



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



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Self-Certification – DEP Business Portal

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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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Home Search the Site:

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.

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.

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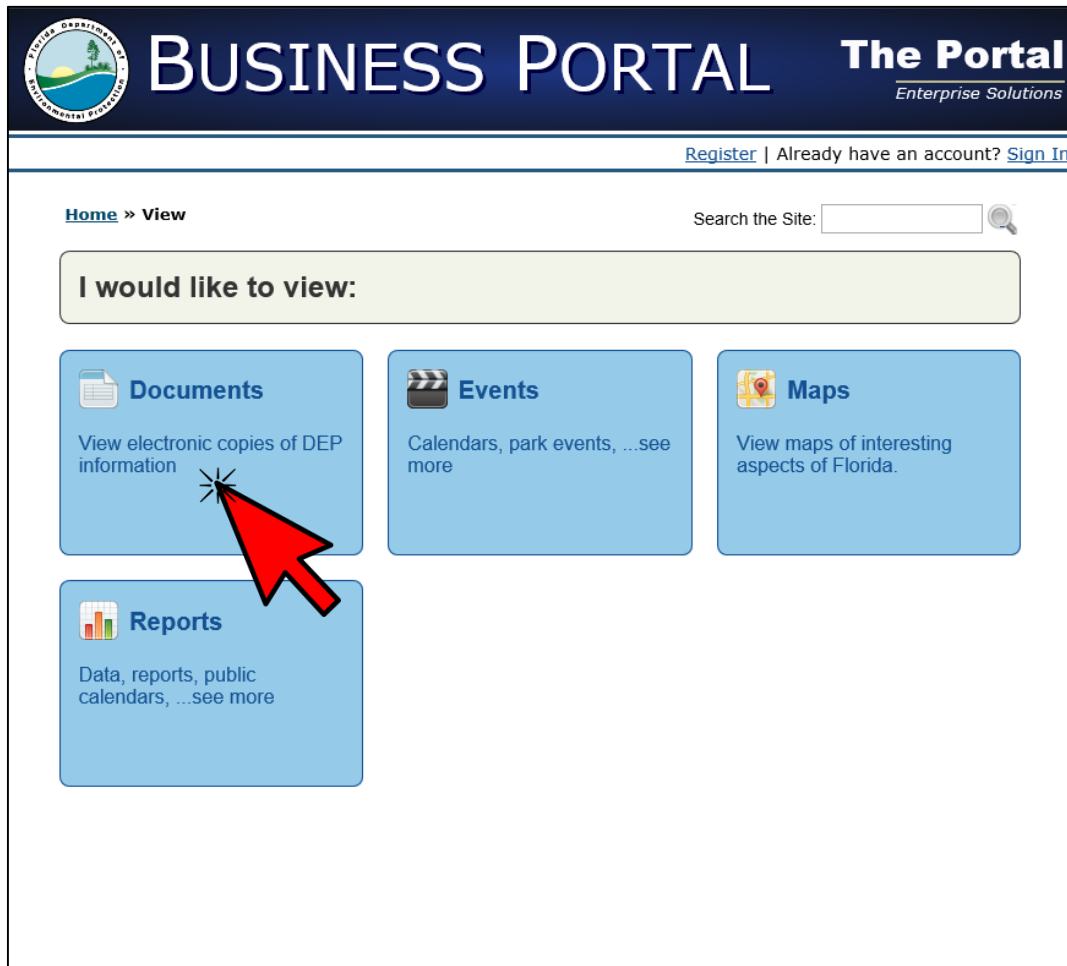
What Information can you find?

- Documents
- Events
- Maps
- Reports



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View Documents:

- Electronic Document Management System "Oculus"

- Permits
 - Compliance reports
 - Enforcement documents
- Reprint a Receipt for an On-Line Payment



