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UF IFAS Nature Coast Big Bend Seagrass Scarring Restoration

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

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Authorization – Not Approved

Permit No.: 62-0350866-001-EI

**Permit Issuance Date: March 6, 2017
Permit Construction Phase Expiration Date: March 6, 2027**

Consolidated Environmental Resource Permit and Sovereignty Submerged Lands Authorization

Permittee: Savanna Barry, PhD, and Joshua Patterson, PhD

Permit No: 62-0350866-001-EI

PROJECT LOCATION

The activities authorized by this **ten-year** permit and sovereignty submerged lands authorization starting at the western Wakulla County line about Latitude 29.87° N and Longitude -84.17° W, extending along the shallow seagrass beds of the Big Bend Seagrasses Aquatic Preserve (an OFW and AP) in Wakulla, Jefferson, Taylor, Dixie, and Levy counties, and the St. Martins Marsh Aquatic Preserve (an OFW and AP) in Citrus and Hernando counties, ending at the southern Hernando County line about Latitude 28.43° N and Longitude -82.88° W.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The permittee is authorized to protect and restore seagrass meadows that have been damaged by vessel groundings by using science-based technologies to actively restore 100 miles of prop scars over a ten-year period in Florida's Big Bend region. The project proposes to address seagrass protection and restoration within the Big Bend by prioritizing the densest scarring, restoring areas of existing damage and simultaneously increasing boater awareness of the issue to prevent occurrences of new damage. The goal of this project will be achieved by installing up to 50,240 cubic yards of encapsulated sediment with 528,000 nursery-grown seagrass planting units over a ten-year period. Seagrass planting stock will be derived from locally-sourced seagrass wrack from the same watershed as the restoration site. Restored prop scars will be monitored annually for three years. In addition, 300 temporary seagrass marker buoys will be deployed around scarring hotspots restored as part of this project to warn boaters and help prevent damage to restored areas in the future. These buoys will serve as improved aids to navigation and will help boaters avoid running aground or cutting a scar in seagrass meadows. Authorized activities are depicted on the attached drawings.

AUTHORIZATIONS

UF IFAS Nature Coast Big Bend Seagrass Scarring Restoration

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), Florida Administrative Code. 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 – IN-WATER CONSTRUCTION

1. Unauthorized impacts to wetlands or the littoral zone as a result of the activities shall be reported immediately to the Department.
2. Watercraft associated with the construction of the permitted structure shall operate within waters of sufficient depth to preclude bottom scouring, prop dredging or damage to submerged bottom or submerged resources. During all construction activities, there shall be a minimum of 1-foot clearance between the draft of the construction vessel/barge and the top of any submerged resources or submerged bottom.

SPECIFIC CONDITIONS – CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

3. This work area occurs over miles of coastline in multiple counties. Due to the nature of the project being restoration of prop scars which have not been thoroughly evaluated and are somewhat a moving target and acreage is an approximation for the materials and resources available for this project. The as-built, time zero, and monitoring criteria should provide all this information after the project has commenced.
4. This permit does not authorize the removal of any vegetation within the jurisdictional area. No dredging, filling, or other construction activity, including the removal of tree stumps and/or vegetative root masses, shall be conducted within the wetlands other than that performed within the specifically authorized work corridor.
5. Outside the specific limits of construction authorized by this permit, any disturbance of or damage to wetlands shall be corrected by restoring pre-construction elevations as to maintain natural hydrology, drainage patterns, and planting vegetation of the same species, size, and density that exist in adjacent undisturbed wetland areas.
6. The project shall comply with applicable State Water Quality Standards, namely:

- a. Surface Waters, Minimum Criteria, General Criteria – Rule 62-302.500, F.A.C.
 - b. Class III Waters – Recreation, Propagation and Maintenance of a Healthy, Well-Balanced Population of Fish and Wildlife. – Rule 62-302.400, F.A.C.
7. There shall be no storage or stockpiling of tools, equipment, materials (e.g., lumber, pilings, riprap, and debris) within wetlands, along the shoreline within the littoral zone, or elsewhere within waters of the state unless specifically approved in this permit. Any and all construction debris shall be removed from wetlands/waters of the state within 14 days of completion of the work authorized by this permit.
8. There shall be no discharge of construction debris into the waters of the state as conditioned by this permit enforceable under the Florida Litter Law 403.413, F.S., by all law enforcement officers.
9. If prehistoric or historic artifacts, such as pottery or ceramics, projectile points, dugout canoes, metal implements, historic building materials, or any other physical remains that could be associated with Native American, early European, or American settlement are encountered at any time within the project site area, the permitted project shall cease all activities involving subsurface disturbance in the immediate vicinity of the discovery. The applicant shall contact the Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources, Compliance Review Section at (850) 245-6333. Project activities shall not resume without verbal and/or written authorization. In the event that unmarked human remains are encountered during permitted activities, all work shall stop immediately and the proper authorities notified in accordance with Section 872.05, Florida Statutes.

