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FSU Estuarine Habitat Enhancement 0351156-002-EI/19

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**Environmental Resource Permit
State-owned Submerged Lands Authorization – Granted**

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Authorization – Separate Corps Authorization
Required**

Franklin County
Permit No.: 0351156-002-EI/19

**Permit Issuance Date: August 10, 2017
Permit Construction Phase Expiration Date: August 10, 2022**

Consolidated Environmental Resource Permit and Sovereignty Submerged Lands Authorization

Permittee: FSU Coastal Marine Laboratory
Permit No: 0351156-002-EI/19

PROJECT LOCATION

The activities authorized by this permit and sovereignty submerged lands authorization are located at 3618 US Hwy 98, St. Teresa, Florida 32358, in Section 35, Township 06 South, Range 03 West in Franklin County, at lat 29°54'58.12"/long -84°30'38.67".

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The permittee is authorized to perform restoration and enhancement projects including oyster reef restoration, salt marsh restoration and water bird nesting habitat restoration. The bird nesting restoration is to be done within nearshore upland areas. The oyster reef restoration and enhancement activities include covering existing reefs with a low-profile mesh net with cured oyster shell attached to promote growth and expansion of the existing reef (1.52 acres), artificial reefs will be constructed parallel along the edge of the existing navigation channel with 12-inch limestone boulders and 4 to 6-inch limestone aggregate (0.25 acre), and bagged oyster reefs (0.02 acre) will be constructed outside the shoreline of the saltmarsh restoration area for stability of the salt marsh enhancement area shoreline.

Salt marsh enhancement activities includes excavation of sediment (muck, rock and sand) to an elevation of -1.50 MLW, then filled with sediment from previous dredge activities to an elevation of 0.00 MLW. Other activities include filling areas with the same sediment from previous dredge activities to an elevation of 0.00. The total areas to be dredged is 0.17 acre and the total amount of fill area is 0.64 acre. All dredged materials and fill materials are to be stored and taken from a dredge spoil area located north of the project area. The spoil materials to be used for the enhancement activities are sourced from maintenance dredge activities associated with the project facility's navigational channel. The enhancement areas will be protected by jute/coir fiber netting and the newly established bagged oyster reefs (0.02 acre), as described above.

The project is located within the landward and waterward extent of the Gulf of Mexico and Alligator Harbor, a Class II Outstanding Florida Waterbody Florida Waterbody, Aquatic Preserve, Unclassified Shellfish Harvesting Area. Those activities include the described activities comprising 77,972 square feet (oyster reef) and 27,878 square feet (salt marsh enhancement) of state-owned sovereignty submerged lands. Authorized activities are depicted on the attached exhibits.

AUTHORIZATIONS

FSU Estuarine Habitat Enhancement

Environmental Resource Permit

The Department has determined that the activity qualifies for an Environmental Resource Permit. Therefore, the Environmental Resource Permit is hereby granted, pursuant to Part IV of Chapter 373, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Chapter 62-330, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.).

Sovereignty Submerged Lands Authorization

The activity is located on sovereignty submerged lands owned by the State of Florida. It therefore also requires authorization from the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund (Board of Trustees), pursuant to Article X, Section 11 of the Florida Constitution, and Section 253.77, F.S., and Chapter 258, F.S.

As staff to the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund (Board of Trustees) under Sections 253.002, F.S., the Department has determined that the activity qualifies for and requires a Letter of Consent, as long as the work performed is located within the boundaries as described and is consistent with the terms and conditions herein.

During the term of this Letter of Consent you shall maintain satisfactory evidence of sufficient upland interest as required by paragraph 18-21.004(3)(b), F.A.C. If such interest is terminated or the Board of Trustees determines that such interest did not exist on the date of issuance of this Letter of Consent, this Letter of Consent may be terminated by the Board of Trustees at its sole option. If the Board of Trustees terminates this Letter of Consent, you agree not to assert a claim or defense against the Board of Trustees arising out of this Letter of Consent.

Federal Authorization

Your proposed activity as outlined on your application and attached drawings **does not qualify** for Federal authorization pursuant to the State Programmatic General Permit and a **SEPARATE permit** or authorization **shall be required** from the Corps. A copy of your permit application has been forwarded to the Corps for their review. The Corps will issue their authorization directly to you or contact you if additional information is needed. If you have not heard from the Corps within 30 days from the date your application was received at the local FDEP Office, contact the Corps for status and further information. **Failure to obtain Corps authorization prior to construction could subject you to federal enforcement action by that agency.**

Authority for review - an agreement with the USACOE entitled "Coordination Agreement Between the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (Jacksonville District) and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, or Duly Authorized Designee, State Programmatic General Permit", Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbor Act of 1899, and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

Coastal Zone Management

Issuance of this authorization also constitutes a finding of consistency with Florida's Coastal Zone Management Program, as required by Section 307 of the Coastal Zone Management Act.

Water Quality Certification

This permit also constitutes a water quality certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1341.

Other Authorizations

You are advised that authorizations or permits for this activity may be required by other federal, state, regional, or local entities including but not limited to local governments or municipalities. This permit does not relieve you from the requirements to obtain all other required permits or authorizations.

The activity described may be conducted only in accordance with the terms, conditions and attachments contained in this document. Issuance and granting of the permit and authorizations herein do not infer, nor guarantee, nor imply that future permits, authorizations, or modifications will be granted by the Department.

