history, which by that time I had elaborated all the history with Edward Cordell.

So by the end of 1980 we were starting to get a pretty good idea what was at Cordell Bank, and felt pretty confident that we could carry on as long as we wanted to. And that was about the time that I became aware of NOAA and the Sanctuary Programs Division and that road less traveled made all the difference.