SPECIFIC CONDITIONS – MANATEES

10. All personnel associated with the project shall be instructed about the presence of manatees and manatee speed zones, and the need to avoid collisions with, and injury to manatees. The permittee shall advise all construction personnel that there are civil and criminal penalties for harming, harassing, or killing manatees which are protected under the Marine Mammal Protection Act, the Endangered Species Act, and the Florida Manatee Sanctuary Act.
11. All vessels associated with the construction project shall operate at "Idle Speed/No Wake" at all times while in the immediate area and while in water where the draft of the vessel provides less than a four-foot clearance from the bottom. All vessels shall follow routes of deep water whenever possible.
12. Siltation or turbidity barriers shall be made of material in which manatees cannot become entangled, shall be properly secured, and shall be regularly monitored to avoid manatee entanglement or entrapment. Barriers shall not impede manatee movement.
13. All on-site project personnel are responsible for observing water-related activities for the presence of manatees. All in-water operations, including vessels, shall be shut down if a manatee comes within 50 feet of the operation. Activities shall not resume until every manatee has moved beyond the 50-foot radius of the project operation, or until 30 minutes has elapsed wherein a manatee has not reappeared within 50 feet of the operation. Animals shall not be herded away or harassed into leaving.

14. Any collision with or injury to a manatee shall be reported immediately to the FWC Hotline at 1-888-404-FWCC. Collision and/or injury should also be reported to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Jacksonville (1-904-731-3336) for north Florida or Vero Beach (1-772-562-3909) for south Florida.

15. Temporary signs concerning manatees shall be posted prior to and during all in-water project activities. All signs are to be removed by the permittee upon completion of the project. Awareness signs that have already been approved for this use by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) must be used. One sign measuring at least 3 ft. by 4 ft. which reads *Caution: Manatee Area* must be posted. A second sign measuring at least 8 1/2" by 11" explaining the requirements for "Idle Speed/No Wake" and the shutdown of in-water operations must be posted in a location prominently visible to all personnel engaged in water-related activities. Please see the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission website for information on how to obtain appropriate signs: http://www.myfwc.com/docs/WildlifeHabitats/Manatee_EducationalSign.pdf

SPECIFIC CONDITIONS – OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES

16. The installation of the seagrass information markers will require a Florida Uniform Waterway Marker Permit to ensure compliance with Chapter 68D-23, Florida Administrative Code, and Section 327.40, Florida Statutes. In addition, applicant may want to consider adopting boating safety regulations at the public boat ramp pursuant to Section 327.46, F.S. Contact should be directed to FWC's Division of Law Enforcement, Boating and Waterways Section Waterway Management Unit at (850) 488-5600, email Waterway.Management@MyFWC.com, or write to Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Division of Law Enforcement, Boating and Waterways, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600.

SPECIFIC CONDITIONS – MONITORING/REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

17. For each phase/location of seagrass bed restoration, include with each As-Built submittal:
- a. The results from the sediment testing at University of Florida used to determine compatible sediment for filling the tubes. Summarize the type and characteristics of the sediments placed during each phase of the restoration activities.
 - b. Information about the registered aquaculture nursery contracted for this project.

SPECIFIC CONDITIONS – CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION

18. When projects authorized by the permit are to be constructed in phases, each phase or independent portion of the permitted project must be completed and the permittee must have submitted Form 62-330.310(1) "As-Built Certification and Request for Conversion to Operation Phase," in accordance with subparagraph 62-330.350(1)(f)2., FAC, certifying completion prior to the use of that phase or independent portion of the project. The request for conversion to the operating phase for any phase or independent portion of the permitted project shall occur before construction of any future work that may rely on that infrastructure for conveyance and water quality treatment and attenuation. Phased construction can include a partial certification.

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 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.
12. 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.
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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.

Executed in Jacksonville, Florida.

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT
OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'T. G. Kallemeyn', is written over a horizontal line.

Thomas G. Kallemeyn
Environmental Administrator

TGK/kp

Attachments:

Standard Manatee Conditions for In-Water Work 2011& Awareness Signs, 2 pages
Sea Turtle and Smalltooth Sawfish Construction Conditions, 2 pages
Construction Commencement Notice Form 62-330.350(1)
As-built Certification and Request for Conversion to Operational Phase/ Form 62-330.310(1)
Request to Transfer Permit/Form 62-330.340(1)
Project Drawings and Design Specs., 6 pages

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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 **March 6, 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.