PERMIT /SOVEREIGNTY SUBMERGED LANDS CONDITIONS

The activities described must be conducted in accordance with:

- **The Specific Conditions**
- **The General Conditions**
- **The General Conditions for Sovereignty Submerged Lands Authorization**
- **The Special Consent Conditions**
- **The limits, conditions and locations of work shown in the attached drawings**
- **The term limits of this authorization**

You are advised to read and understand these conditions and drawings prior to beginning the authorized activities, and to ensure the work is conducted in conformance with all the terms, conditions, and drawings herein. If you are using a contractor, the contractor also should read and understand these conditions and drawings prior to beginning any activity. Failure to comply with these conditions, including any mitigation requirements, shall be grounds for the Department to revoke the permit and authorization and to take appropriate enforcement action. Operation of the facility is not authorized except when determined to be in conformance with all applicable rules and this permit and sovereignty submerged lands authorization, as described.

SPECIFIC CONDITIONS - PRIOR TO ANY CONSTRUCTION

1. Restoration activities shall only occur at the locations identified on the enclosed drawings.
2. There shall be no storage or stockpiling of tools or materials (i.e., lumber, pilings, equipment) within wetlands, along the shoreline within the littoral zone or elsewhere within waters of the state unless specifically approved in the permit.
3. This permit does not authorize the construction of any additional structures not illustrated on the permit drawings.
4. No fill other than the oyster reefs, plants and attached soil and salt marsh materials shall be added to submerged lands or to the littoral zone.

5. If the approved permit drawings conflict with the specific conditions, then the specific conditions shall prevail.

SPECIFIC CONDITIONS - CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

6. If any concentration of prehistoric or historic artifacts, such as pottery or ceramics, stone tools or metal implements, dugout canoes, or any other physical remains that could be associated with Native American cultures, or early colonial or American settlement are encountered at any time within the project site area, the permitted project should cease all activities involving subsurface disturbance in the immediate vicinity of such discoveries. The permittee, or other designee, should contact the Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources, Compliance and Review Section at 850.245.6333 or 800.847.7278, as well as the appropriate permitting agency office. Project activities should not resume without verbal and/or written authorization from the Division of Historical Resources. In the event that unmarked human remains are encountered during the permitted activities, all work shall stop immediately and the proper authorities notified in accordance with Section 872.05, Florida Statutes.

7. All contractors involved in this permitted activity shall be provided copies of this permit in its entirety. A copy shall remain onsite at all times during the activities.

8. Any damage to wetlands outside the permitted area shall be restored to pre-construction elevations and conditions within 30 days of completion of the project and the Department shall be notified in writing of said incident.

9. All excavated material shall be placed in a self-contained, upland disposal site. The slopes of the spoil material disposal cell shall be stabilized utilizing staked hay bales and entrenched silt fence and/or geotextile fabric in order to prevent the escape of spoil material and associated effluent into surface waters. At no time will spoil material or water discharge into waters of the State.

10. The oyster reef breakwaters shall not be placed where or in a manner in which they present a hazard to navigation or public safety.

11. Riprap shall consist of unconsolidated boulders, rocks, or clean concrete rubble with no exposed reinforcing rods or similar protrusions. The riprap shall be free of sediment, debris and any toxic or otherwise deleterious substance.

12. The distance between breakwater structures shall maintain a minimum 5 foot tidal channel.

13. The permittee shall be responsible for ensuring that erosion control devices/procedures are inspected and maintained daily during all phases of construction authorized by this permit until all areas that were disturbed during construction are sufficiently stabilized to prevent erosion, siltation, and turbid discharges.

14. The following measures shall be taken immediately by the permittee whenever turbidity levels within waters of the State surrounding the project site exceed the ambient water quality levels of the Outstanding Florida Waters:

- a. Immediately cease all work contributing to the water quality violation.
- b. Stabilize all exposed soils contributing to the violation. Modify the work procedures that were responsible for the violation and install more turbidity containment devices and repair any non-functioning turbidity containment devices.
- c. Notify the Department of Environmental Protection, Northwest District, Compliance Assurance Program, within 24 hours of the time the violation is first detected.

SPECIFIC CONDITIONS - MONITORING/REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

15. The construction phase expires at 11:59 p.m. on the date indicated on the cover page of this permit.

16. For emergencies involving a serious threat to the public health, safety, welfare, or environment, the emergency telephone contact number is **800-320-0519** (State Warning Point). The Department telephone number for reporting nonthreatening problems or system malfunctions is (850) 595-0663, day or night.

17. The mailing address for submittal of forms for the "Construction Commencement Notice" or other correspondence is FDEP, SLERP, 160 W. Government Street, Pensacola, Florida, 32502.

GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL PERMITS

The following general conditions are binding on all individual permits issued under chapter 62-330, F.A.C., except where the conditions are not applicable to the authorized activity, or where the conditions must be modified to accommodate project-specific conditions.

1. All activities shall be implemented following the plans, specifications and performance criteria approved by this permit. Any deviations must be authorized in a permit modification in accordance with Rule 62-330.315, F.A.C. Any deviations that are not so authorized may subject the permittee to enforcement action and revocation of the permit under Chapter 373, F.S.
2. A complete copy of this permit shall be kept at the work site of the permitted activity during the construction phase, and shall be available for review at the work site upon request by the Agency staff. The permittee shall require the contractor to review the complete permit prior to beginning construction.
3. Activities shall be conducted in a manner that does not cause or contribute to violations of state water quality standards. Performance-based erosion and sediment control best management practices shall be installed immediately prior to, and be maintained during and after construction as needed, to prevent adverse impacts to the water resources and adjacent lands. Such practices shall be in accordance with the *State of Florida Erosion and Sediment Control Designer and Reviewer Manual* (Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Florida Department of Transportation June 2007), and the *Florida Stormwater Erosion and Sedimentation Control Inspector's Manual* (Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Nonpoint Source Management Section, Tallahassee, Florida, July 2008), which are both incorporated by reference in subparagraph 62-330.050(9)(b)5., F.A.C., unless a project-specific erosion and sediment

control plan is approved or other water quality control measures are required as part of the permit.

