



Florida Department of Environmental Protection

South District

Self-Certification for Exempt Single-Family Docks

Availability and Limitations

December
2017





Self-Certification - Exempt SF Docks

An Exemption for a Single-Family Boat Dock

Self-Certification for:

- New Dock (0-2 boat lifts)
- Repair/Replace Dock
- Modify existing dock:
 - Change Configuration
 - Add more overwater area
 - Add 1-2 boat lifts



**Single-Family
(0, 1 or 2 Slips)**



Statute/Rule:

- 403.813(1), F.S.
- 62-330.051(5)(b) & (5)(d), F.A.C.



Self-Certification – You Decide!

An Exemption for a Single-Family Boat Dock

Self-Certification:

- **You** determine whether your single family dock can be constructed without having to obtain a DEP Environmental Resource Permit (ERP Permit)



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- May also obtain Federal Authorization (SPGP V)
- Immediate Results!





Self-Certification – DEP Business Portal

<http://www.fldepportal.com/go/>



Open door for:

- Property Owners
- Marine Contractors
- Environmental Consultants

Place to go to:

- Self-Certify your dock project is exempt
- Find information



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DEP Business Portal

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What Information can you find?

- Documents
- Events
- Maps
- Reports



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Calendars, park events, ...see more

Maps
View maps of interesting aspects of Florida.

Reports
Data, reports, public calendars, ...see more

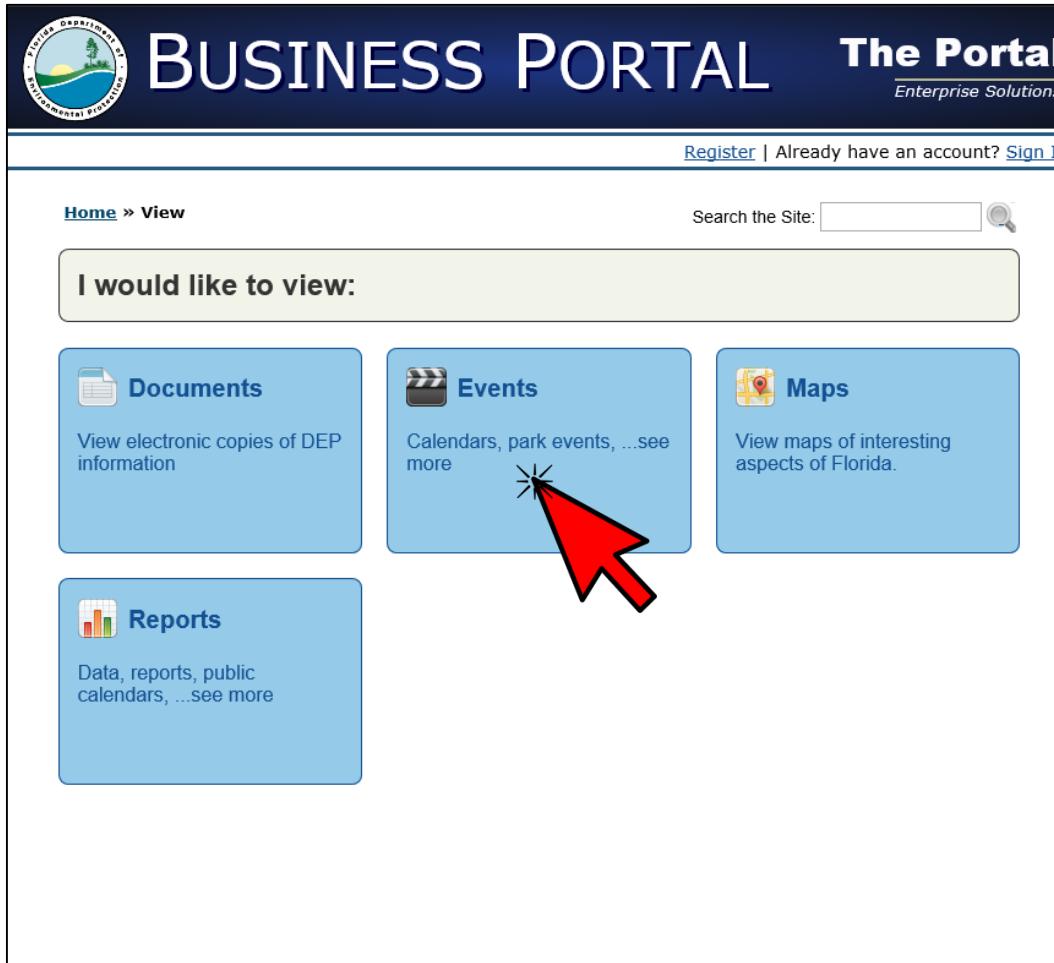
View Documents:

- Electronic Document Management System **“Oculus”**
 - Permits
 - Compliance reports
 - Enforcement documents
- Reprint a Receipt for an On-Line Payment



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View Events:

- Public Notices
- Outreach & Education Calendar
 - **Upcoming Workshops can be found here!**



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View Maps:
• Not “*Dock Related*”