Mandakini Patel March 6, 2017
Clerk Date

STANDARD MANATEE CONDITIONS FOR IN-WATER WORK

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The permittee shall comply with the following conditions intended to protect manatees from direct project effects:

- a. All personnel associated with the project shall be instructed about the presence of manatees and manatee speed zones, and the need to avoid collisions with and injury to manatees. The permittee shall advise all construction personnel that there are civil and criminal penalties for harming, harassing, or killing manatees which are protected under the Marine Mammal Protection Act, the Endangered Species Act, and the Florida Manatee Sanctuary Act.
- b. All vessels associated with the construction project shall operate at "Idle Speed/No Wake" at all times while in the immediate area and while in water where the draft of the vessel provides less than a four-foot clearance from the bottom. All vessels will follow routes of deep water whenever possible.
- c. Siltation or turbidity barriers shall be made of material in which manatees cannot become entangled, shall be properly secured, and shall be regularly monitored to avoid manatee entanglement or entrapment. Barriers must not impede manatee movement.
- d. All on-site project personnel are responsible for observing water-related activities for the presence of manatee(s). All in-water operations, including vessels, must be shutdown if a manatee(s) comes within 50 feet of the operation. Activities will not resume until the manatee(s) has moved beyond the 50-foot radius of the project operation, or until 30 minutes elapses if the manatee(s) has not reappeared within 50 feet of the operation. Animals must not be herded away or harassed into leaving.
- e. Any collision with or injury to a manatee shall be reported immediately to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) Hotline at 1-888-404-3922. Collision and/or injury should also be reported to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Jacksonville (1-904-731-3336) for north Florida or Vero Beach (1-772-562-3909) for south Florida, and to FWC at ImperiledSpecies@myFWC.com
- f. Temporary signs concerning manatees shall be posted prior to and during all in-water project activities. All signs are to be removed by the permittee upon completion of the project. Temporary signs that have already been approved for this use by the FWC must be used. One sign which reads *Caution: Boaters* must be posted. A second sign measuring at least 8 ½" by 11" explaining the requirements for "Idle Speed/No Wake" and the shut down of in-water operations must be posted in a location prominently visible to all personnel engaged in water-related activities. These signs can be viewed at MyFWC.com/manatee. Questions concerning these signs can be sent to the email address listed above.

CAUTION: MANATEE HABITAT

All project vessels

IDLE SPEED / NO WAKE

When a manatee is within 50 feet of work
all in-water activities must

SHUT DOWN

Report any collision with or injury to a manatee:



Wildlife Alert:

1-888-404-FWCC(3922)

cell *FWC or #FWC



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
Southeast Regional Office
263 13th Avenue South
St. Petersburg, FL 33701

SEA TURTLE AND SMALLTOOTH SAWFISH CONSTRUCTION CONDITIONS

The permittee shall comply with the following protected species construction conditions:

- a. The permittee shall instruct all personnel associated with the project of the potential presence of these species and the need to avoid collisions with sea turtles and smalltooth sawfish. All construction personnel are responsible for observing water-related activities for the presence of these species.
- b. The permittee shall advise all construction personnel that there are civil and criminal penalties for harming, harassing, or killing sea turtles or smalltooth sawfish, which are protected under the Endangered Species Act of 1973.
- c. Siltation barriers shall be made of material in which a sea turtle or smalltooth sawfish cannot become entangled, be properly secured, and be regularly monitored to avoid protected species entrapment. Barriers may not block sea turtle or smalltooth sawfish entry to or exit from designated critical habitat without prior agreement from the National Marine Fisheries Service's Protected Resources Division, St. Petersburg, Florida.
- d. All vessels associated with the construction project shall operate at "no wake/idle" speeds at all times while in the construction area and while in water depths where the draft of the vessel provides less than a four-foot clearance from the bottom. All vessels will preferentially follow deep-water routes (e.g., marked channels) whenever possible.
- e. If a sea turtle or smalltooth sawfish is seen within 100 yards of the active daily construction/dredging operation or vessel movement, all appropriate precautions shall be implemented to ensure its protection. These precautions shall include cessation of operation of any moving equipment closer than 50 feet of a sea turtle or smalltooth sawfish. Operation of any mechanical construction equipment shall cease immediately if a sea turtle or smalltooth sawfish is seen within a 50-ft radius of the equipment. Activities may not resume until the protected species has departed the project area of its own volition.
- f. Any collision with and/or injury to a sea turtle or smalltooth sawfish shall be reported immediately to the National Marine Fisheries Service's Protected Resources Division (727-824-5312) and the local authorized sea turtle stranding/rescue organization.
- g. Any special construction conditions, required of your specific project, outside these general conditions, if applicable, will be addressed in the primary consultation.

Revised: March 23, 2006

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Additions

to the

"Sea Turtle and Smalltooth Sawfish Construction Conditions"

for SPGP V

- a. Any collision(s) with and/or injuries to any 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).
- b. Reports to NMFS's Protected Resources Division (PRD) may be made by email to takereport.nmfs@noaa.gov.
- c. Sea turtle and marine mammal stranding/rescue organizations' contact information is available by region at <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/health/networks.htm>.
- d. Smalltooth sawfish encounters shall be reported to <http://www.flmnh.ufl.edu/fish/sharks/sawfish/sawfishencounters.html>.
- e. All work must occur during daylight hours.

CONSTRUCTION COMMENCEMENT NOTICE

Instructions: In accordance with Chapter 62-330.350(1)(d), F.A.C., complete and submit this form at least 48 hours prior to commencement of activity authorized by permit.

Permit No. _____ Application No. _____
Project _____
Name _____ Phase _____

Construction of the system authorized by the above referenced Environmental Resource
Permit and Application, is expected to commence on _____, 20____
and will have an estimated completion date of _____, 20____

PLEASE NOTE: If the actual construction commencement date is not known within 30 days of issuance of the permit, District staff should be so notified in writing. As soon as a construction commencement date is known, the permittee shall submit a completed construction commencement notice form.