4. At least 48 hours prior to beginning the authorized activities, the permittee shall submit to the Agency a fully executed Form 62-330.350(1), "Construction Commencement Notice," [October 1, 2013], which is incorporated by reference in paragraph 62-330.350(1)(d), F.A.C., indicating the expected start and completion dates. A copy of this form may be obtained from the Agency, as described in subsection 62-330.010(5), F.A.C. If available, an Agency website that fulfills this notification requirement may be used in lieu of the form.

5. Unless the permit is transferred under Rule 62-330.340, F.A.C., or transferred to an operating entity under Rule 62-330.310, F.A.C., the permittee is liable to comply with the plans, terms and conditions of the permit for the life of the project or activity.

6. Within 30 days after completing construction of the entire project, or any independent portion of the project, the permittee shall provide the following to the Agency, as applicable:

- a. For an individual, private single-family residential dwelling unit, duplex, triplex, or quadruplex – "Construction Completion and Inspection Certification for Activities Associated With a Private Single-Family Dwelling Unit" [Form 62-330.310(3)]; or
- b. For all other activities – "As-Built Certification and Request for Conversion to Operational Phase" [Form 62-330.310(1)].
- c. If available, an Agency website that fulfills this certification requirement may be used in lieu of the form.

7. If the final operation and maintenance entity is a third party:

- a. Prior to sales of any lot or unit served by the activity and within one year of permit issuance, or within 30 days of as- built certification, whichever comes first, the permittee shall submit, as applicable, a copy of the operation and maintenance documents (see sections 12.3 thru 12.3.3 of Volume I) as filed with the Department of State, Division of Corporations and a copy of any easement, plat, or deed restriction needed to operate or maintain the project, as recorded with the Clerk of the Court in the County in which the activity is located.
- b. Within 30 days of submittal of the as- built certification, the permittee shall submit "Request for Transfer of Environmental Resource Permit to the Perpetual Operation Entity" [Form 62-330.310(2)] to transfer the permit to the operation and maintenance entity, along with the documentation requested in the form. If available, an Agency website that fulfills this transfer requirement may be used in lieu of the form.

8. The permittee shall notify the Agency in writing of changes required by any other regulatory agency that require changes to the permitted activity, and any required modification of this permit must be obtained prior to implementing the changes.

9. This permit does not:

- a. Convey to the permittee any property rights or privileges, or any other rights or privileges other than those specified herein or in Chapter 62-330, F.A.C.;
- b. Convey to the permittee or create in the permittee any interest in real property;
- c. Relieve the permittee from the need to obtain and comply with any other required federal, state, and local authorization, law, rule, or ordinance; or

- d. Authorize any entrance upon or work on property that is not owned, held in easement, or controlled by the permittee.

10. Prior to conducting any activities on state-owned submerged lands or other lands of the state, title to which is vested in the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund, the permittee must receive all necessary approvals and authorizations under Chapters 253 and 258, F.S. Written authorization that requires formal execution by the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund shall not be considered received until it has been fully executed.

11. The permittee shall hold and save the Agency harmless from any and all damages, claims, or liabilities that may arise by reason of the construction, alteration, operation, maintenance, removal, abandonment or use of any project authorized by the permit.

12. The permittee shall notify the Agency in writing:

- a. Immediately if any previously submitted information is discovered to be inaccurate; and
- b. Within 30 days of any conveyance or division of ownership or control of the property or the system, other than conveyance via a long-term lease, and the new owner shall request transfer of the permit in accordance with Rule 62-330.340, F.A.C. This does not apply to the sale of lots or units in residential or commercial subdivisions or condominiums where the stormwater management system has been completed and converted to the operation phase.

13. Upon reasonable notice to the permittee, Agency staff with proper identification shall have permission to enter, inspect, sample and test the project or activities to ensure conformity with the plans and specifications authorized in the permit.

14. If any prehistoric or historic artifacts, such as pottery or ceramics, stone tools or metal implements, dugout canoes, or any other physical remains that could be associated with Native American cultures, or early colonial or American settlement are encountered at any time within the project site area, work involving subsurface disturbance in the immediate vicinity of such discoveries shall cease. The permittee or other designee shall contact the Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources, Compliance and Review Section, at (850) 245-6333 or (800) 847-7278, as well as the appropriate permitting agency office. Such subsurface work shall not resume without verbal or written authorization from the Division of Historical Resources. If unmarked human remains are encountered, all work shall stop immediately and notification shall be provided in accordance with Section 872.05, F.S.

15. Any delineation of the extent of a wetland or other surface water submitted as part of the permit application, including plans or other supporting documentation, shall not be considered binding unless a specific condition of this permit or a formal determination under Rule 62-330.201, F.A.C., provides otherwise.

16. The permittee shall provide routine maintenance of all components of the stormwater management system to remove trapped sediments and debris. Removed materials shall be disposed of in a landfill or other uplands in a manner that does not require a permit under Chapter 62-330, F.A.C., or cause violations of state water quality standards.