Dock Related Information
can be found in

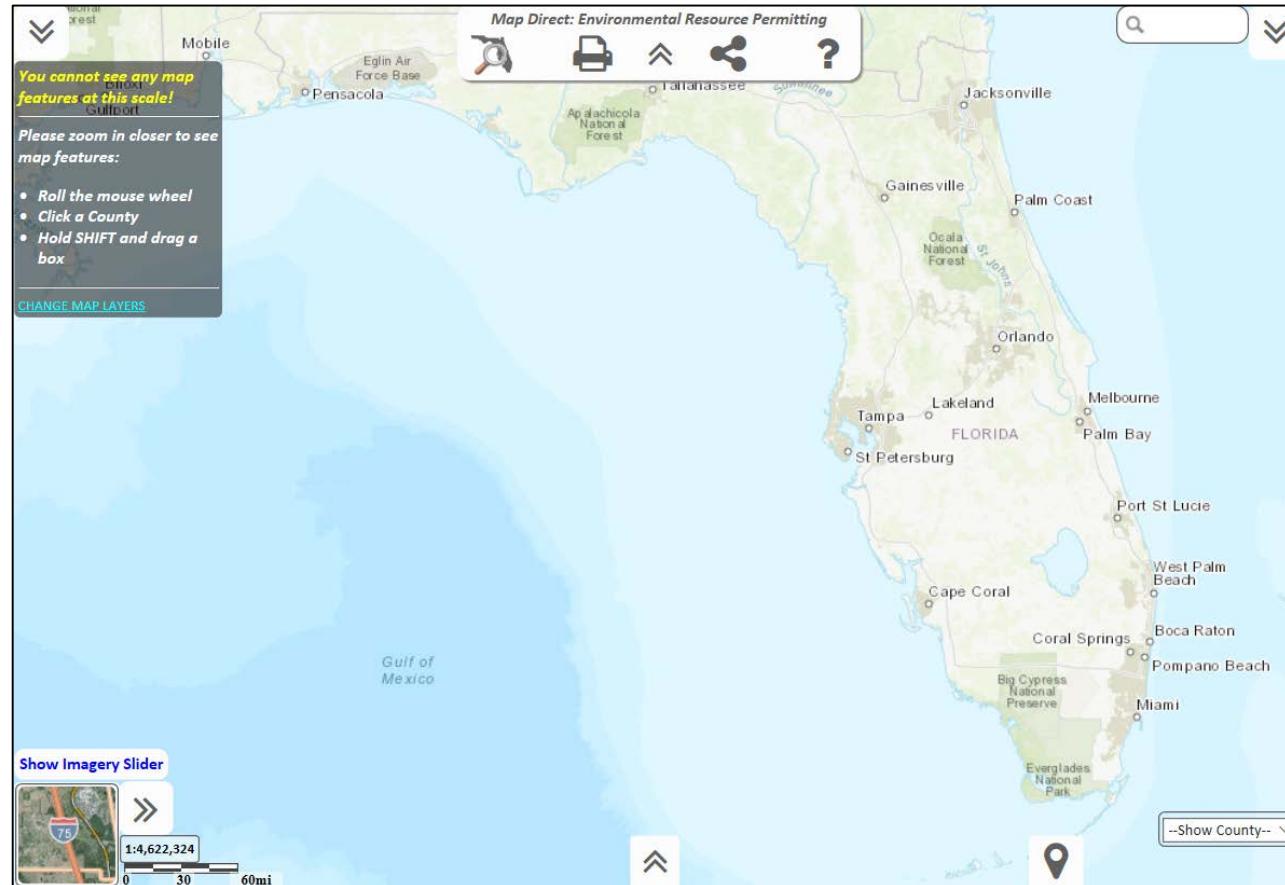
MapDirect:

[https://ca.dep.state.fl.us/
mapdirect/?focus=erp](https://ca.dep.state.fl.us/mapdirect/?focus=erp)



Not in DEP Business Portal

<https://ca.dep.state.fl.us/mapdirect/?focus=erp>



MapDirect Public Mapping Application

State Lands & ERP Program data:

- Permits
- C&E Sites
- Aquatic Preserves
- OFWs
- Surface Water Classifications
- State Lands Records
- DEP or WMD District Boundaries
- etc....



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View Reports:

- Cross Media



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A screenshot of the DEP Business Portal homepage. The header features the Florida DEP logo, the text "BUSINESS PORTAL", and "The Portal Enterprise Solutions". Below the header, there are links for "Register" and "Sign In". The main navigation bar includes "Home", "View", "Reports", and "Cross Media". A search bar is also present. A large text box contains the placeholder "I would like to view reports for cross media about:". Below this, a blue button labeled "Pending Permit Applications" is highlighted with a large red cursor arrow pointing to it. The rest of the page is mostly blank white space.

View Reports:

- Cross Media
 - Pending Permit Applications



DEP Business Portal

<https://floridadep.gov/sec/sec/content/permits-applications-under-review>

A screenshot of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) website, specifically the 'Permit Applications Under Review' page. The page features a large, scenic photograph of a sunset or sunrise over a field of tall grass. At the top, the DEP logo is on the left, followed by a navigation bar with links for 'A-Z Index', 'Forms', 'News', 'Events', 'Contact Us', and social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and NextDoor. Below the navigation is a search bar with the placeholder 'SEARCH...'. The main content area has a heading 'Permit Applications Under Review' and a breadcrumb trail: 'Home > Divisions > Office of the Secretary > Office of the Secretary (General) > Permit Applications Under Review'. A section titled 'Office of the Secretary Quick Links' contains links to 'Office of the Secretary Home', 'About DEP', and 'DEP Vision and Goals'. A 'Scroll for More Quick Links' button is visible. At the bottom, there is a section titled 'Permit Applications Under Review' with a description of how users can access permit applications and a list of links for further information.

Permit Applications Under Review

- Statewide
- By DEP Office
- By County
- Search for a specific application by:
 - Name or Number
 - DEP Office and Received Date



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Single-Family
(0, 1 or 2 Slips)

BUSINESS PORTAL **The Portal**
Enterprise Solutions

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Home

Welcome to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Business Portal. If you don't find what you're looking for please come back as we're continually adding to the site.