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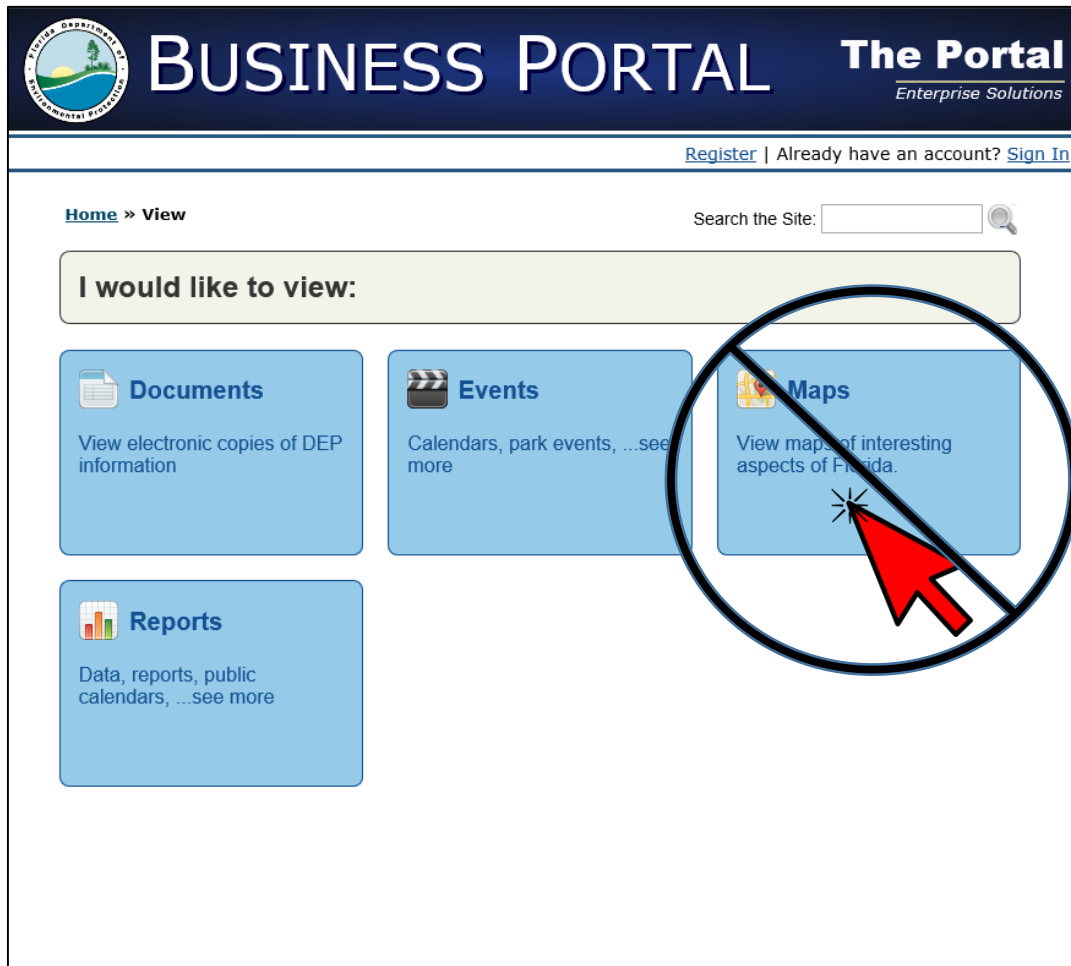
View Events:

- 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

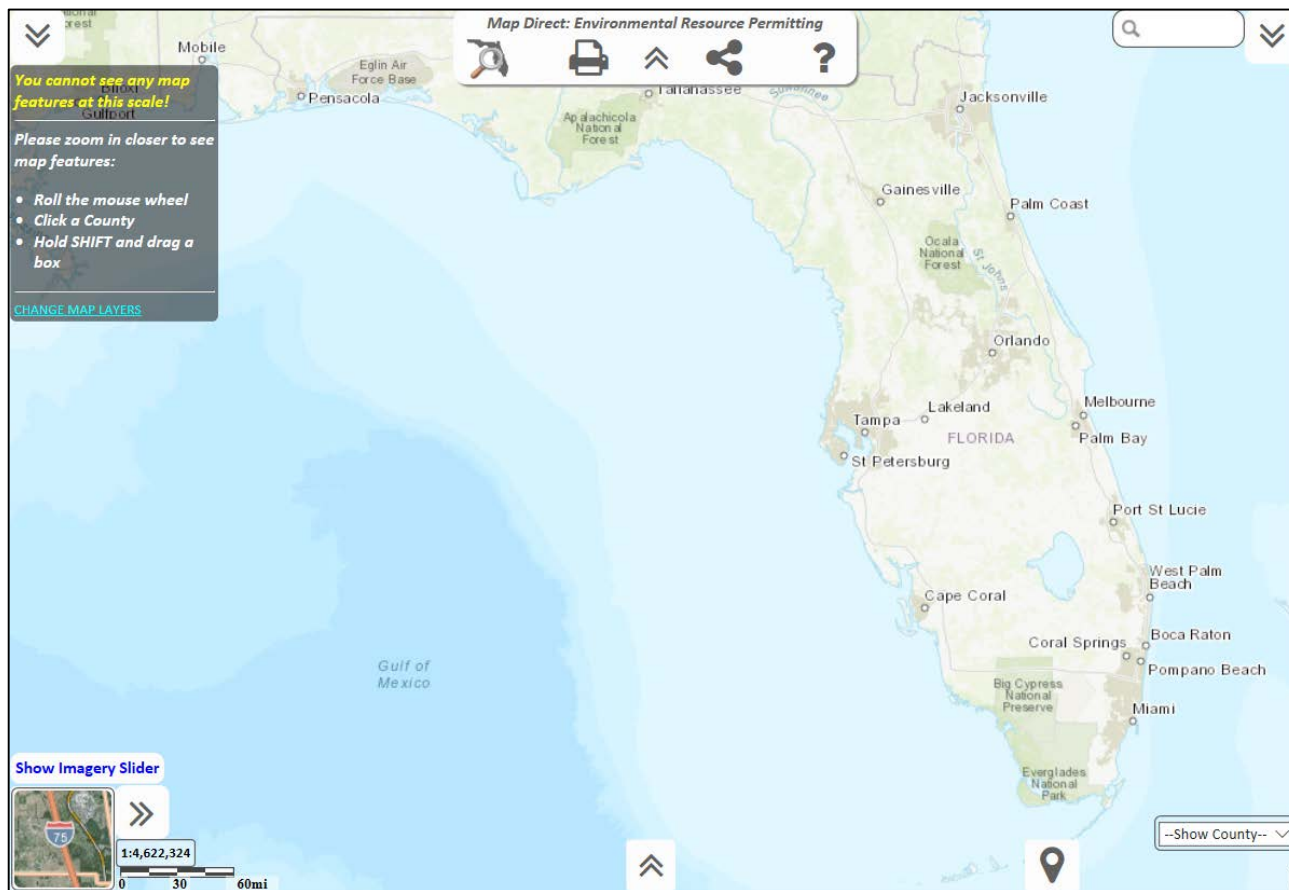
MapDirect:

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



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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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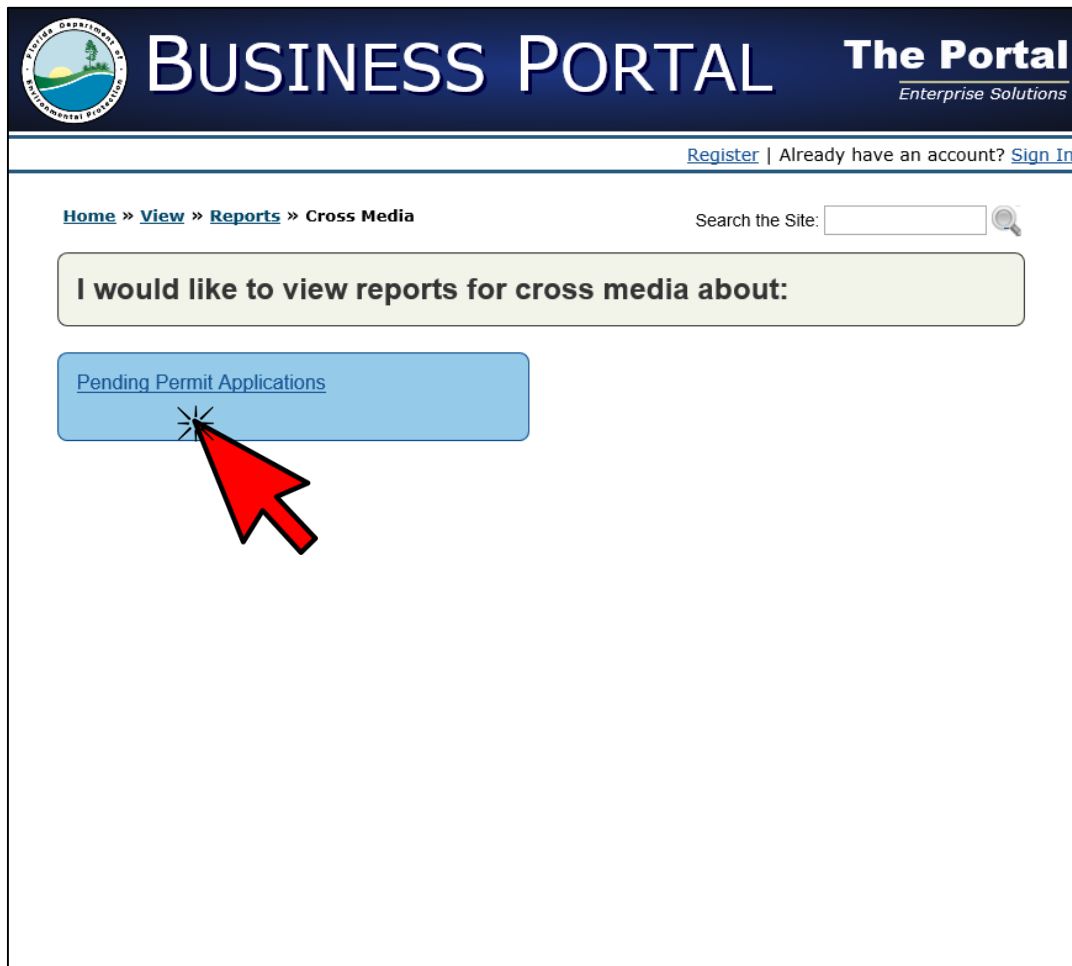
View Reports:

- Cross Media



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View Reports:

- Cross Media
 - Pending Permit Applications



DEP Business Portal

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

The screenshot shows the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) website. The header includes the DEP logo, navigation links (A-Z Index, Forms, News, Events, Contact Us), and social media icons. Below the header is a search bar and a main navigation menu with links for About DEP, How Do I, Divisions, Air, Lands, Parks & Rec, Waste, and Water. The main content area is titled "Permit Applications Under Review" and includes a breadcrumb trail: Home > Divisions > Office of the Secretary > Office of the Secretary (General) > Permit Applications Under Review. Below this is a section for "Office of the Secretary Quick Links" with a scrollable list of links: Office of the Secretary Home, About DEP, and DEP Vision and Goals. A "Scroll for More Quick Links" button is at the bottom of this section. The "Permit Applications Under Review" section explains that the following options allow permit applicants and the public access to permit applications currently under review within the Department of Environmental Protection. It lists five options: Number of permits under review statewide, Number of permits under review by DEP office, Number of permits under review by county, Search for a specific permit application, and Search for permit applications by DEP processing office and receive date range.