17. This permit is issued based on the applicant's submitted information that reasonably demonstrates that adverse water resource-related impacts will not be caused by the completed permit activity. If any adverse impacts result, the Agency will require the permittee to eliminate the cause, obtain any necessary permit modification, and take any necessary corrective actions to resolve the adverse impacts.

18. A Recorded Notice of Environmental Resource Permit may be recorded in the county public records in accordance with subsection 62-330.090(7), F.A.C. Such notice is not an encumbrance upon the property.

SPECIAL CONSENT CONDITIONS

1. The applicant agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Board of Trustees and the State of Florida from all claims, actions, lawsuits and demands in any form arising out of the authorization to use sovereignty submerged lands or the applicant's use and construction of structures on sovereignty submerged lands. This duty to indemnify and hold harmless will include any and all liabilities that are associated with the structure or activity including special assessments or taxes that are now or in the future assessed against the structure or activity during the period of the authorization.

2. Failure by the Board of Trustees to enforce any violation of a provision of the authorization or waiver by the Board of Trustees of any provision of the authorization will not invalidate the provision not enforced or waived, nor will the failure to enforce or a waiver prevent the Board of Trustees from enforcing the unenforced or waived provision in the event of a violation of that provision.

3. Applicant binds itself and its successors and assigns to abide by the provisions and conditions set forth in the authorization. If the applicant or its successors or assigns fails or refuses to comply with the provisions and conditions of the authorization, the authorization may be terminated by the Board of Trustees after written notice to the applicant or its successors or assigns. Upon receipt of such notice, the applicant or its successors or assigns will have thirty (30) days in which to correct the violations. Failure to correct the violations within this period will result in the automatic revocation of this authorization.

4. All costs incurred by the Board of Trustees in enforcing the terms and conditions of the authorization will be paid by the applicant. Any notice required by law will be made by certified mail at the address shown on page one of the authorization. The applicant will notify the Board of Trustees in writing of any change of address at least ten days before the change becomes effective.

5. This authorization does not allow any activity prohibited in a conservation easement or restrictive covenant that prohibits the activity.

GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR SOVEREIGNTY SUBMERGED LANDS AUTHORIZATION

Any use of sovereignty submerged lands is subject to the following general conditions, which are binding upon the applicant and are enforceable under Chapter 253, F.S. and Chapter 258, F.S.

1. Sovereignty submerged lands may be used only for the specified activity or use. Any unauthorized deviation from the specified activity or use and the conditions for undertaking that activity or use will constitute a violation. Violation of the authorization will result in suspension or revocation of the applicant's use of the sovereignty submerged lands unless cured to the satisfaction of the Board of Trustees.
2. Authorization under Rule 18-21.005, F.A.C., conveys no title to sovereignty submerged lands or water column, nor does it constitute recognition or acknowledgment of any other person's title to such land or water.
3. Authorizations under Rule 18-21.005, F.A.C., may be modified, suspended or revoked in accordance with its terms or the remedies provided in Sections 253.04, F.S. and Chapter 18-14, F.A.C.
4. Structures or activities will be constructed and used to avoid or minimize adverse impacts to resources.
5. Construction, use, or operation of the structure or activity will not adversely affect any species which is endangered, threatened or of special concern, as listed in Rules 68A-27.003, 68A-27.004, and 68A-27.005, F.A.C.
6. Structures or activities will not unreasonably interfere with riparian rights. When a court of competent jurisdiction determines that riparian rights have been unlawfully affected, the structure or activity will be modified in accordance with the court's decision.
7. Structures or activities will not create a navigational hazard.
8. Structures will be maintained in a functional condition and will be repaired or removed if they become dilapidated to such an extent that they are no longer functional.
9. Structures or activities will be constructed, operated, and maintained solely for water dependent purposes.
10. The applicant agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Board of Trustees and the State of Florida from all claims, actions, lawsuits and demands in any form arising out of the authorization to use sovereignty submerged lands or the applicant's use and construction of structures on sovereignty submerged lands. This duty to indemnify and hold harmless will include any and all liabilities that are associated with the structure or activity including special assessments or taxes that are now or in the future assessed against the structure or activity during the period of the authorization.
11. Failure by the Board of Trustees to enforce any violation of a provision of the authorization or waiver by the Board of Trustees of any provision of the authorization will not invalidate the provision not enforced or waived, nor will the failure to enforce or a waiver prevent the Board of Trustees from enforcing the unenforced or waived provision in the event of a violation of that provision.

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NOTICE OF RIGHTS

This action is final and effective on the date filed with the Clerk of the Department unless a petition for an administrative hearing is timely filed under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., before the deadline for filing a petition. On the filing of a timely and sufficient petition, this action will not be final and effective until further order of the Department. Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the hearing process may result in a modification of the agency action or even denial of the application.

Petition for Administrative Hearing

A person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's action may petition for an administrative proceeding (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. Pursuant to Rule 28-106.201, F.A.C., a petition for an administrative hearing must contain the following information:

- (a) The name and address of each agency affected and each agency's file or identification number, if known;
- (b) The name, address, any email address, any facsimile number, and telephone number of the petitioner; the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding; and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests are or will be affected by the agency determination;
- (c) A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the agency decision;
- (d) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate;
- (e) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts that the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action;
- (f) A statement of the specific rules or statutes that the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action, including an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes; and

(g) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action that the petitioner wishes the agency to take with respect to the agency's proposed action.