Search the Site:

I would like to:

- Apply** To build, repair, operate, discharge, ... see more.
- Pay** For fees, invoices, park reservations, ... see more.
- Sign Up** For subscriptions, newsletters, notifications, ... see more.
- View** Maps, data, reports, ... see more.
- Submit** Applications for grants and rebates, AGP Admin. Correction, leave feedback, ... see more.
- Continue** A partially completed business transaction or reprint a receipt for a previous transaction.

DEP Home | About DEP | Contact Us | Site Map

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for Exempt Single-
Family Docks:
Here is where to Apply



Self-Certification – DEP Business Portal

<http://www.fldepportal.com/DepPortal/go/apply/>



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The screenshot shows the 'Apply' section of the DEP Business Portal. At the top, there are links for 'Register' and 'Sign In'. Below that, a search bar is followed by a breadcrumb trail: 'Home > Apply'. A 'Search the Site:' input field with a magnifying glass icon is also present. The main area is titled 'I would like to apply to:' and contains eight buttons arranged in a grid:

- Build (highlighted with a red arrow)
- Close
- Discharge
- Get Licensed
- Operate
- Qualify
- Remove
- Repair (highlighted with a red arrow)

At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with links: 'DEP Home | About DEP | Contact Us | Site Map'.

**Self-Certification
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Family Docks:**

- **Build**
- **Repair**



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<http://www.fldepportal.com/DepPortal/go/apply-build>



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Home » Apply » Build

Search the Site:

I would like to apply to build:

[10-2 General Permit for Stormwater System in Uplands \(Self-Certification\)](#)

[Exempt Boat Lift at Existing Single Family Dock \(Self-Certification\)](#) 

[Field Permit for Minor Structures and Activities Seaward of the CCCL](#)

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BUILD

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BUILD

If you want DEP staff to:

- Verify an exemption
- Issue a GP
- Issue an Individual Permit

Not Self-Certification!



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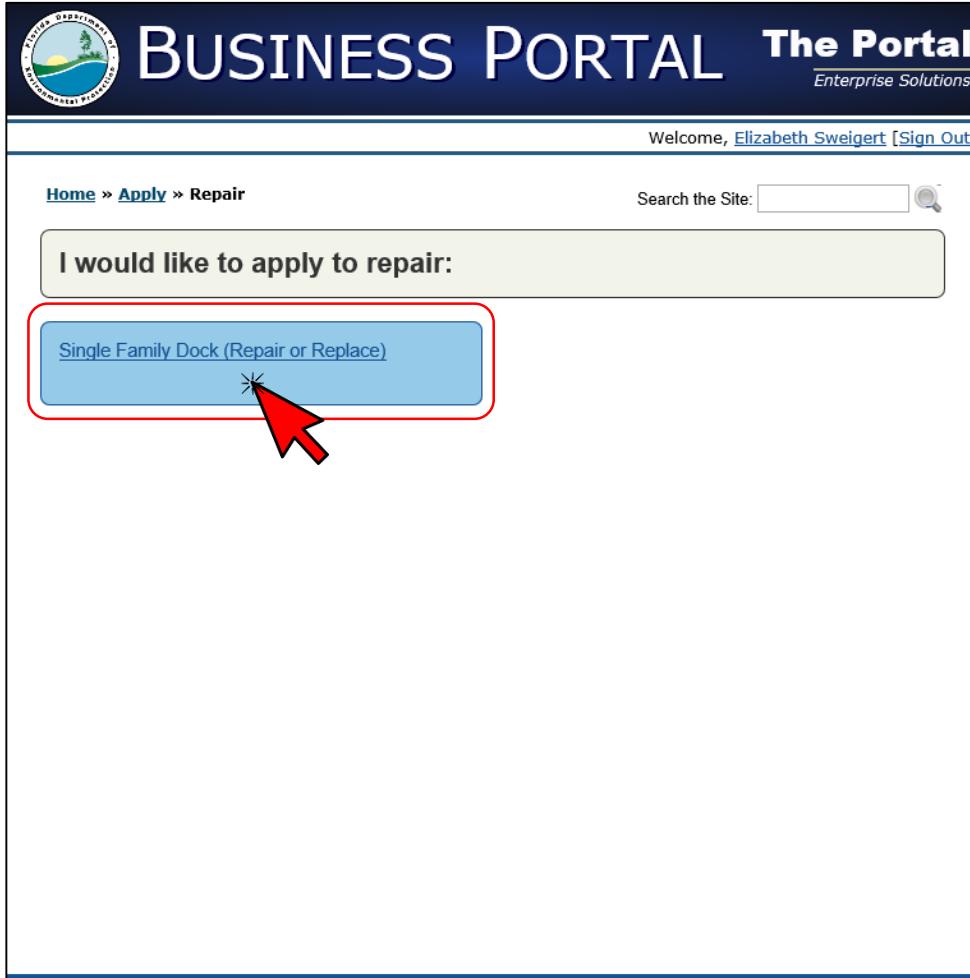
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Family Docks:**

- Build**
- Repair**



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<http://www.fldepportal.com/DepPortal/go/apply-repair/>



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REPAIR

Self-Certification for Exempt Single- Family Docks:

- New Dock (0-2 boat lifts)
- Repair/Replace Dock
- Modify:
 - Change Configuration
 - Add more overwater area
 - Add 1-2 boat lifts



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Limitations to Self-Certification

⚠ Single-Family projects only!