_____ Permittee's or Authorized Agent's Signature	_____ Company	
_____ Print Name	_____ Title	_____ Date
_____ E-mail	_____ Phone Number	



AS-BUILT CERTIFICATION AND REQUEST FOR CONVERSION TO OPERATION PHASE

Instructions: Complete and submit this page within 30 days of completion of the permitted activities, as required by the permit conditions. **Any components of the permitted activities that are not in substantial conformance with the permit must be corrected or a modification of the permit will be required in accordance with Rule 62-330.315, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.).** The operation phase of the permit is effective when the construction certification for the entire permit/application is approved by the Agency. If the final operation and maintenance entity is not the permittee, the permittee shall operate the system, works or other activities temporarily until such time as the transfer to the operation entity is finalized (use Form 62-330.310(2)).

Permit No.:	Application No(s).	Permittee:
Project Name:		Phase (if applicable):

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT (please choose accurately and check only one box):

- ☐ I hereby notify the Agency of the completion of construction of all the components of the system, works or other activities for the above referenced project and certify that it has been constructed in substantial conformance with the plans specifications and conditions permitted by the Agency. Any minor deviations will not prevent the system from functioning in compliance with the requirements of Chapter 62-330, F.A.C. Attached is documentary evidence of satisfaction of any outstanding permit conditions, other than long term monitoring and inspection requirements.
- ☐ At the time of final inspection, the works or activities were NOT completed in substantial conformance with the plans and specifications permitted by the Agency. (The registered professional shall describe the substantial deviation(s) in writing, and provide confirming depiction on the as-built drawings and information.)

If there were substantial deviations, plans must be submitted clearly labeled as “as-built” or “record” drawings reflecting the substantial deviations. If there are no substantial deviations, do not submit “as built” drawings.

For activities that require certification by a registered professional:

By:

Signature	Print Name	Fla. Lic. or Reg. No
! AFFIX SEAL !	Company Name	
	Company Address	Date

For activities that do not require certification by a registered professional:

By:

Signature	Print Name	
	Company Name	
	Company Address	Date



DRAWINGS AND INFORMATION CHECKLIST

Following is a list of information that is to be verified and/or submitted by the Registered Professional or Permittee:

1. All surveyed dimensions and elevations shall be certified by a registered Surveyor or Mapper under Chapter 472, F.S.
2. The registered professional's certification shall be based upon on-site observation of construction (scheduled and conducted by the registered professional of record or by a project representative under direct supervision) and review of as-built drawings, with field measurements and verification as needed, for the purpose of determining if the work was completed in accordance with original permitted construction plans, specifications and conditions.
3. If submitted, the as-built drawings are to be based on the permitted construction drawings revised to reflect any substantial deviations made during construction. Both the original design and constructed condition must be clearly shown. The plans need to be clearly labeled as "as-built" or "record" drawings that clearly highlight (such as through "red lines" or "clouds") any substantial deviations made during construction. As required by law, all surveyed dimensions and elevations required shall be verified and signed, dated and sealed by an appropriate registered professional. The following information, at a minimum, shall be verified on the as-built drawings, and supplemental documents if needed:
 - a. Discharge structures - Locations, dimensions and elevations of all, including weirs, orifices, gates, pumps, pipes, and oil and grease skimmers;
 - b. Detention/Retention Area(s) – Identification number, size in acres, side slopes (h:v), dimensions, elevations, contours or cross-sections of all, sufficient to determine stage-storage relationships of the storage area and the permanent pool depth and volume below the control elevation for normally wet systems,
 - c. Side bank and underdrain filters, or exfiltration trenches - locations, dimensions and elevations of all, including clean-outs, pipes, connections to control structures and points of discharge to receiving waters;
 - d. System grading - dimensions, elevations, contours, final grades or cross-sections to determine contributing drainage areas, flow directions and conveyance of runoff to the system discharge point(s);
 - e. Conveyance - dimensions, elevations, contours, final grades or cross-sections of systems utilized to divert off-site runoff around or through the new system;
 - f. Benchmark(s) - location and description (minimum of one per major water control structure);
 - g. Datum- All elevations should be referenced to a vertical datum clearly identified on the plans, preferably the same datum used in the permit plans.
4. Wetland mitigation or restoration areas - Show the plan view of all areas, depicting a spatial distribution of plantings conducted by zone (if plantings are required by permit), with a list showing all species planted in each zone, numbers of each species, sizes, date(s) planted and identification of source of material; also provide the dimensions, elevations, contours and representative cross-sections depicting the construction.
5. Any additional information or outstanding submittals required by permit conditions or to document permit compliance, other than long-term monitoring or inspection requirements.

REQUEST TO TRANSFER PERMIT

Instructions: Submit this form to the Agency within 30 days after any transfer of ownership or control of the real property where the permitted activity is located.