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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Here is where to Apply



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Self-Certification for Exempt Single- Family Docks:

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



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



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BUILD

Self-Certification for Exempt Single- Family Docks:

- New Dock (0-2 boat lifts)
- Repair/Replace Dock
- Modify:
 - Change Configuration
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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	Hazardous Waste Facility
Individual or Conceptual Approval Environmental Resource Permit	Notice of Intent to Use a General Environmental Resource Permit
NPDES Notice of Intent	Request for Verification of ERP Exemption
Exempt Single Family Dock (Self-Certification)	Solid Waste Facility
Solid Waste Facility using a General Permit	Waste Recycling Facility



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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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Self-Certification for Exempt Single- Family Docks:

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



Self-Certification – DEP Business Portal

<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



Self-Certification - Exempt SF Docks

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

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YOUR SESSION WILL TIME OUT IN 059 MINUTES. Welcome, Elizabeth Sweigert [Sign Out]

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Additional Information

You are certifying that you want to construct a new Single-Family Dock.

My Project : * ☐ Includes up to two boat lifts.
☐ DOES NOT include a boat lift.

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**.

[Go Back to Previous Step](#) [Save and Go to Next Step](#)



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 **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



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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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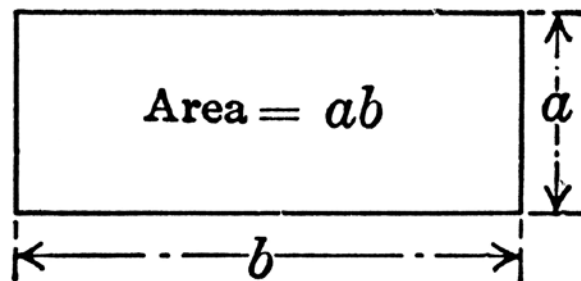


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Overwater Area

- **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.



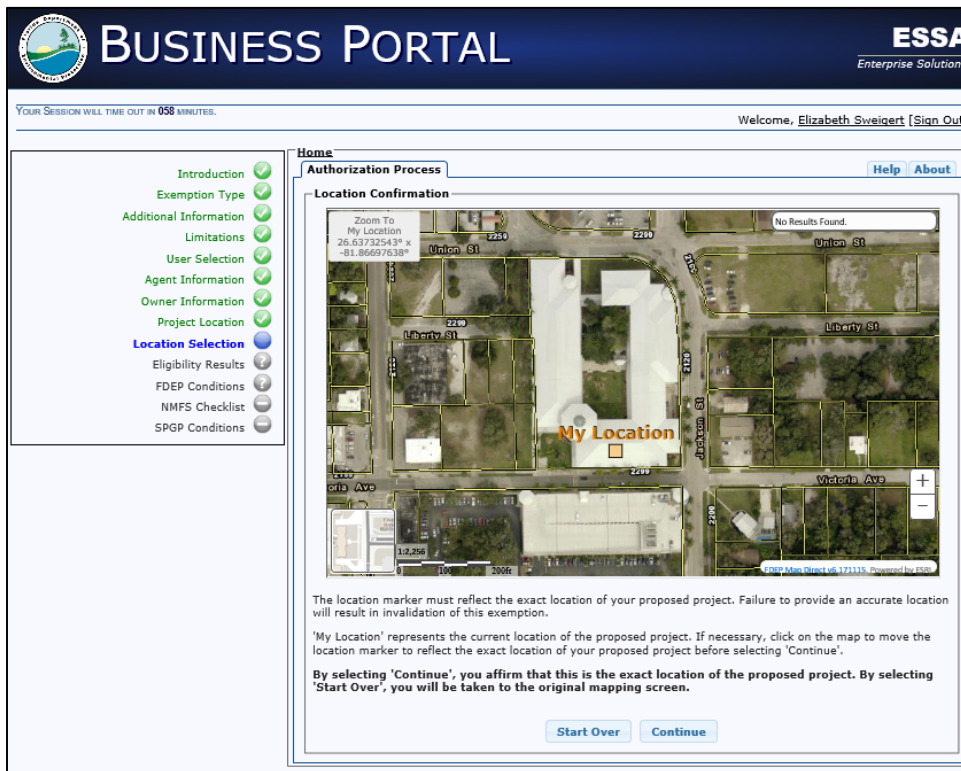
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Location is Important!



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Your Session will time out in 056 minutes.

Welcome, Elizabeth Sweigert [Sign Out]

Home [Help] [About]

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Location Confirmation

Zoom To My Location
26.63732543° N
-81.86697638° W

No Results Found.

My Location

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.

'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'.