Not currently available for:

- **Commercial** (Review by DEP staff)
- **Multi-family** (Review by DEP staff)





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Limitations to Self-Certification

The screenshot shows the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Business Portal. The top navigation bar includes the DEP logo, a session timeout notice (059 minutes), and a welcome message for Elizabeth Sweigert with a sign-out link. The main content area is titled 'Authorization Process' under 'Additional Information'. It states: 'You are certifying that you want to construct a new Single-Family Dock.' Below this, there is a question 'My Project : *' with two radio button options: 'Includes up to two boat lifts.' (selected) and 'DOES NOT include a boat lift.' A note in a red-bordered box warns: 'Be aware that through the Self-Certification Process, the Boat Lift with other mooring cannot result in the mooring of more than two vessels (including jet skis). If the construction project includes more than two mooring sites, please contact your local district office.' At the bottom are 'Go Back to Previous Step' and 'Save and Go to Next Step' buttons. On the left sidebar, there is a list of steps with green checkmarks: 'Introduction' and 'Exemption Type'. Below these, under 'Additional Information', are: 'Limitations' (with a question mark icon), 'User Selection' (with a question mark icon), 'Agent Information' (with a minus sign icon), 'Owner Information' (with a question mark icon), 'Project Location' (with a question mark icon), 'Location Selection' (with a question mark icon), 'Eligibility Results' (with a question mark icon), 'FDEP Conditions' (with a question mark icon), 'NMFS Checklist' (with a question mark icon), and 'SPGP Conditions' (with a question mark icon).



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(0, 1 or 2 Slips)**

**⚠ Self-Certification
cannot result in a
structure with more
than 2 slips!**

Docks >2 slips = Review by DEP staff



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Limitations to Self-Certification



Some Structures cannot be authorized by Self-Certification Process:

- Floating Vessel Platforms
- Floating Boat Lifts





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Limitations to Self-Certification



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Some Structures cannot be authorized by Self-Certification Process:

- Piers



“Pier” means a fixed or floating structure used primarily for fishing or swimming and not designed or used for mooring or accessing vessels.



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Locations where unavailable:

- Biscayne Bay Aquatic Preserve
- DEP Division of Recreation and Parks Lands
- Manatee "No Entry Zone"
- Manatee "Motorboat Prohibited Zone"
- Unbridged, undeveloped coastal islands
- Waterward of Coastal Construction Control Line (CCCL)
- Sandy beaches fronting the Gulf of Mexico or Atlantic





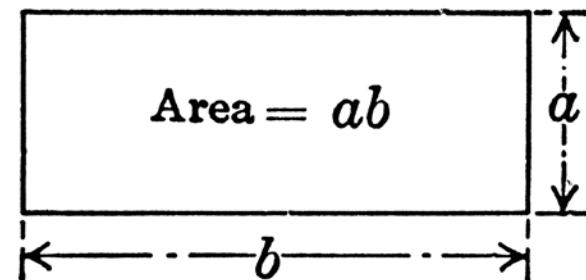
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Limitations to Self-Certification



Overwater Area

- 1,000 square feet or less
- 500 square feet or less if in an Aquatic Preserve or Outstanding Florida Waters
- Includes area over wetlands



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Limitations to Self-Certification



Overwater Area

- Roofs and Canopy Covers are included in Overwater Area Calculation!





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Roofs and Canopy Covers in Aquatic Preserves:

- Slip must contain a boat lift or davit
Note: Boat lifts cannot float
- Roof cannot overhang more than 1 foot beyond the footprint of the lift and/or vessel
- No Walls!
- Not included in square-footage calculation of a terminal platform

Section 258.42, F.S.

Maintenance of preserves. —The Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund shall maintain such aquatic preserves subject to the following provisions:

(3)(e) Structures may not be erected within the preserve, except:

1. Private residential docks may be approved for reasonable ingress or egress of riparian owners. Slips at private residential single-family docks which contain boat lifts or davits that do not float in the water when loaded may not, in whole or in part, be enclosed by walls, but may be roofed if the roof does not overhang more than 1 foot beyond the footprint of the lift and the boat stored at the lift. Such roofs are not included in the square-footage calculation of a terminal platform.



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Limitations to Self-Certification



Location is Important!

The screenshot shows the ESSA Business Portal interface. The top navigation bar includes the Florida Department of Environmental Protection logo, the title 'BUSINESS PORTAL', and the ESSA 'Enterprise Solutions' logo. A sidebar on the left lists several steps with green checkmarks: Introduction, Exemption Type, Additional Information, Limitations, User Selection, Agent Information, Owner Information, Project Location, and Location Selection. The 'Location Selection' step is currently active, indicated by a blue background and a blue radio button. The main content area is titled 'Authorization Process' and 'Location Confirmation'. It features a map of a residential area with streets labeled Union St, Liberty St, and Victoria Ave. A location marker is placed on the map with the label 'My Location'. A message at the bottom of the map area states: 'The location marker must reflect the exact location of your proposed project. Failure to provide an accurate location will result in invalidation of this exemption.' Below the map, a note says: "'My Location' represents the current location of the proposed project. If necessary, click on the map to move the location marker to reflect the exact location of your proposed project before selecting 'Continue'." A disclaimer at the bottom reads: 'By selecting 'Continue', you affirm that this is the exact location of the proposed project. By selecting 'Start Over', you will be taken to the original mapping screen.' At the bottom of the page are 'Start Over' and 'Continue' buttons.



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- The location marker must reflect the exact location of the proposed project!
- Failure to provide an accurate location will result in invalidation!





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Help us Avoid Multiple Site IDs!

Home Authorization Process

Loc

Use mapping tools to find your project location. If displayed, 'green checks' on the map represent locations (sites) already in our database. To view information for an existing site, click on the 'green check'.

