



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

North Florida Habitat Assessment Benchmark Sites

Econfina Creek below Scott Road

Division of Environmental Assessment and Restoration
Water Quality Standards Program

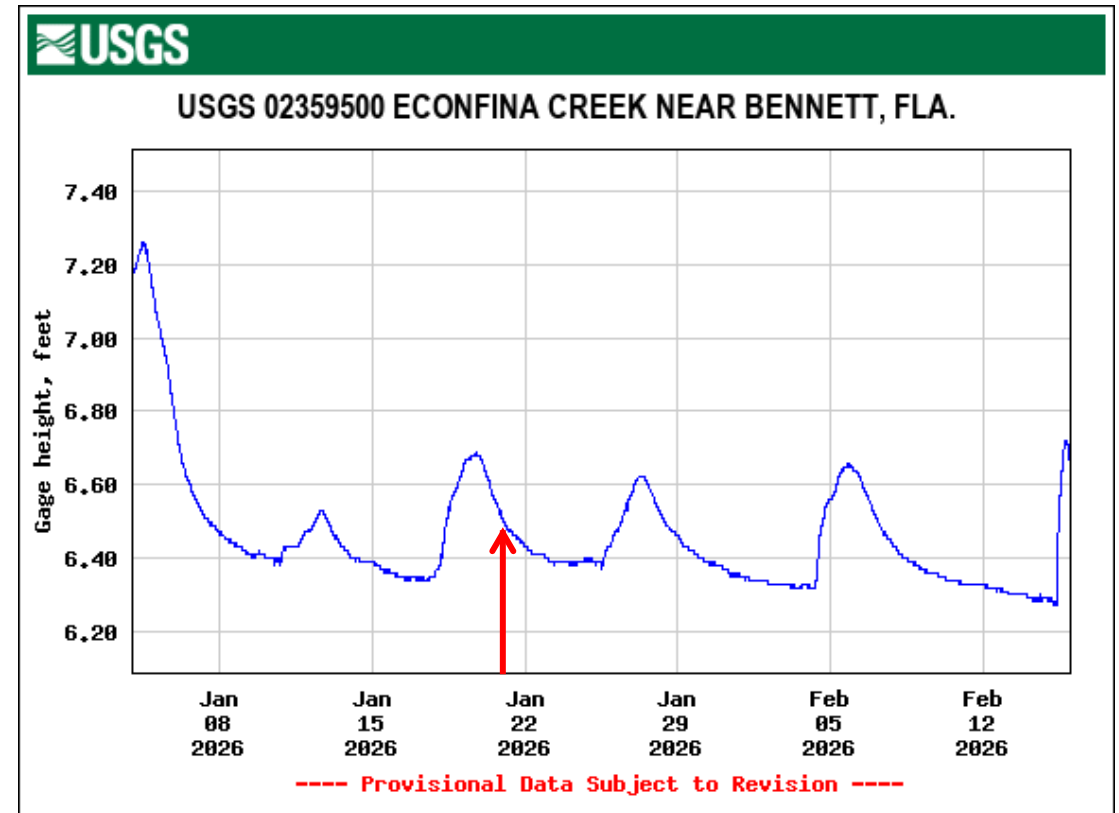
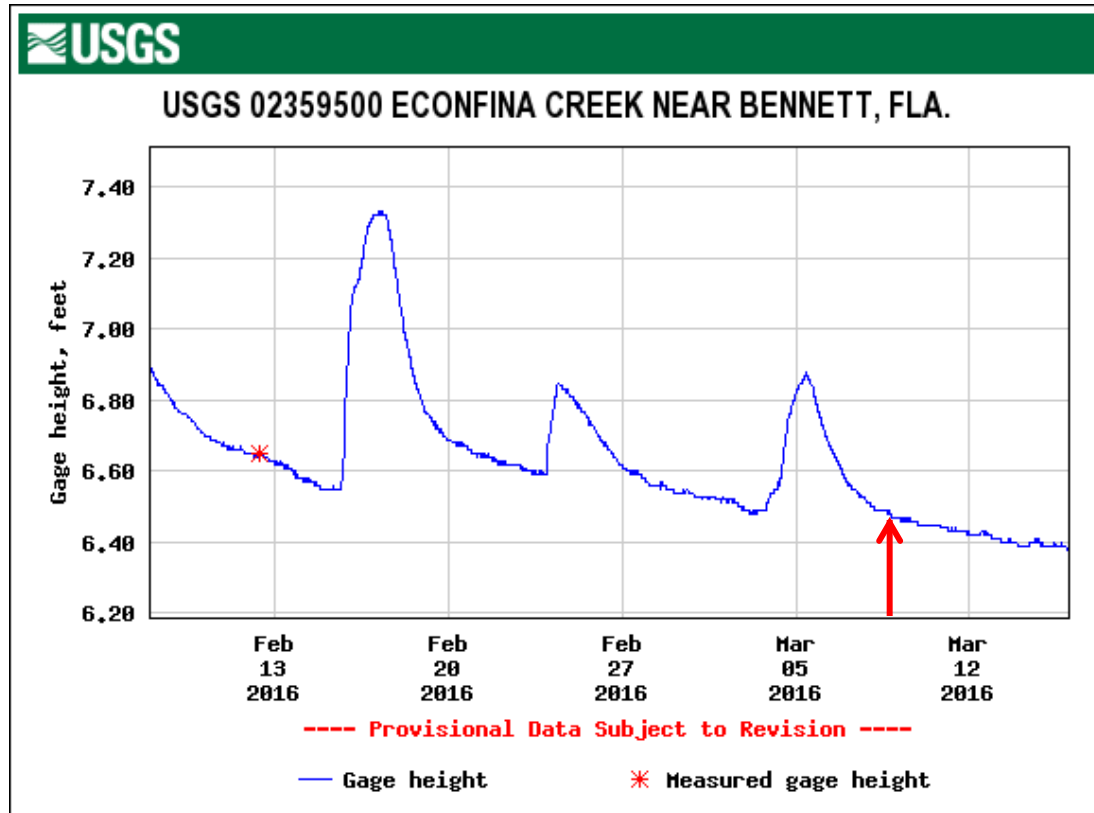


