

# DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY PERMIT

**Permittee:** MR. VICTOR BLANCO  
TAYLOR COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
201 EAST GREEN STREET  
PERRY, FLORIDA 32347

**Permit No:** SAJ-2021-02730

**Issuing Office:** U.S. Army Engineer District, Jacksonville

NOTE: The term "you" and its derivatives, as used in this permit, means the permittee or any future transferee. The term "this office" refers to the appropriate district or division office of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) having jurisdiction over the permitted activity or the appropriate official of that office acting under the authority of the commanding officer.

You are authorized to perform work in accordance with the terms and conditions specified below.

**Project Description:** Construction of an offshore artificial reef known as AC Taylor County Reef. The project will impact a ¼ nautical mile (nm) x ¼ nm reef site, totaling 49.55 acres. The proposed navigational clearance requested is -25' at mean low low water (MLLW). All reef materials will be consistent with the publication Guidelines for Marine Artificial Reef Materials, 2nd edition, the National Artificial Reef Plan, the state of Florida Artificial Reef Strategic Plan, and the Organization for Artificial Reefs' Artificial Reef Development Plan. There is a 50' buffer zone area inside the site borders on all sides where no materials will be deployed to ensure all reef materials are deployed within the permitted site. The work described above is to be completed in accordance with the 3 pages of drawings and 5 attachments affixed at the end of this permit instrument.

**Project Location:** The artificial reef site is located in the Gulf of Mexico, southwest of Taylor County, Florida. The reef site is approximately 53 nm southwest of the mouth of the Aucilla River and approximately 54 nm southwest of the mouth of the Steinhatchee River.

**Approximate Central Coordinates:**

	<b>Decimal Degrees:</b>	<b>Latitude</b>	<b>Longitude</b>
1	Centroid	29.2573°	-84.340767°
2	North Corner	29.260062°	-84.340757°
3	East Corner	29.257294°	-84.337614°

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4	South Corner	29.254541°	-84.340768°
5	West Corner	29.257306°	-84.343911°

### Permit Conditions

#### General Conditions:

1. The time limit for completing the work authorized ends on **October 21, 2032**. If you find that you need more time to complete the authorized activity, submit your request for a time extension to this office for consideration at least one month before the above date is reached.

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 and the mailing address of the new owner in the space provided and forward a copy of the permit to this office to validate the transfer of this authorization.

5. If a conditioned water quality certification has been issued for your project, you must comply with the conditions specified in the certification as special conditions to this permit. For your convenience, a copy of the certification is attached if it contains such conditions.

6. You must allow 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.

#### Special Conditions:

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**1. Reporting Addresses:** The Permittee shall reference this permit number, SAJ-2021-02730, on all correspondence. Unless specifically notified to the contrary, the Permittee shall use the following addresses for transmitting correspondence to the referenced agencies:

- a. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
415 Richard Jackson Boulevard, Suite 411, Panama City Beach, Florida 32407

or by email: SAJ-RD-Enforcement@usace.army.mil

- b. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)  
Marine Chart Division  
Office of Coast Survey, N/CS26, Sta. 7317  
1315 East-West Highway  
Silver Springs, MD 20910-3282

or email: ocs.ndb@noaa.gov

- c. Commander, U.S. Coast Guard (USCG)  
Hale Boggs Federal Building  
500 Poydras Street  
New Orleans, Louisiana 70130

- d. Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission  
Artificial Reef Program  
620 S. Meridian Street, Box 4B2  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Or email: artificialreefdeployments@MyFWC.com

**2. Notification of Work:** National Ocean Service (NOS) has been notified of this authorization. You must notify NOS and this office in writing, at least two weeks before you begin work and upon completion of the activity authorized by this permit. The post-construction notification will include "as-built plans", signed and sealed by a registered surveyor/engineer licensed in the State of Florida, that certify the project is constructed as authorized; and must include an accurate depiction of the location and configuration of the completed activity in relation to the mean high water or ordinary high water of the navigable water. The Permittee shall notify the District Engineer in writing at U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Division, Enforcement Section, P.O. Box 4970, Jacksonville, FL 32232-0019; and, the NOAA, either in mailed correspondence to

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Nautical Data Branch Office of Coast Survey N/CS26, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3282 or by electronic mail correspondence, with the requisite documents attached, through [ocs.ndb@noaa.gov](mailto:ocs.ndb@noaa.gov).

**3. Permit Availability:** The Permittee shall provide all contractors associated with construction of the authorized activities a copy of the permit, drawings, and attachments. A copy of the permit shall be available on the work vessels and at the construction site at all times.