- If your point already displays, click on the green check to select it, and click Continue. You will have the option to confirm or move the location on the next screen.
- If no location currently displays, click on the map to select the exact location of the point for your project and then click 'Continue'. A new location will be created for your project. You will have the option to confirm or move the location on the next screen.

[Go Back to Previous Step](#) [Continue](#)





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Self-Certification – Eligibility Results



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Is location eligible for Self-Certification?

- If **NO**: disqualifying criteria is displayed
- If **YES**:
 - Exemption Overwater Area per Location
 - 500 sq.ft. in Aquatic Preserve/OFW (or 1,000 Outside)
 - SPGP authorization (Federal Approval)

- Contact local government (for building permit)
- Contact WMDs for R-O-W permits
(if in Works of the District)

RESULTS



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Self-Certification – Terms & Conditions

You must read and accept Terms and Conditions



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	Florida Department of Environmental Protection Bob Martinez Center 2600 Blair Stone Road Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400	Rick Scott Governor Carlos Lopez-Cantera Lt. Governor Noah Valenstein Secretary
TERMS AND CONDITIONS		
Self Certification File No.: _____		
Construction Conditions: Private residential single family docks are subject to the following criteria in accordance with Section 403.813(1)(b), F.S. The dock to be constructed: 1. Has 1,000 square feet or less over water surface (includes adjacent wetlands) in accordance with Chapter 62-340, F.A.C.; 2. Is constructed on or held in place by pilings and is constructed so as not to involve filling or dredging other than that necessary to install the pilings; 3. Will not substantially impede the flow of water, cause water pollution, or create a navigational hazard.. 4. Is used ONLY for recreational, noncommercial activities associated with the mooring or storage of boats and boat paraphernalia; 5. Is the sole dock on the parcel; and 6. Must not be subject to any conservation easement or restrictive covenant of record prohibiting the activity.		
Boat lifts are subject to the following additional conditions: 1. Is to be installed in a proposed slip or, at or adjacent to the waterward end of the dock; 2. With other mooring will not result in the mooring of more than two vessels (including jet skis); 3. Will not substantially impede the flow of water, cause water pollution, or create a navigational hazard; 4. Will not be located in areas prohibited for mooring by a previously issued permit or other form of authorization issued by a local government;		

- Dock Criteria
- Boat Lift Criteria
- General Aquatic Preserve Conditions
- Aquatic Preserve Dock Criteria
- State-Owned Submerged Lands General Conditions
- Manatee Conditions
- Self-Certification Requirements

**TERMS & CONDITIONS
-APPLY-**



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Self-Certification – SPGP Approval



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National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) requires
Project Design Criteria (PDC)

- Must Accept or get separate Federal Authorization!
- Construction Guidelines in Florida for
Minor Piling Supported Structures in or over
Submerged Aquatic Vegetation, Marsh or Mangrove Habitat
- Sea Turtle and Smalltooth Sawfish Construction Conditions





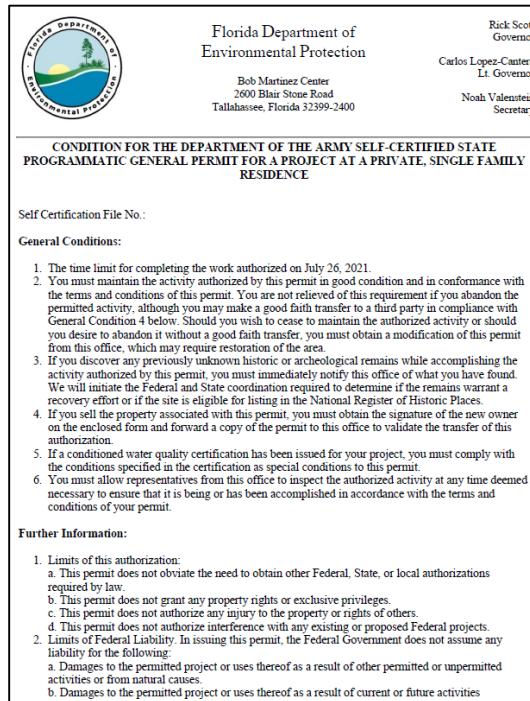
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SPGP Approval – Terms & Conditions



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- General Conditions
- Further Information
- Manatee Conditions
- Submerged Aquatic Vegetation Conditions
- Marsh and Mangrove Conditions
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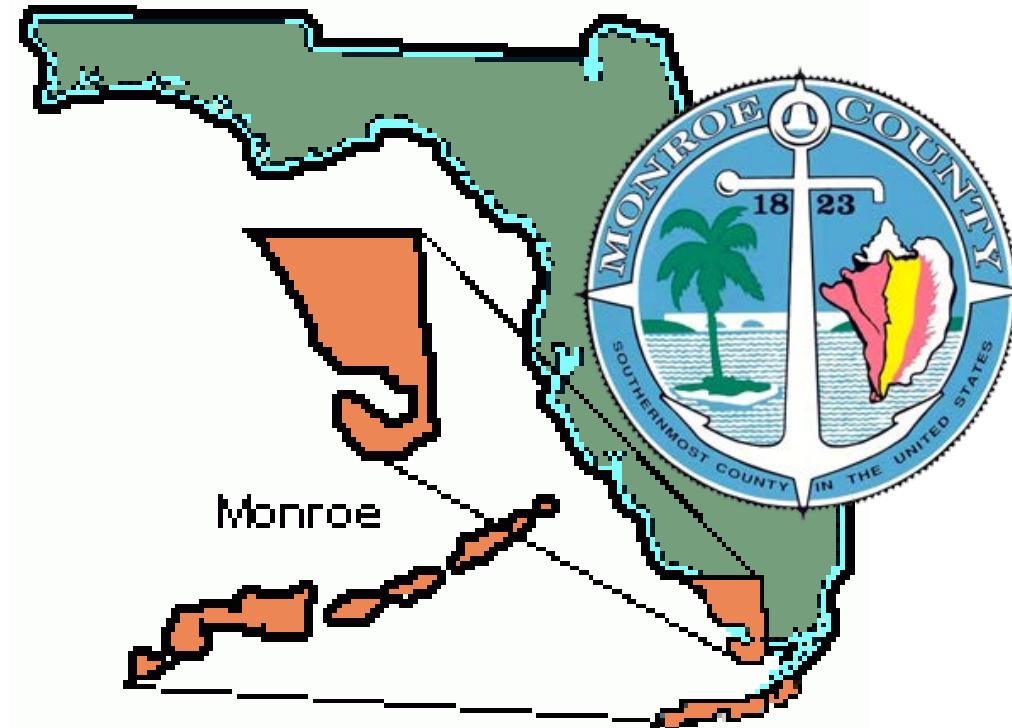