The petition must be filed (received by the Clerk) in the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000. Also, a copy of the petition shall be mailed to the applicant at the address indicated above at the time of filing.

Time Period for Filing a Petition

In accordance with Rule 62-110.106(3), F.A.C., petitions for an administrative hearing by the applicant must be filed within 14 days of receipt of this written notice. Petitions filed by any persons other than the applicant, and other than those entitled to written notice under Section 120.60(3), F.S., must be filed within 14 days of publication of the notice or within 14 days of receipt of the written notice, whichever occurs first. Under Section 120.60(3), F.S., however, any person who has asked the Department for notice of agency action may file a petition within 14 days of receipt of such notice, regardless of the date of publication. The failure to file a petition within the appropriate time period shall constitute a waiver of that person's right to request an administrative determination (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., or to intervene in this proceeding and participate as a party to it. Any subsequent intervention (in a proceeding initiated by another party) will be only at the discretion of the presiding officer upon the filing of a motion in compliance with Rule 28-106.205, F.A.C.

Extension of Time

Under Rule 62-110.106(4), F.A.C., a person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's action may also request an extension of time to file a petition for an administrative hearing. The Department may, for good cause shown, grant the request for an extension of time. Requests for extension of time must be filed with the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, before the applicable deadline for filing a petition for an administrative hearing. A timely request for extension of time shall toll the running of the time period for filing a petition until the request is acted upon.

Mediation

Mediation is not available in this proceeding.

FLAWAC Review

The applicant, or any party within the meaning of Section 373.114(1)(a) or 373.4275, F.S., may also seek appellate review of this order before the Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission under Section 373.114(1) or 373.4275, F.S. Requests for review before the Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission and served on the Department within 20 days from the date when this order is filed with the Clerk of the Department.

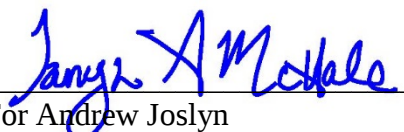
Judicial Review

Once this decision becomes final, any party to this action has the right to seek judicial review pursuant to Section 120.68, F.S., by filing a Notice of Appeal pursuant to Rules 9.110 and 9.190, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure, with the Clerk of the Department in the Office of General Counsel, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, M.S. 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000; and by filing a copy of the Notice of Appeal accompanied by the applicable filing fees with the appropriate District Court of Appeal. The Notice of Appeal must be filed within 30 days from the date this action is filed with the Clerk of the Department.

Thank you for applying to the Submerged Lands and Environmental Resource Permit Program. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Scott Casey at the letterhead address, at 850-595-0574, or at scott.casey@dep.state.fl.us.

Executed in Orlando, Florida.

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT
OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



For Andrew Joslyn
Permitting Program Administrator

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Attachments:

Exhibit 1, Project Drawings and Design Specs., 14 pages

Copies of 62-330 forms can be obtained at:

<http://www.dep.state.fl.us/water/wetlands/erp/forms.htm>

Copies furnished to:

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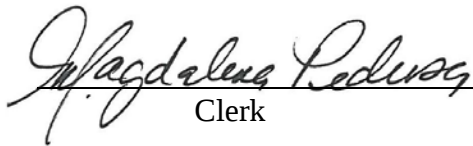
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that this permit and authorization to use sovereignty submerged lands, including all copies, were mailed before the close of business on August 10, 2017, to the above listed persons.

FILING AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

FILED, on this date, under 120.52(7) of the Florida Statutes, with the designated Department Clerk, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged.

 August 10, 2017
Clerk Date



ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE REPORT



Florida Professional Engineer Licensee: Jon M. Dinges, P.E.

Florida Professional Engineer License Number: 54747

Amec Foster Wheeler Project No: 600518

Client Name: Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

Project Name: Estuarine Habitat Enhancement at FSU Coastal & Marine Laboratory

List of the Electronically Signed and Sealed Engineering Documents:

DESCRIPTION	SHA-1 AUTHENTICATION CODE
Drawings for permitting:	
C100	a6781b980695c2d81c56263309f08c80eeab3344
C110	01d8fb2a80f0ee01a5f041ef43df3908362550f6
C200	b583c0e56535da8d06f33cd5761d4ba7968be4f9
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Florida Professional Engineer Signature, Seal, and Date:

Jon M. Dinges, P.E.

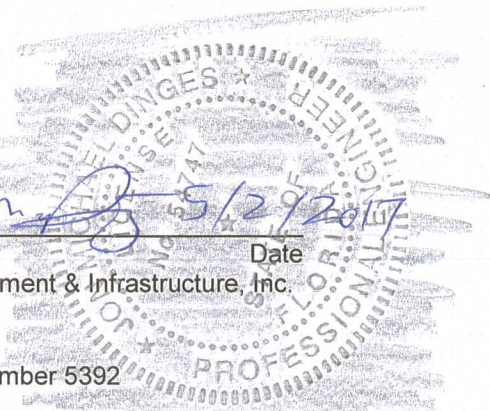
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Certificate of Authorization Number 5392

Date





DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT CORPS OF ENGINEERS
1002 WEST 23RD STREET, SUITE 350
PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA 32405

July 18, 2017

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

Regulatory Division
North Permits Branch
Panama City Permits Section
SAJ-2017-00517(NW-LSL)

Ms. Felicia Coleman
FSU Coastal Marine Laboratory
3618 Coastal Highway
St. Teresa, Florida 32358