Note: Use of this form is not required when a valid permit is in the operation and maintenance phase. In such case, the owner must notify the Agency in writing within 30 days of a change in ownership or control of the entire real property, project, or activity covered by the permit. The notification may be letter, e-mail, or using this form, sent to the office that issued the permit. A processing fee is not required for this notice. The permit shall automatically transfer to the new owner or person in control, except in cases of abandonment, revocation, or modification of a permit as provided in Sections 373.426 and 373.429, F.S. (2012). If a permittee fails to provide written notice to the Agency within 30 days of the change in ownership or control, or if the change does not include the entire real property or activity covered by the permit, then the transfer must be requested using this form.

Permit No.: _____ Application No(s): _____ Date Issued: _____

Identification or Name of Surface Water Management System: _____

Phase of Surface Water Management System (if applicable): _____

PART 1: PROPOSED PERMIT HOLDER

The undersigned hereby notifies the Agency that I have acquired ownership or control of the land on which the permitted system is located through the sale or other legal transfer of the land. By signing below, I hereby certify that I have sufficient real property interest or control in the land in accordance with subsection 4.2.3 (d) of Applicant's Handbook Volume I; attached is a copy of my title, easement, or other demonstration of ownership or control in the land, including any revised plats, as recorded in the Public Records. I request that the permit be modified to reflect that I agree to be the new permittee. By so doing, I acknowledge that I have examined the permit terms, conditions, and drawings, and agree to accept all rights and obligations as permittee, including agreeing to be liable for compliance with all of the permit terms and conditions, and to be liable for any corrective actions required as a result of any violations of the permit after approval of this modification by the Permitting Agency. Also attached are copies of any recorded restrictive covenants, articles of incorporation, and certificate of incorporation that may have been changed as a result of my assuming ownership or control of the lands. As necessary, I agree to furnish the Agency with demonstration that I have the ability to provide for the operation and maintenance of the system for the duration of the permit in accordance with subsection 12.3 of Applicant's Handbook Volume I.

Name of Proposed Permit Holder: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____



Signature of Proposed Permittee

Date

Title (if any)

PART 2: RESPONSIBLE REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL

Name of Registered Professional who will be responsible for system inspections and reporting as required by Chapter 62-330, F.A.C. (if applicable): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

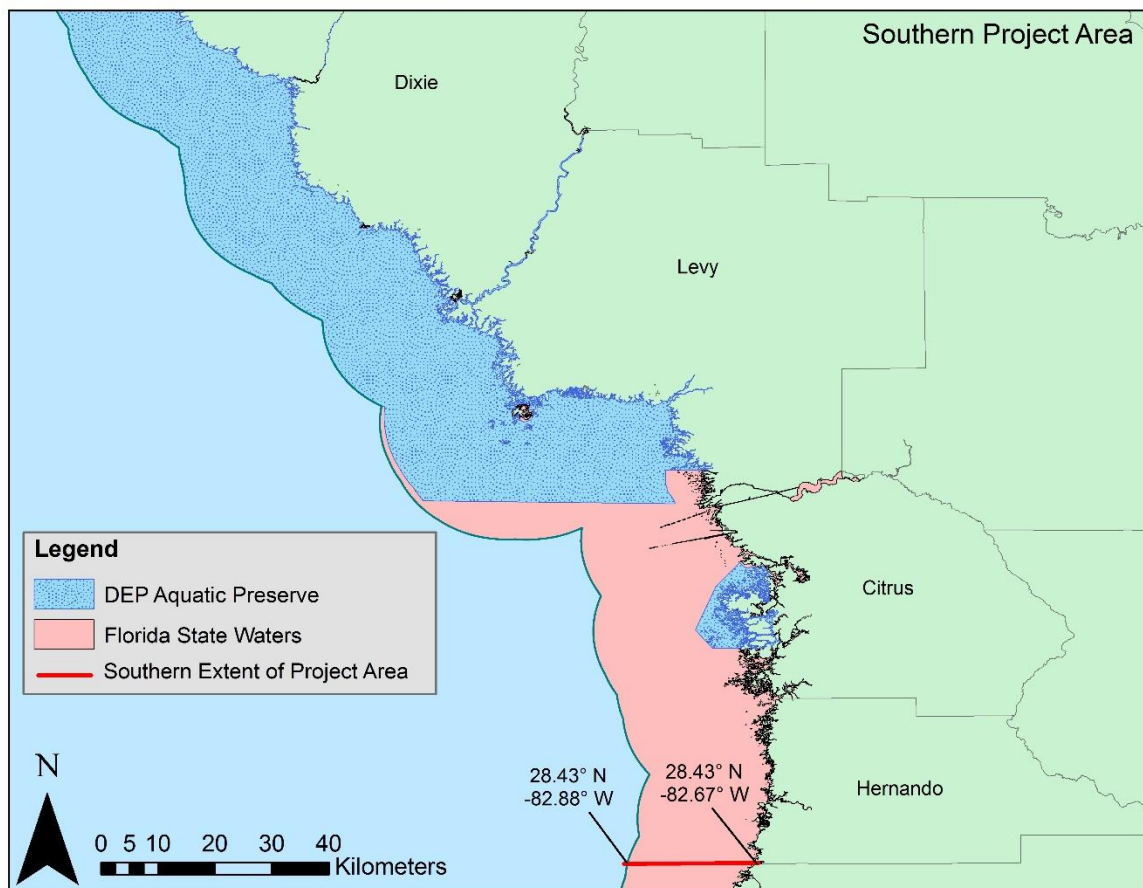
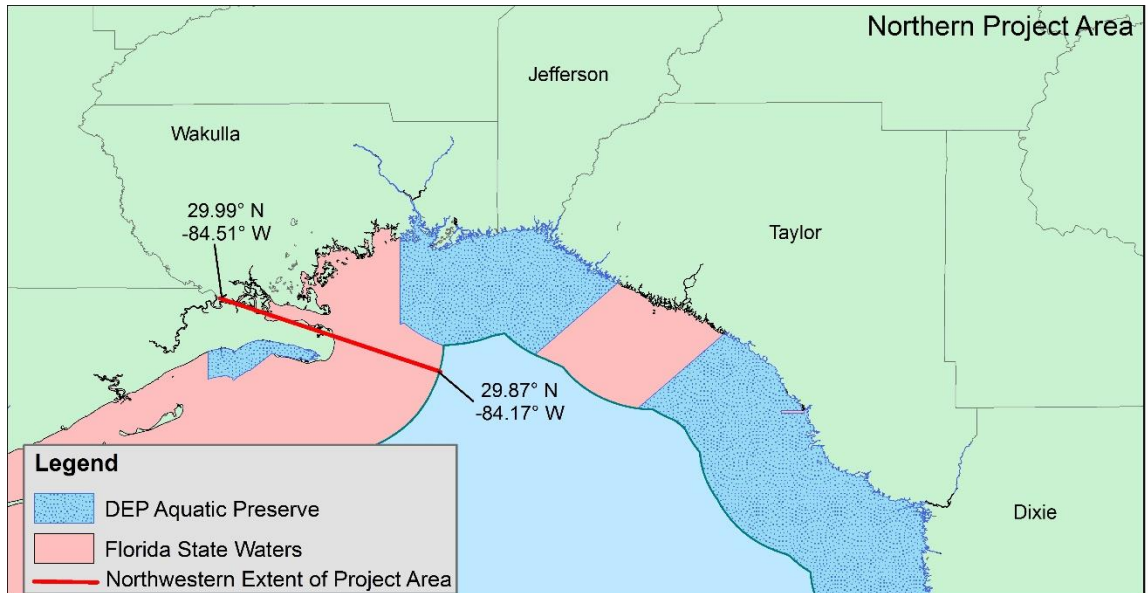
Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Enclosures:

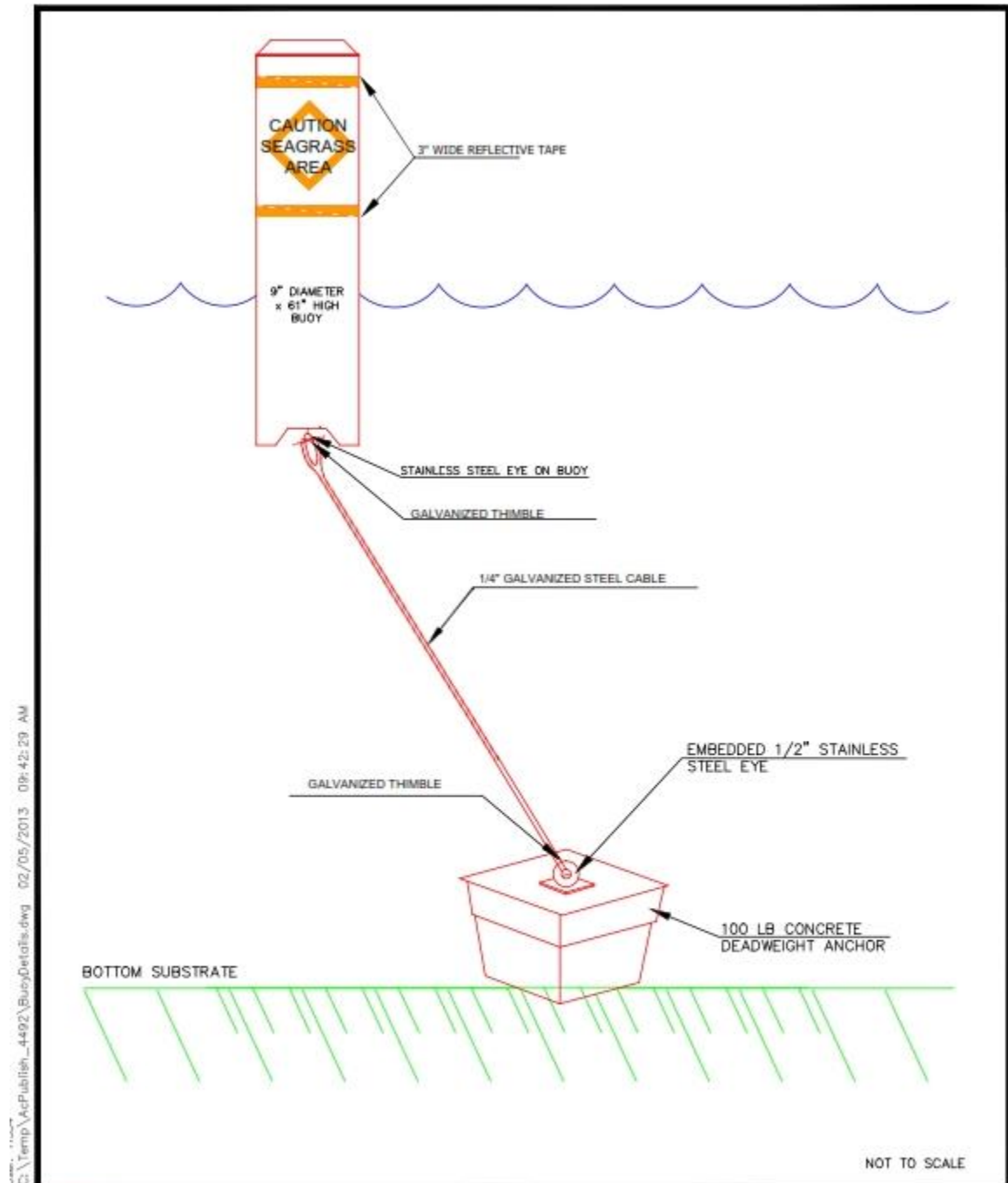
- ☐ Copy of recorded transfer of title for surface water management system
- ☐ Copy of plat(s)
- ☐ Copy of recorded restrictive covenants, articles of incorporation, and certificate of incorporation
- ☐ Other