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Locations excluded from SPGP V approval:

- Monroe County (except adding a boatlift on existing pilings)



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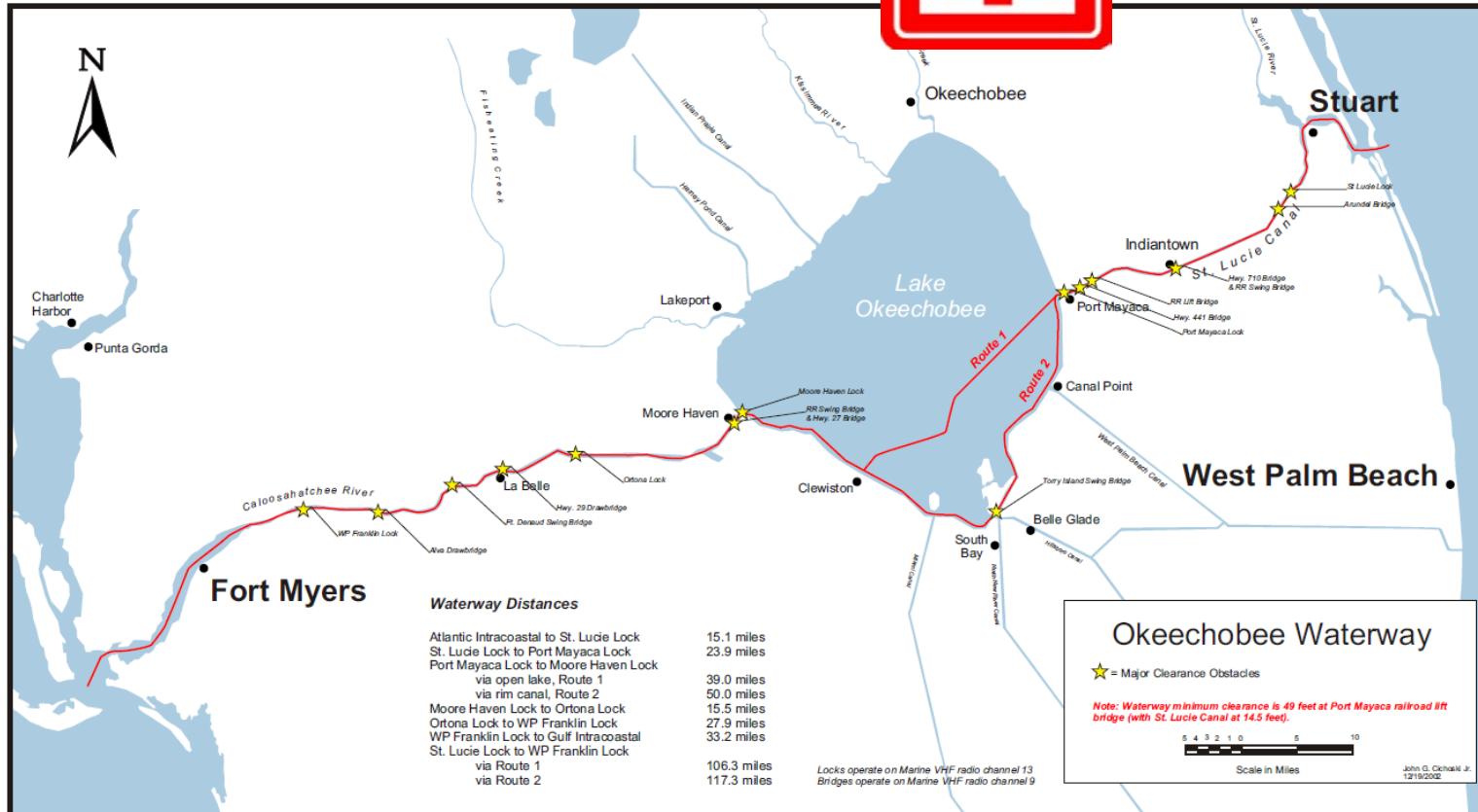


Locations excluded from SPGP V approval:



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- Federal Navigational Channels