**4. Authorized Reef Materials:** No reef materials or module will weigh less than 500 pounds. Reef materials shall be clean and free from asphalt, petroleum, other hydrocarbons and toxic residues, loose free-floating material or other deleterious substances. All artificial reef materials and/or structures will be selected, designed, constructed, and deployed to create stable and durable marine habitat. The Permittee shall deploy only the following authorized reef materials:

a. Prefabricated artificial reef modules composed of ferrous and/or aluminum-alloy metals, ¼ inch or more in thickness, concrete, rock, or a combination of these materials.

b. Natural rock boulders and other pre-cast concrete material such as culverts, stormwater junction boxes, power poles, railroad ties, jersey barriers, or other similar concrete material.

c. Clean steel and concrete bridge or large building demolition materials such as slabs or pilings with all steel reinforcement rods severed as close to the concrete surface as possible but not to extend more than 6 inches to ensure the rod will not create a fishing tackle or diver ensnaring hazard.

d. Heavy gauge ferrous & aluminum alloy metal material components or structures, ¼ inch or more in thickness, such as utility poles and antenna towers.

**5. Pre-Deployment Notification:** No less than 14 days prior to deployment of material on an artificial reef, the Permittee shall transmit by electronic mail ("email") a complete and signed "Florida Artificial Reef Materials Cargo Manifest and Pre-Deployment Notification" form (Attachment A), to the Corps and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) to allow inspection of the proposed reef materials as deemed necessary by the agencies. Inspection is allowable at the staging area. By signing the Pre-Deployment Notification, the Permittee certifies all materials are free from asphalt, petroleum, other hydrocarbons and toxic residues. The Permittee shall not deploy material if notified by the Corps or FWC that the material is

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questionable. The material needs to be evaluated before it is released for deployment. Any material deemed unacceptable for reef material will be disposed in an approved upland disposal site.

Deployment of the material shall not occur until after the end of the 14-day inspection period. The Permittee shall ensure both a copy of this permit and the signed "Florida Artificial Reef Materials Cargo Manifest and Pre-Deployment Notification" form are maintained aboard the deployment vessel at all times during loading, transit, and deployment.

**6. Post-Deployment Placement Report/As-Built Drawing:** Within 30 days after deployment of materials, the Permittee shall transmit by email to the Corps, FWC, and NOAA a complete and signed "Florida Artificial Reef Materials Placement Report and Post-Deployment Notification" form (Attachment B). Please note, the Corps requires the latitude and longitude to be accurate within 5 meters horizontal distance on the post-deployment report. The report shall include an as-built drawing containing the approximate deployment configurations and the height of the material after placement. Depth shall be verified utilizing fathometer, depth sounder, or similar device accurate to within 1 meter. Also, include information on the condition of the material at the time of deployment. The report and drawing shall be limited to a few pages per deployment. Representative photographs and/or video, if available, should be submitted.

**7. Reef Parameters:** The Permittee shall deploy all reef materials within the site boundaries as defined on permit drawings, pages 1 through 3. A minimum clearance of -25 feet from the top of the deployed material relative to mean low water (MLW) shall be maintained.

**8. Emergency Reef Parameters Notification:** In the event reef material is deployed in a location or manner contrary to the Reef Parameters Special Condition, the Permittee shall immediately notify the USCG Station and provide information as requested by the station. The Permittee shall notify NOAA, USCG and Corps in writing within 24 hours of the occurrence. The written notification shall include but is not limited to a timeline of events leading to the unanticipated deployment, a description of the material, a description of the vessel traffic in the area, the deployment location in nautical miles at compass bearing from obvious landmarks, the location of the unauthorized material in latitude and longitude coordinates (degree, minute, decimal minute format to the third decimal place), and the water depth above the material from MLW. The document will list the information provided by telephone to the USCG as noted above and include the time of the call and the name of the USCG personnel receiving the information.

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**9. Protection of Existing Resources:** The Permittee shall not deploy artificial reef materials until an assessment of the bottom conditions have been accomplished by diver, submersible video camera, fathometer, depth/bottom sounder (e.g., "fish finder"), or side-scan sonar. The inspection of the deployment area may occur at the time of deployment, but no more than 1 year prior to deployment. The Permittee shall maintain a deployment buffer of at least 200 feet from any submerged beds of seagrasses, coral reefs, live bottom, areas supporting growth of sponges, sea fans, soft corals, and other sessile macroinvertebrates generally associated with rock outcrops, oyster reefs, scallop beds, clam beds, or areas where there are unique or unusual concentrations of bottom-dwelling marine organisms. Should the assessment find any evidence of cultural/archaeological resources such as sunken vessels, ballast, historic refuse piles, or careenage areas, the Permittee shall also maintain a deployment buffer of at least 200 feet from any of these resources.

The Permittee shall provide of the information obtained from the assessment to the Corps no less than 14 days prior to deployment of material on an artificial reef in conjunction with the pre-deployment notification.

**10. Ownership/Maintenance/Liability:** By signing this permit, the Permittee certifies and acknowledges ownership of all artificial reef materials deployed on the reef, accepts responsibility for maintenance of the artificial reef, and possesses the ability to assume liability for all damages that may arise with respect to the artificial reef.

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

**12. Marine Life Entrapment:** Neither reef structure nor material or the method of design or deployment should pose more than minimal risk of entrapping fish, marine turtles, or marine mammals. The Permittee shall take all necessary action to minimize this risk. Any observation of entrapped marine turtles or marine mammals on this artificial reef site should be reported immediately to the Enforcement Section by telephone at 850-763-0717, extension 1, and the National Marine Fisheries Service by telephone at 727-824-5301.