8. Maps and Figures

8.a Restoration Boundaries



8.d Buoy Diagram



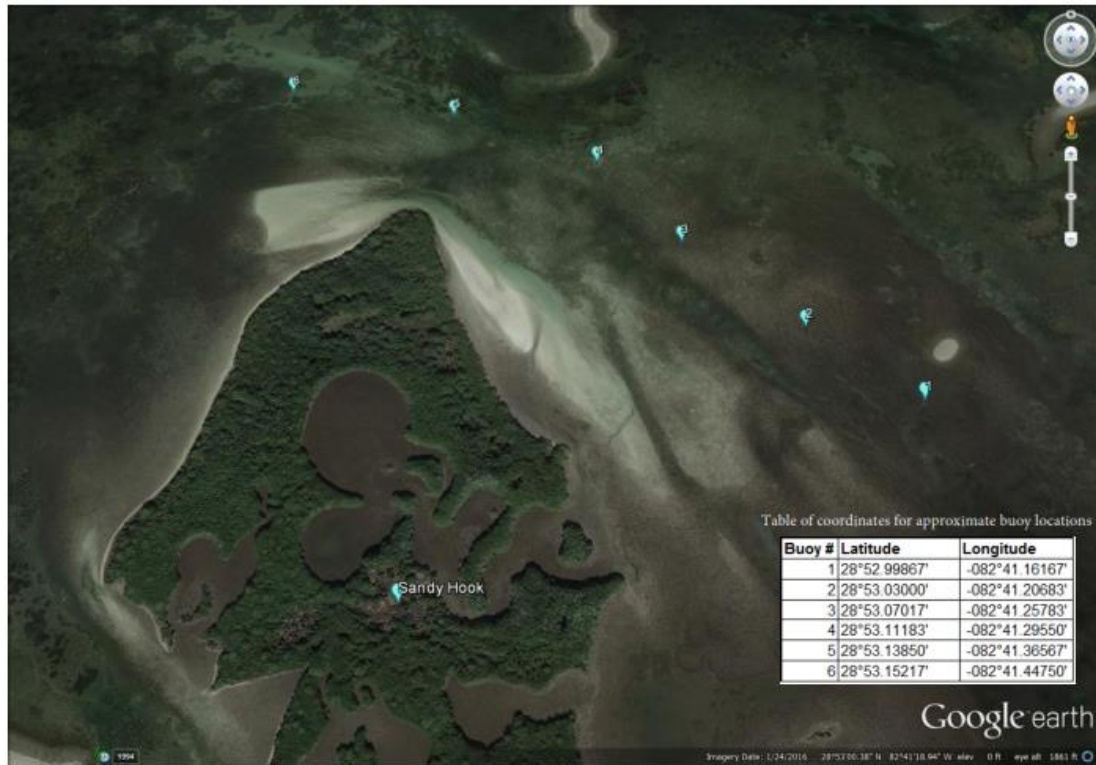
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Waterway Marker
Construction Service
Uniform Waterway Marker Details