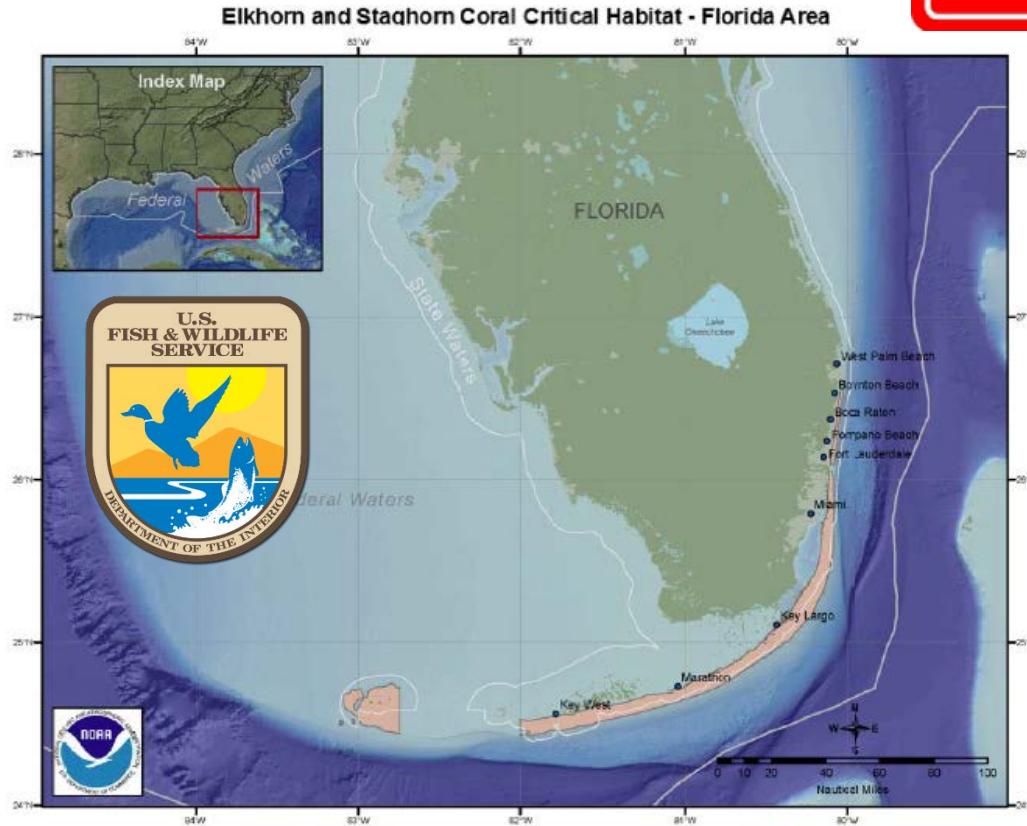
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⚠️ Locations excluded from SPGP V approval:

- Acroporid Coral Critical Habitat



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Elkhorn Coral (*Acropora palmata*)



Staghorn Coral (*Acropora cervicornis*)



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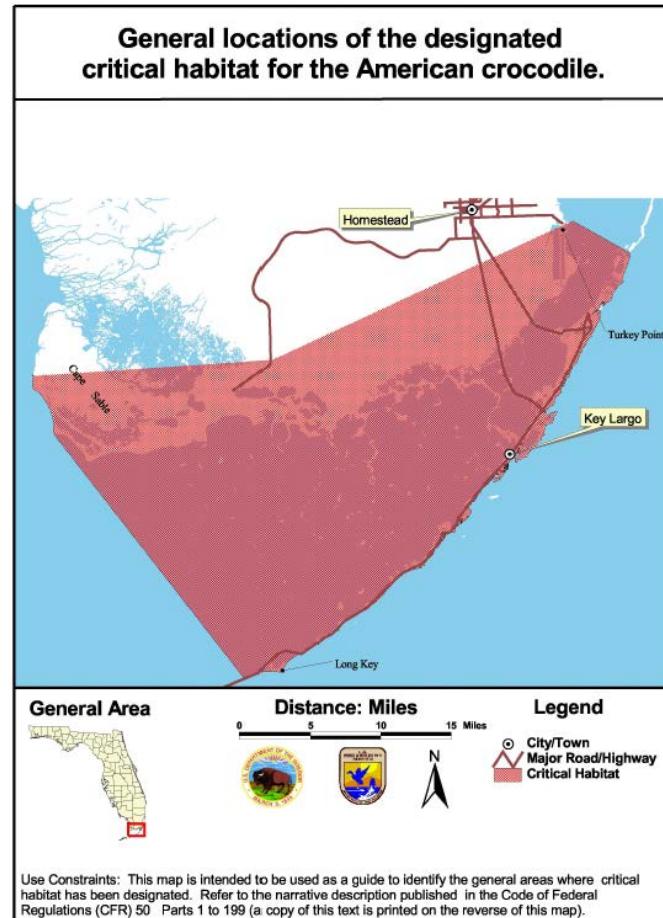
Piping Plover Critical Habitat