Dear Ms. Coleman:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) assigned your application for a Department of the Army permit, which the Corps received on May 3, 2017, the file number SAJ-2017-00517. A review of the information and drawings provided indicates that the proposed work would result in the restoration and enhancement of the intertidal and coastal habitat adjacent to FSUCML. The plan includes: (1) the removal of historic dredge cast materials, i.e. 1,035 cubic yards, from an existing poor quality salt marsh, replacement of dredged materials and expansion of the salt marsh waterward with dredge material from an onsite legacy dredge spoil area; (2) the enhancement and expansion of existing oyster reef habitat with the placement of low-profile oyster mates to encourage the re-establishment of oyster reef habitat (1.5 acre), limestone aggregate reefs to provide substrate for oyster recruitment and growth (0.24 acre), and oyster bag reefs around the salt marsh enhancement area to provide substrate for oyster recruitment and growth (0.02 acre); and (3) the re-establishment of a historic water bird nesting habitat site while maintaining foraging habitat for non-breeding water birds. The nature of dredging will be to remove unsuitable existing substrate for native marsh grasses. The nature of the fill will be to place suitable substrate for native marsh grasses and expand the salt marsh fringe waterward to improve the resiliency of the salt marsh system. Mechanical dredging and fill equipment will access the salt marsh enhancement area from land. The project is designed to require the contractor to traverse the existing salt marsh with matting to minimize compaction of existing sands. This work will be accomplished at low tides. Once the fill material has been placed, graded to a suitable slope (less than 6:1 horizontal to vertical) and stabilized at the tow with oyster shell bag reefs, native salt marsh species will be planted. Smooth cordgrass will be planted in the ecotone at approximately mean high water. Sand cordgrass may be planted in the high marsh zone above mean high water. All salt marsh transplants will be planted as bare root or peat pot transplants on 2 to 5 foot centers. Planting depth will be 8 to 10 inches to bury 3 to 4 salt marsh species following final grading,

biodegradable jute or coir fiber would be used to stabilize the substrate and salt marsh plants will be transplants through the material. The oyster reef enhancement will be constructed via shallow-draft barge (limestone) and hand placed during low tides (oyster mats and oyster bags). Erosion and sedimentation controls are proposed. The project is located at 3618 US Highway 98 in Section 35, Township 6, Range 3 West, St. Theresa, Franklin County, Florida.

Your project, as depicted on the enclosed drawings, is authorized by Nationwide Permit (NWP) Number 27. In addition, project specific conditions have been enclosed. This verification is valid until **March 18, 2022**. Furthermore, if you commence or are under contract to commence this activity before the date that the relevant nationwide permit is modified or revoked, you will have 12 months from the date of the modification or revocation of the NWP to complete the activity under the present terms and conditions of this nationwide permit. Please access the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) Jacksonville District's Regulatory Internet page to access Internet links to view the Final Nationwide Permits, Federal Register Vol. 82, dated January 6, 2017, specifically pages 1983 to 2008, and the table of Regional Conditions. The Internet page address is:

<http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx>

Please be aware this Internet address is case sensitive and should be entered as it appears above. Once there you will need to click on "Source Book"; and, then click on "Nationwide Permits." These files contain the description of the Nationwide Permit authorization, the Nationwide Permit general conditions, and the regional conditions, which apply specifically to this verification for NWP 27. Enclosed is a list of the six General Conditions, which apply to all Department of the Army authorizations. You must comply with all of the special and general conditions and any project specific condition of this authorization or you may be subject to enforcement action. In the event you have not completed construction of your project within the specified time limit, a separate application or re-verification may be required.

The following special conditions are included with this verification:

1. Reporting Address: The Permittee shall submit all reports, notifications, documentation and correspondence required by the general and special conditions of this permit to the following address:

a. For standard mail: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Division, Special Projects and Enforcement Branch, 2833 NW 41st Street, Unit 130, Gainesville, FL 32606.

- b. For electronic mail: CESAJ-ComplyDocs@usace.army.mil (not to exceed 10 MB).

The Permittee shall reference this permit number, SAJ-2017-00517(NW - LSL), on all submittals.

2. Commencement Notification: Within 10 days from the date of initiating the work authorized by this permit, the Permittee shall provide a written notification of the date of commencement of authorized work to the Corps.

3. Self-Certification: Within 60 days of completion of the work authorized by this permit, the Permittee shall complete the "Self-Certification Statement of Compliance" form (Attachment A) and submit it to the Corps. In the event that the completed work deviates in any manner from the authorized work, the Permittee shall describe the deviations between the work authorized by this permit and the work as constructed on the "Self-Certification Statement of Compliance" form. The description of any deviations on the "Self-Certification Statement of Compliance" form does not constitute approval of any deviations by the Corps.

4. Agency Changes/Approvals: Should any other agency require and/or approve changes to the work authorized or obligated by this permit, the Permittee is advised a modification to this permit instrument is required prior to initiation of those changes. It is the Permittee's responsibility to request a modification of this permit from the Panama City Permits Section. The Corps reserves the right to fully evaluate, amend, and approve or deny the request for modification of this permit.

5. Assurance of Navigation and Maintenance: The Permittee understands and agrees that, if future operations by the United States require the removal, relocation, or other alteration, of the structures or work herein authorized, or if in the opinion of the Secretary of the Army or his authorized representative, said structure or work shall cause unreasonable obstruction to the free navigation of the navigable waters, the Permittee will be required, upon due notice from the Corps of Engineers, to remove, relocate, or alter the structural work or obstructions caused thereby, without expense to the United States. No claim shall be made against the United States on account of any such removal or alteration.