"Traditional"
Buoy Mooring System
Stainless Steel Chain

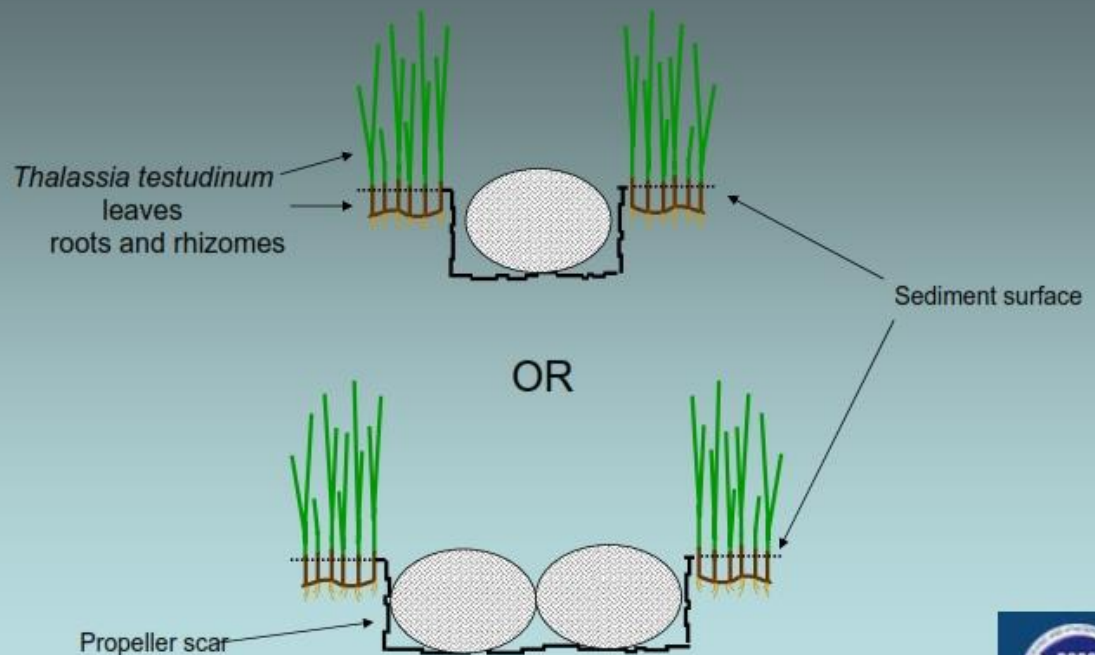
8.e Example of Buoy As-Built



Site plan overview for proposed buoy installation around north and east of Sandy Hook key, Crystal River shallow seagrass area.

8.f Prop Scar Profile

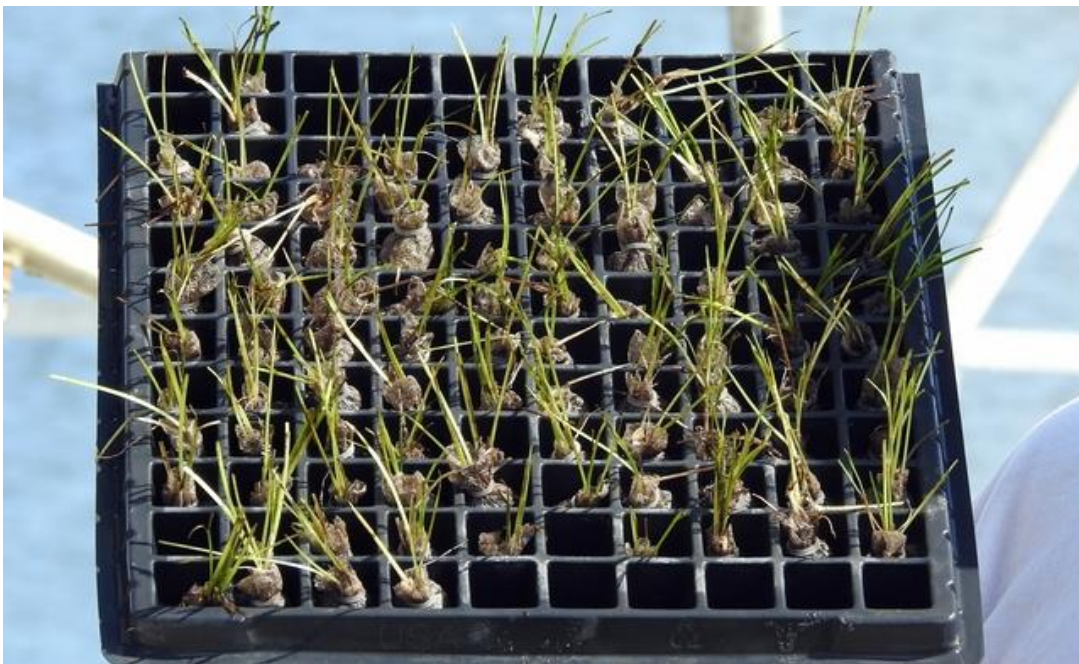
Cross-sectional view of deployment of sediment tubes into existing propeller scars. Depending on the width of the scars at the selected field site, tubes might be deployed side by side.



9.f Jeb Planting Unit



9.g Tray of Nursery Grown Jeb Units



9.h Planted Sediment Tube



9.i Mapping Planted Prop Scar for As-Built