PROCEDURE

- Evaluate each site per SOP FT3100, "Stream and River Habitat Assessment", using forms FD9000-3, FD9000-4, and FD9000-5. It is recommended that you use the most current editions of the forms and the SOP.
- **Work independently.**
- Submit all completed forms to the FDEP Aquatic Ecology and Quality Assurance (AEQA) Section in Tallahassee.
- The range for a passing score is +/- 10 points from the predetermined consensus score. However, consideration will be given to scores outside this range if they were legitimately caused by different conditions at the time of sampling compared to conditions when the consensus score was decided (i.e., higher/lower water level, velocity).
- Analysts must pass 2 out of 3 Habitat Assessments every 5 years.
- Once scores have been reviewed, analysts will receive notice of passing or failing from the AEQA Section.
- Analysts should take photos to document stream conditions at the time of assessment. Photos may be submitted to AEQA after initial determination of passing/failing if an analyst believes his/her score for a given site is out of the +/- 10-point range due to justifiable reasons.



AREA HYDROGRAPHS



The consensus score for these Panhandle Region sites were originally established on March 9, 2016, and the site was revisited on January 21, 2026. Above is the gage height data for the stream during the visits. If you conduct habitat assessment at these sites at different water levels, be sure to document current conditions.

Graphs courtesy of the US Geological Survey.