6. Posting of Permit: The Permittee shall have available and maintain for review a copy of this permit and approved plans at the construction site.

7. Cultural Resources/Historic Properties:

a. No structure or work shall adversely affect impact or disturb properties listed in the *National Register of Historic Places* (NRHP) or those eligible for inclusion in the NRHP.

b. If during the ground disturbing activities and construction work within the permit area, there are archaeological/cultural materials encountered which were not the subject of a previous cultural resources assessment survey (and which shall include, but not be limited to: pottery, modified shell, flora, fauna, human remains, ceramics, stone tools or metal implements, dugout canoes, evidence of structures or any other physical remains that could be associated with Native American cultures or early colonial or American settlement), the Permittee shall immediately stop all work and ground-disturbing activities within a 100-meter diameter of the discovery and notify the Corps within the same business day (8 hours). The Corps shall then notify the Florida State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and the appropriate Tribal Historic Preservation Officer(s) (THPO(s)) to assess the significance of the discovery and devise appropriate actions.

c. Additional cultural resources assessments may be required of the permit area in the case of unanticipated discoveries as referenced in accordance with the above Special Condition ; and if deemed necessary by the SHPO, THPO(s), or Corps, in accordance with 36 CFR 800 or 33 CFR 325, Appendix C (5). Based, on the circumstances of the discovery, equity to all parties, and considerations of the public interest, the Corps may modify, suspend or revoke the permit in accordance with 33 CFR Part 325.7. Such activity shall not resume on non-federal lands without written authorization from the SHPO for finds under his or her jurisdiction, and from the Corps.

d. In the unlikely event that unmarked human remains are identified on non-federal lands, they will be treated in accordance with Section 872.05 Florida Statutes. All work and ground disturbing activities within a 100-meter diameter of the unmarked human remains shall immediately cease and the Permittee shall immediately notify the medical examiner, Corps, and State Archeologist within the same business day (8-hours). The Corps shall then notify the appropriate SHPO and THPO(s). Based, on the circumstances of the discovery, equity to all parties, and considerations of the public interest, the Corps may modify, suspend or revoke the permit in accordance with 33 CFR Part 325.7. Such activity shall not resume without written authorization from the State Archeologist and from the Corps.

7. Endangered Species: The permittee agrees to comply with all of the activity specific Project Design Criteria (PDCs) listed in the National Marine Fisheries Service's (NMFS) Statewide Programmatic Biological Opinion (SWPBO), dated December 4, 2015. Failure to comply with these conditions could result in enforcement action by the Corps and/or NMFS.

8. Manatee Conditions: The Permittee shall comply with the “Standard Manatee Conditions for In-Water Work – 2011” (Attachment B).

9. Sea Turtle and Smalltooth Sawfish Conditions: The Permittee shall comply with National Marine Fisheries Service's “Sea Turtle and Smalltooth Sawfish Construction Conditions” dated March 23, 2006, (Attachment C).

10. Species reporting: Any collision(s) with and/or injuries to any sea turtle, sawfish, whale, or sturgeon occurring during the construction of a project, shall be reported immediately to NMFS's Protected Resources Division (PRD) at (727-824-5312) or by email to takereport.nmfs@noaa.gov and CESAJ-ComplyDocs@usace.army.mil. Sea turtle and marine mammal stranding/rescue organizations' contact information is available by region at <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/health/networks.htm>. Smalltooth sawfish encounters shall be reported to <http://www.flmnh.ufl.edu/fish/sharks/sawfish/sawfishencounters.html>.

*Failure to report take of a federally listed threatened or endangered species may lead to suspension, revocation, or modification of this authorization. (From Section 3(18) of the Federal Endangered Species Act: The term 'take' means to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct.)

11. Marine Life Entrapment: Neither structure nor material or the method of construction shall pose more than minimal risk of entrapping fish, marine turtles, or marine mammals. In-water lines must be industrial grade metal or heavy cables that do not readily loop and tangle. All in-water lines (rope and cable) must be rigid and cannot have excess line in the water. Lines may be enclosed in a plastic or rubber sleeve/tube to add rigidity.

12. Disposal of debris: Debris shall be properly disposed of in appropriate upland facilities in accordance with all applicable federal and state requirements.

13. Turbidity controls:

a. Shall be used throughout construction to control erosion and siltation and ensure that turbidity levels within the project area do not exceed background conditions.

b. Shall be made of material in which listed species cannot become entangled (i.e., reinforced impermeable polycarbonate vinyl fabric [PVC]), and shall be monitored to ensure listed species are not entangled or trapped in the project area.

c. Shall be removed promptly when the work is complete and the water quality in the project area has returned to background conditions.

d. Shall not block entry to or exit from designated critical habitat.

14. Protection of adjacent resources:

a. If an item cannot be removed without causing harm to surrounding coral or seagrass beds, the item will be disassembled as much as practicable to minimize future damage to the species.

b. Monofilament debris will be carefully cut loose from coral so as not to cause further harm. Under no circumstance will line be pulled through coral since this could cause breakage of coral.

c. Marine debris shall be lifted straight up and not be dragged through seagrass beds, coral, or hard bottom habitats.