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.

[Start Over] [Continue]

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





Self-Certification - Exempt SF Docks

Help us Avoid Multiple Site IDs!



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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




Self-Certification - Exempt SF Docks

Self-Certification – Terms & Conditions



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You must read and accept Terms and Conditions

	<p>Florida Department of Environmental Protection</p> <p>Bob Martinez Center 2600 Blair Stone Road Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400</p>	<p>Rick Scott Governor</p> <p>Carlos Lopez-Cantera Lt. Governor</p> <p>Noah Valenstein Secretary</p>
<p>TERMS AND CONDITIONS</p>		
<p>Self Certification File No.:</p>		
<p>Construction Conditions:</p>		
<p>Private residential single family docks are subject to the following criteria in accordance with Section 403.813(1)(b), F.S.</p>		
<p>The dock to be constructed:</p>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none">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; and6. Must not be subject to any conservation easement or restrictive covenant of record prohibiting the activity.		
<p>Boat lifts are subject to the following additional conditions:</p>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none">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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Noah Valenstein
Secretary

CONDITION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY SELF-CERTIFIED STATE
PROGRAMMATIC GENERAL PERMIT FOR A PROJECT AT A PRIVATE, SINGLE FAMILY
RESIDENCE

Self Certification File No.:

General Conditions:

1. The time limit for completing the work authorized on July 26, 2021.
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 on the enclosed form 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.
6. You must allow representatives 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.

Further Information:

1. Limits of this authorization:
 - a. This permit does not obviate the need to obtain other Federal, State, or local authorizations required by law.
 - b. This permit does not grant any property rights or exclusive privileges.
 - c. This permit does not authorize any injury to the property or rights of others.
 - d. This permit does not authorize interference with any existing or proposed Federal projects.
2. Limits of Federal Liability. In issuing this permit, the Federal Government does not assume any liability for the following:
 - a. Damages to the permitted project or uses thereof as a result of other permitted or unpermitted activities or from natural causes.
 - b. Damages to the permitted project or uses thereof as a result of current or future activities

- General Conditions
- Further Information
- Manatee Conditions
- Submerged Aquatic Vegetation Conditions
- Marsh and Mangrove Conditions
- Sea Turtle and Smalltooth Sawfish
- Construction Conditions



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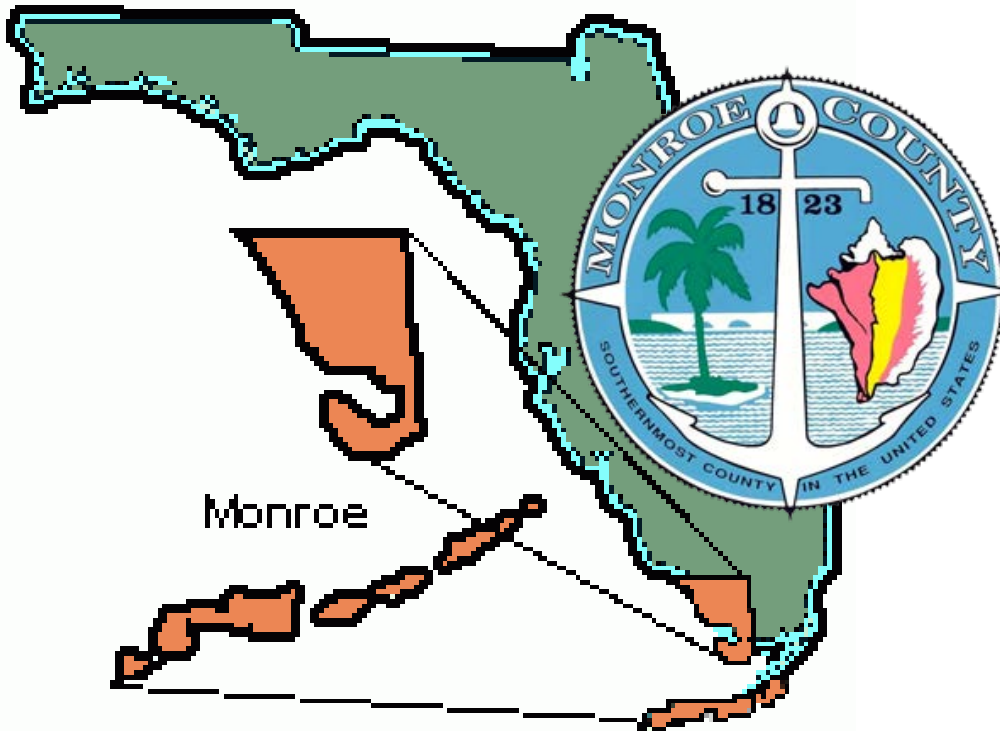
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Locations excluded from SPGP V approval:

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



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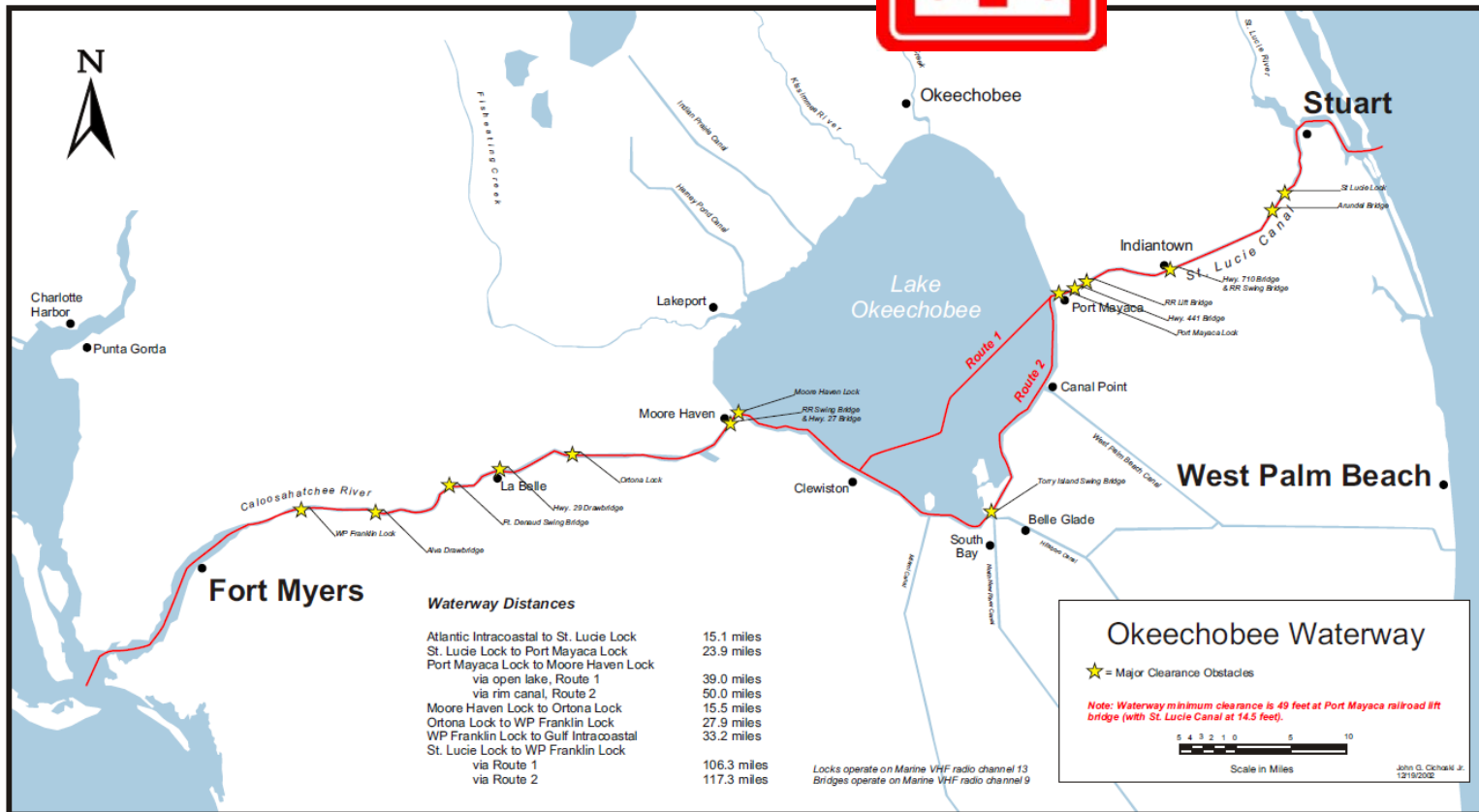
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Locations excluded from SPGP V approval:

- Federal Navigational Channels



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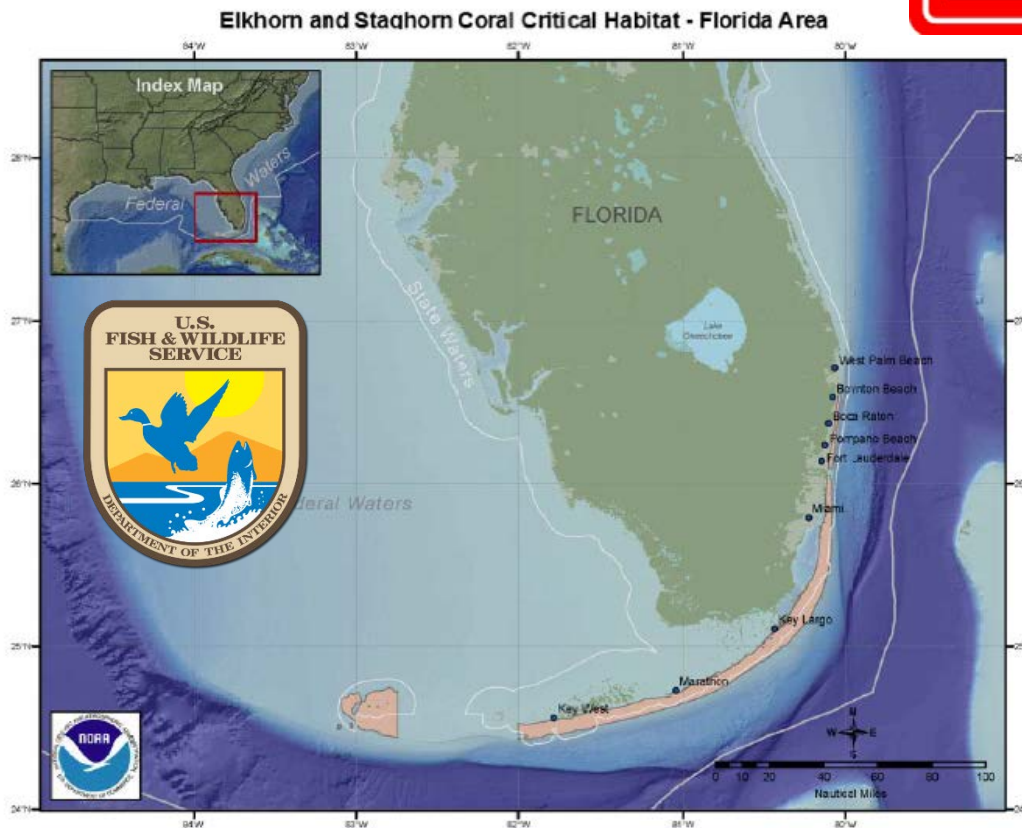
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⚠ Locations excluded from SPGP V approval:

- 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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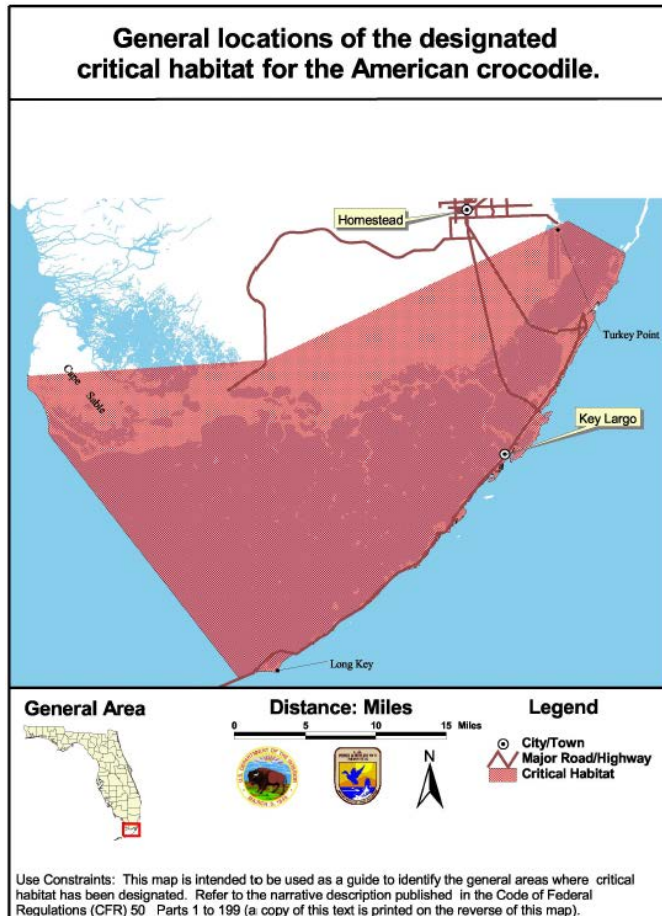
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American Crocodile Critical Habitat