ECONFINA CREEK BELOW SCOTT RD

- **Region:** North
- **County:** Bay
- **Lat/Longs:**

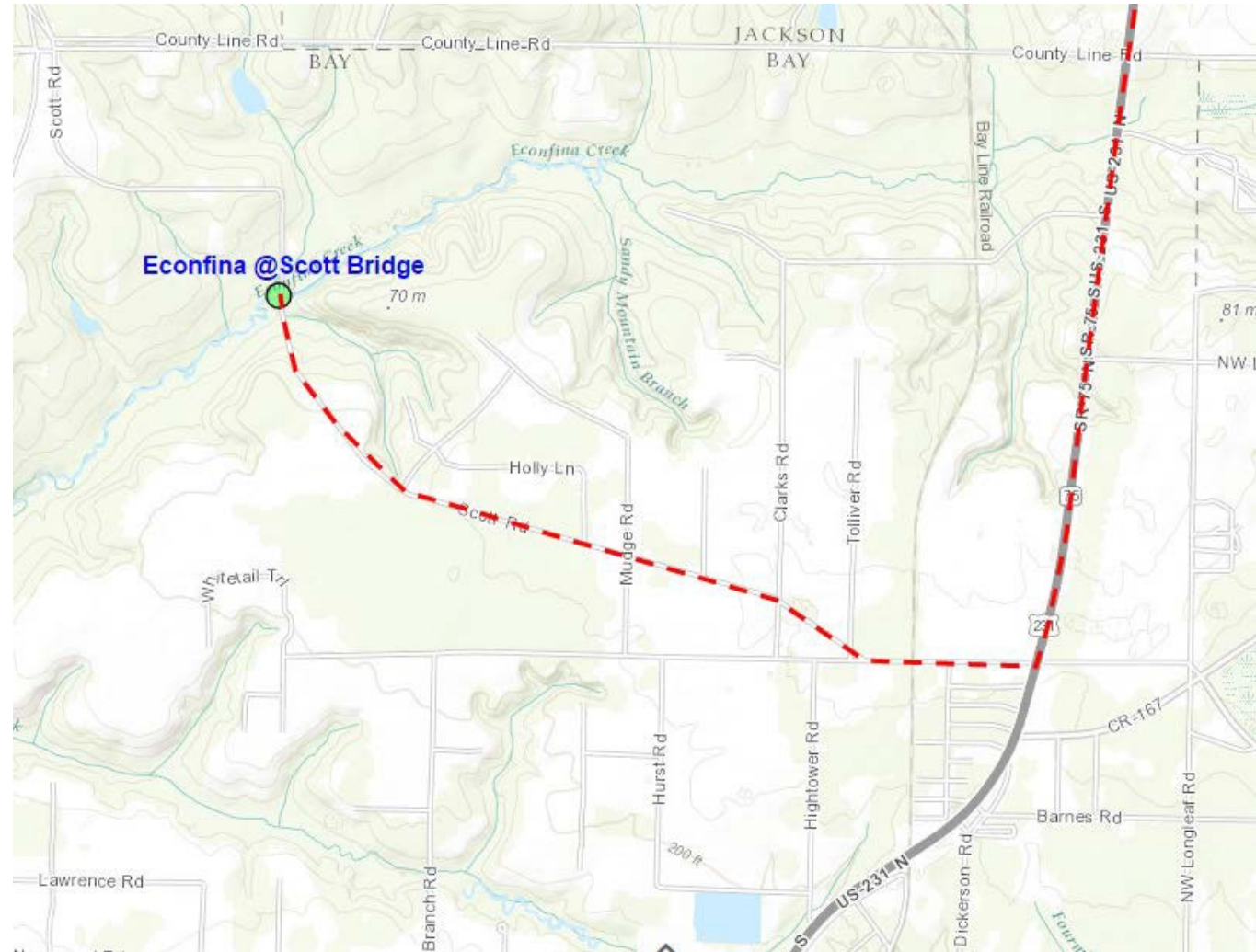
Parking 30.55532, -85.43507

0m 30.55501, -85.43623

100m 30.55525, -85.43533

- **Directions:**

From Interstate 10 E or W, take the Highway 231 exit (exit 130), and travel south on 231, approximately 15 miles, to the intersection of 231 and Scott Road (if you cross Highway 167, you have gone too far). Turn right on Scott Road and travel approximately 0.5 mi to a fork in the road. Stay to the right on Scott Rd. The road becomes dirt. Travel 2.4 more miles to the site. The 100m flags are about 20m below the old bridge pilings.





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