This letter of authorization does not obviate the necessity to obtain any other Federal, State, or local permits, which may be required. Prior to the initiation of any construction, projects qualifying for this Nationwide permit must qualify for an exemption under section 403.813(1), Florida Statutes or 373.406, Florida Statutes, or otherwise be authorized by the applicable permit required under Part IV of Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, by the Department of Environmental Protection, a water management district under section 373.069, Florida Statutes, or a local government with delegated authority under section 373.441, Florida Statutes, and receive Water Quality Certification and applicable Coastal Zone Consistency Concurrence or waiver thereto, as well as any authorizations required for the use of state-owned submerged lands under Chapter 253, Florida Statutes, and, as applicable, Chapter 258, Florida Statutes. You should check State-permitting requirements with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection or the appropriate water management district.

This letter of authorization does not include conditions that would prevent the 'take' of a state-listed fish or wildlife species. These species are protected under sec. 379.411, Florida Statutes, and listed under Rule 68A-27, Florida Administrative Code. With regard to fish and wildlife species designated as species of special concern or threatened by the State of Florida, you are responsible for coordinating directly with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC). You can visit the FWC license and permitting webpage (<http://www.myfwc.com/license/wildlife/>) for more information, including a list of those fish and wildlife species designated as species of special concern or threatened. The Florida Natural Areas Inventory

(<http://www.fnai.org/>) also maintains updated lists, by county, of documented occurrences of those species.

This letter of authorization does not give absolute Federal authority to perform the work as specified on your application. The proposed work may be subject to local building restrictions mandated by the National Flood Insurance Program. You should contact your local office that issues building permits to determine if your site is located in a flood-prone area, and if you must comply with the local building requirements mandated by the National Flood Insurance Program.

If you are unable to access the internet or require a hardcopy of any of the conditions, limitations, or expiration date for the above referenced NWP, please contact me by telephone at 850-763-0717, extension 27.

Thank you for your cooperation with our permit program. The Corps Jacksonville District Regulatory Division is committed to improving service to our customers. We strive to perform our duty in a friendly and timely manner while working to preserve our environment. We invite you to complete our automated Customer Service Survey at http://corpsmapu.usace.army.mil/cm_apex/f?p=regulatory_survey. Please be aware this Internet address is case sensitive; and, you will need to enter it exactly as it appears above. Your input is appreciated – favorable or otherwise.

Sincerely,

Lisa S. Lowvorn
Project Manager

Enclosures

Copy Furnished:
Mr. Jon Dinges, Amec Foster Wheeler

GENERAL CONDITIONS
33 CFR PART 320-330

1. The time limit for completing the work authorized ends on **March 18, 2022**.
2. You must maintain the activity authorized by this permit in good condition and in conformance with the terms and conditions of this permit. You are not relieved of this requirement if you abandon the permitted activity, although you may make a good faith transfer to a third party in compliance with General Condition 4 below. Should you wish to cease to maintain the authorized activity or should you desire to abandon it without a good faith transfer, you must obtain a modification of this permit from this office, which may require restoration of the area.
3. If you discover any previously unknown historic or archeological remains while accomplishing the activity authorized by this permit, you must immediately notify this office of what you have found. We will initiate the Federal and state coordination required to determine if the remains warrant a recovery effort or if the site is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.
4. If you sell the property associated with this permit you must obtain the signature of the new owner in the space provided and forward a copy of the permit to this office to validate the transfer of this authorization.
5. If a conditioned water quality certification has been issued for your project, you must comply with the conditions specified in the certification as special conditions to this permit. For your convenience, a copy of the certification is attached if it contains such conditions.
6. You must allow a representative from this office to inspect the authorized activity at any time deemed necessary to ensure that it is being or has been accomplished in accordance with the terms and conditions of your permit.

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY PERMIT TRANSFER REQUEST

PERMIT NUMBER: SAJ-2017-00517(NW-LSL)

When the structures or work authorized by this permit are still in existence at the time the property is transferred, the terms and conditions of this permit will continue to be binding on the new owner(s) of the property. Although the construction period for works authorized by Department of the Army permits is finite, the permit itself, with its limitations, does not expire.

To validate the transfer of this permit and the associated responsibilities associated with compliance with its terms and conditions, have the transferee sign and date below and mail to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Enforcement Section, Post Office Box 4970, Jacksonville, FL 32232-0019.

(TRANSFEREE-SIGNATURE)

(SUBDIVISION)

(DATE)

(LOT)

(BLOCK)

(NAME-PRINTED)

(STREET ADDRESS)

(MAILING ADDRESS)

(CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE)

SELF-CERTIFICATION STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

Permit Number: SAJ-2017-00517

Permittee's Name & Address (please print or type):

Ms. Felicia Coleman
FSU Coastal Marine Laboratory
3618 Coastal Highway
St. Teresa, Florida 32358

Telephone Number: _____

Location of the Work: 3618 US Highway 98 in Section 35, Township 6, Range 3 West, St. Theresa, Franklin County, Florida

Date Work Started: _____ Date Work Completed: _____

PROPERTY IS INACCESSIBLE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTIFICATION: YES _____ NO _____

**TO SCHEDULE AN INSPECTION PLEASE CONTACT _____
AT _____**

Description of the Work (e.g. bank stabilization, residential or commercial filling, docks, dredging, etc.): restore and enhance salt marsh, oyster reefs and nesting water bird habitat

Acreage or Square Feet of Impacts to Waters of the United States: _____

Describe Mitigation completed (if applicable): N/A

Describe any Deviations from Permit (attach drawing(s) depicting the deviations):

I certify that all work, and mitigation (if applicable) was done in accordance with the limitations and conditions as described in the permit. Any deviations as described above are depicted on the attached drawing(s).

Signature of Permittee

Date