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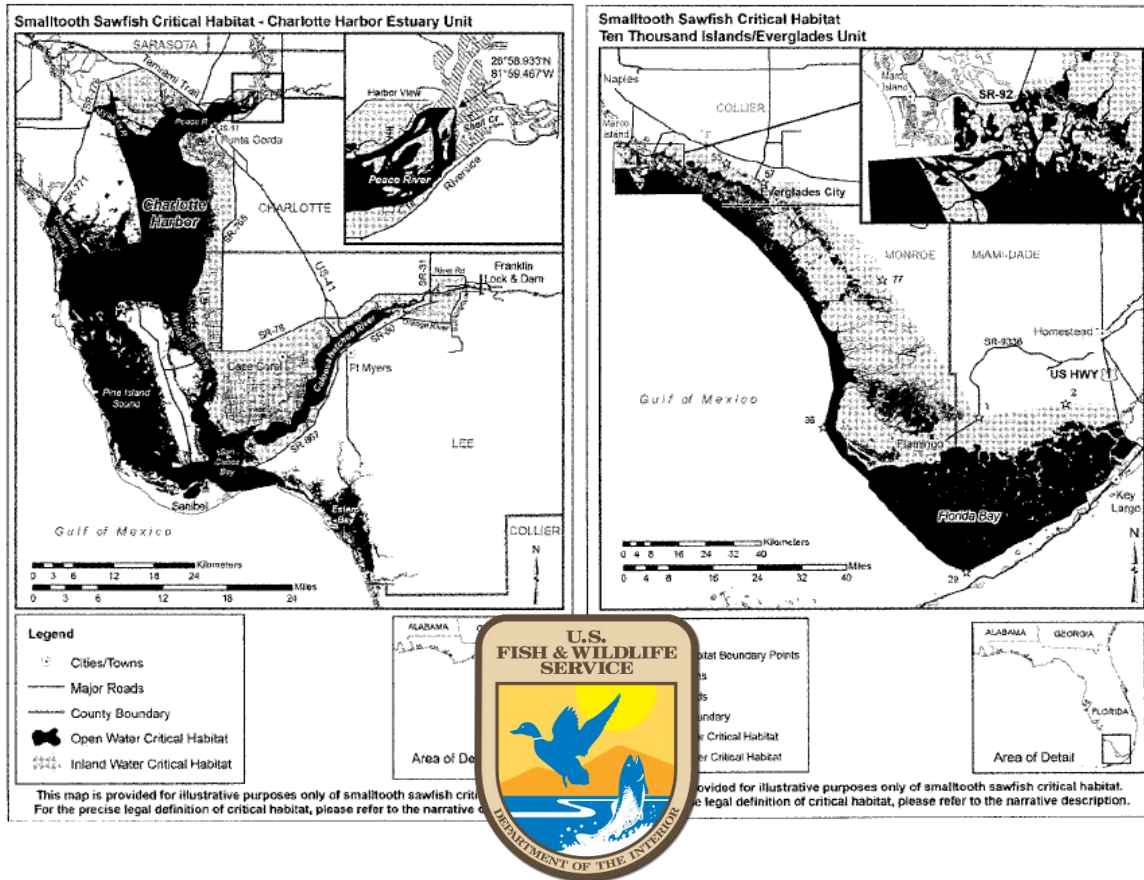
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**Smalltooth Sawfish
Exclusion Zones**





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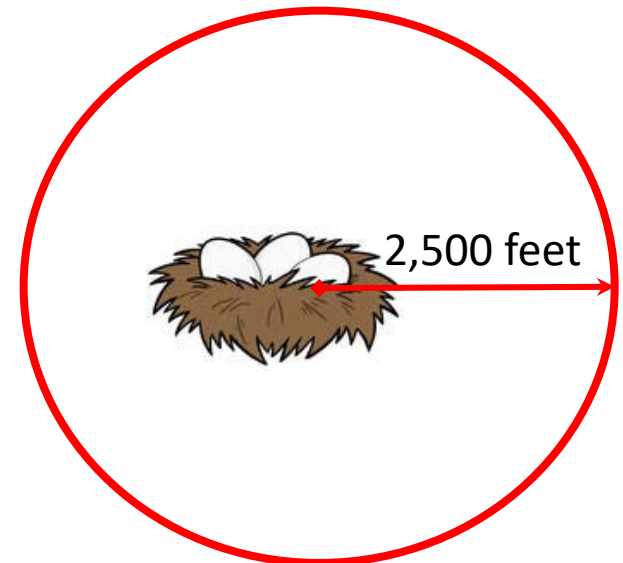
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Within 2,500 feet of
Wood Stork nest





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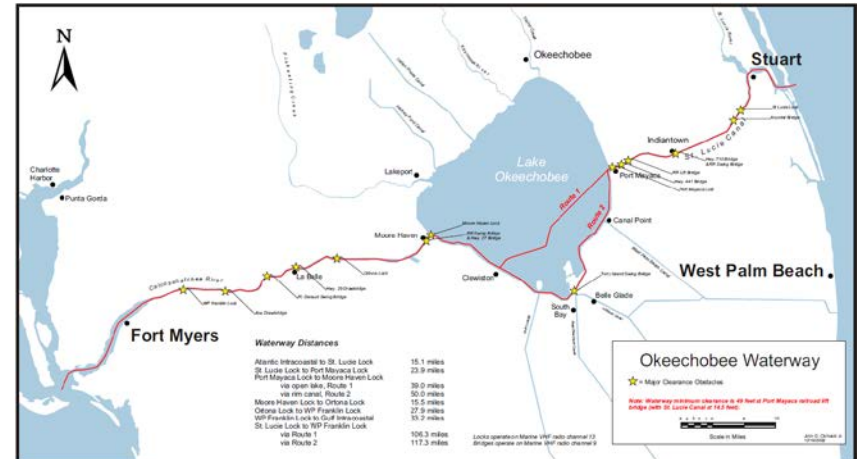
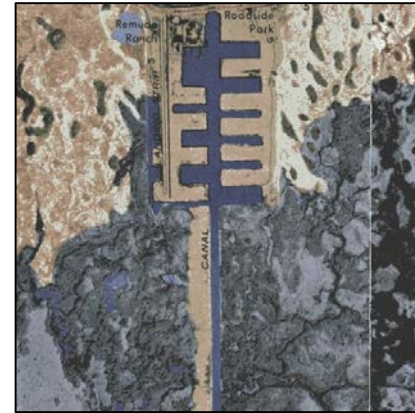
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Federal Special Waters:

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



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QUESTIONS?

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