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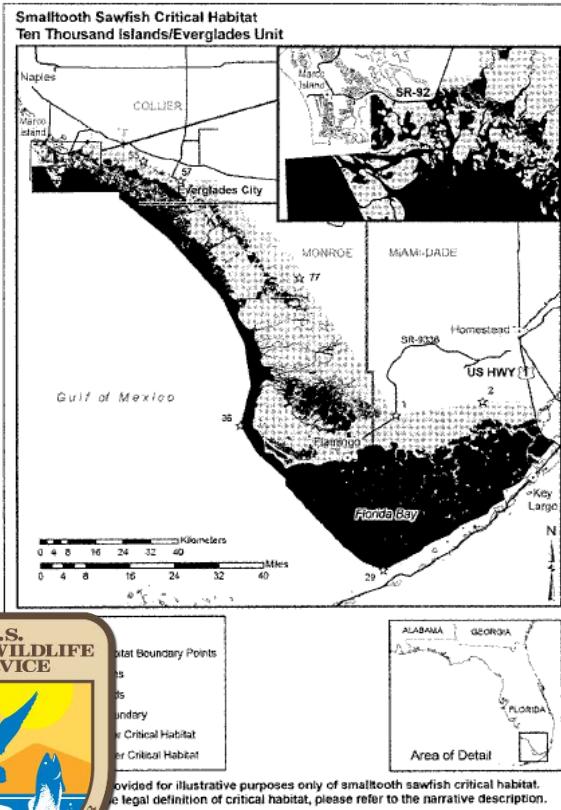
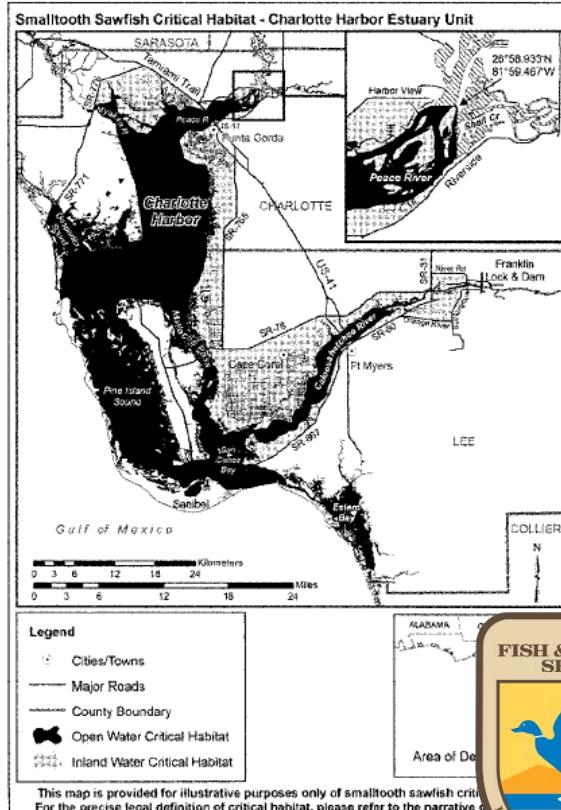
American Crocodile Critical
Habitat





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Smalltooth Sawfish
Exclusion Zones





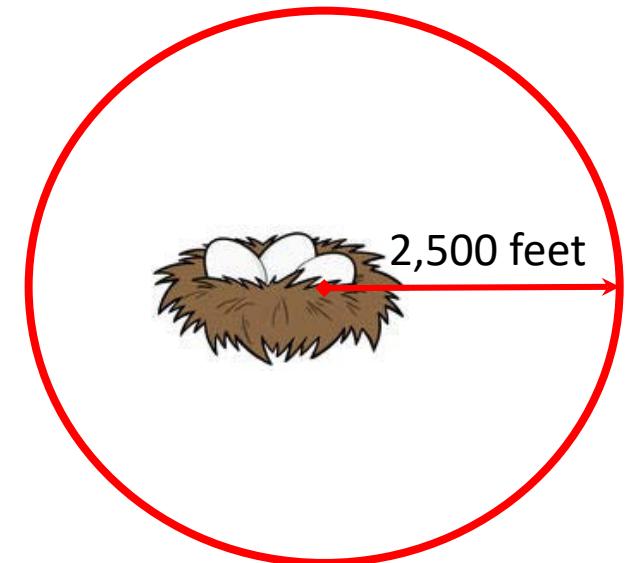
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Within 2,500 feet of
Wood Stork nest



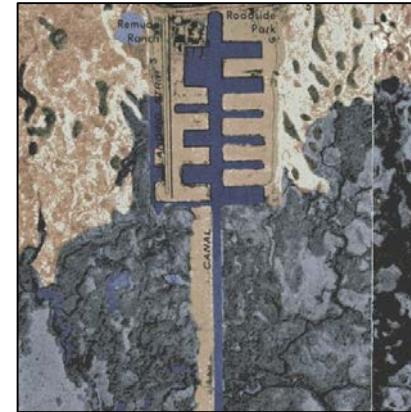


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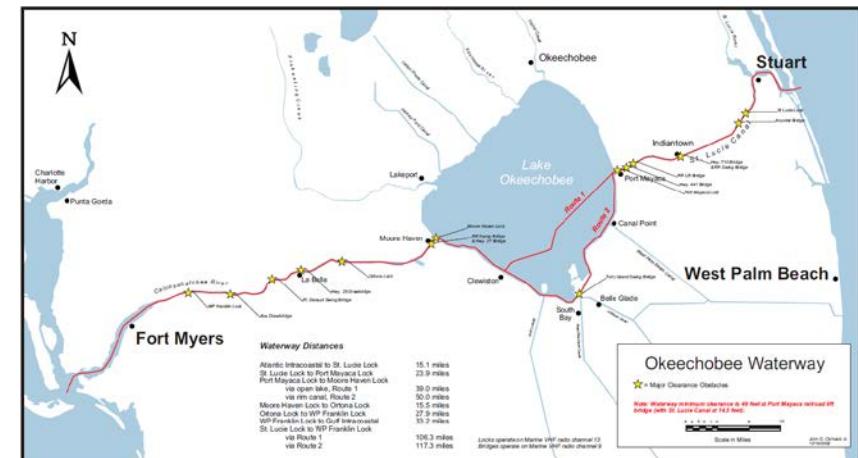
 **Locations excluded from SPGP V approval:**

Federal Special Waters:

- Biscayne Bay National Park
- Faka Union Canal
- Okeechobee Waterway



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QUESTIONS?

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 - Elizabeth.Sweigert@floridadep.gov
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