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**13. Manatee Conditions:** The Permittee shall comply with the "Standard Manatee Conditions for In-Water Work – 2011" (Attachment C). The most recent version of the Manatee Conditions must be utilized.

**14. Sea Turtle/Sawfish/Sturgeon Guidelines:** The Permittee shall comply with the National Marine Fisheries Service's "Sea Turtle and Smalltooth Sawfish Construction Conditions", which also applies to sturgeon (Attachment D).

**15. Protected Species Guidance:** The Permittee shall comply with the "Vessel Strike Avoidance Measures and Injured or Dead Protected Species Reporting" (Attachment E), for marine turtles and marine mammals.

**16. Jacksonville District Programmatic Biological Opinion (JAXBO):** Structures and activities authorized under this permit will be constructed and operated in accordance with all applicable PDCs contained in the JAXBO, based on the permitted activity. Failure to comply with applicable PDCs will constitute noncompliance with this permit. In addition, failure to comply with the applicable PDCs, where a take of listed species occurs, would constitute an unauthorized take. The NMFS is the appropriate authority to determine compliance with the Endangered Species Act. The most current version of JAXBO can be accessed at the Jacksonville District Regulatory Division website in the Endangered Species section of the Sourcebook located at: <http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/SourceBook.aspx>

JAXBO may be subject to revision at any time. The most recent version of these JAXBO must be utilized during the design and construction of the permitted work.

**17. Cultural Resources/Historic Properties:**

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

b. If, during permitted activities, items that may have historic or archaeological origin are observed the Permittee shall immediately cease all activities adjacent to the discovery that may result in the destruction of these resources and shall prevent his/her employees from further removing, or otherwise damaging, such resources. The applicant shall notify both the Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources, Compliance Review Section at (850)-245-6333 and the Corps, of the observations within the same business day (8 hours). Examples of submerged historical, archaeological or cultural resources include shipwrecks, shipwreck debris fields (such as steam engine parts, or wood planks and beams), anchors, ballast

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rock, concreted iron objects, concentrations of coal, prehistoric watercraft (such as log "dugouts"), and other evidence of human activity. The materials may be deeply buried in sediment, resting in shallow sediments or above them, or protruding into water. The Corps shall coordinate with the Florida State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) to assess the significance of the discovery and devise appropriate actions. Project activities shall not resume without verbal and/or written authorization from the Corps.

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

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

**Further Information:**

1. Congressional Authorities: You have been authorized to undertake the activity described above pursuant to:

Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403)

Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344)

Section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 (33 U.S.C. 1413)



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( ) Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 408)

2. 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.

3. 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 undertaken by or on behalf of the United States in the public interest.

c. Damages to persons, property, or to other permitted or unpermitted activities or structures caused by the activity authorized by this permit.

d. Design or construction deficiencies associated with the permitted work.

e. Damage claims associated with any future modification, suspension, or revocation of this permit.

4. Reliance on Applicant's Data: The determination of this office that issuance of this permit is not contrary to the public interest was made in reliance on the information you provided.

5. Reevaluation of Permit Decision: This office may reevaluate its decision on this permit at any time the circumstances warrant. Circumstances that could require a reevaluation include, but are not limited to, the following:

a. You fail to comply with the terms and conditions of this permit.

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b. The information provided by you in support of your permit application proves to have been false, incomplete, or inaccurate (see 4 above).

c. Significant new information surfaces which this office did not consider in reaching the original public interest decision.

Such a reevaluation may result in a determination that it is appropriate to use the suspension, modification, and revocation procedures contained in 33 CFR 325.7 or enforcement procedures such as those contained in 33 CFR 326.4 and 326.5. The referenced enforcement procedures provide for the issuance of an administrative order requiring you comply with the terms and conditions of your permit and for the initiation of legal action where appropriate. You will be required to pay for any corrective measures ordered by this office, and if you fail to comply with such directive, this office may in certain situations (such as those specified in 33 CFR 209.170) accomplish the corrective measures by contract or otherwise and bill you for the cost.

6. Extensions: General Condition 1 establishes a time limit for the completion of the activity authorized by this permit. Unless there are circumstances requiring either a prompt completion of the authorized activity or a reevaluation of the public interest decision, the Corps will normally give favorable consideration to a request for an extension of this time limit.

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Your signature below, as permittee, indicates that you accept and agree to comply with the terms and conditions of this permit.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(PERMITTEE)

10/17/2022  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(DATE)

VICTOR BLANCO  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(PERMITTEE NAME-PRINTED)

This permit becomes effective when the Federal official, designated to act for the Secretary of the Army, has signed below.

\_\_\_\_\_  
For JAMES L. BOOTH  
Colonel, U.S. Army  
District Commander

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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When the structures or work authorized by this permit are still in existence at the time the property is transferred, the terms and conditions of this permit will continue to be binding on the new owner(s) of the property. To validate the transfer of this permit and the associated liabilities associated with compliance with its terms and conditions, have the transferee sign and date below.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(TRANSFEREE-SIGNATURE)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(DATE)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(NAME-PRINTED)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(ADDRESS)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(CITY, STATE, AND ZIP CODE)

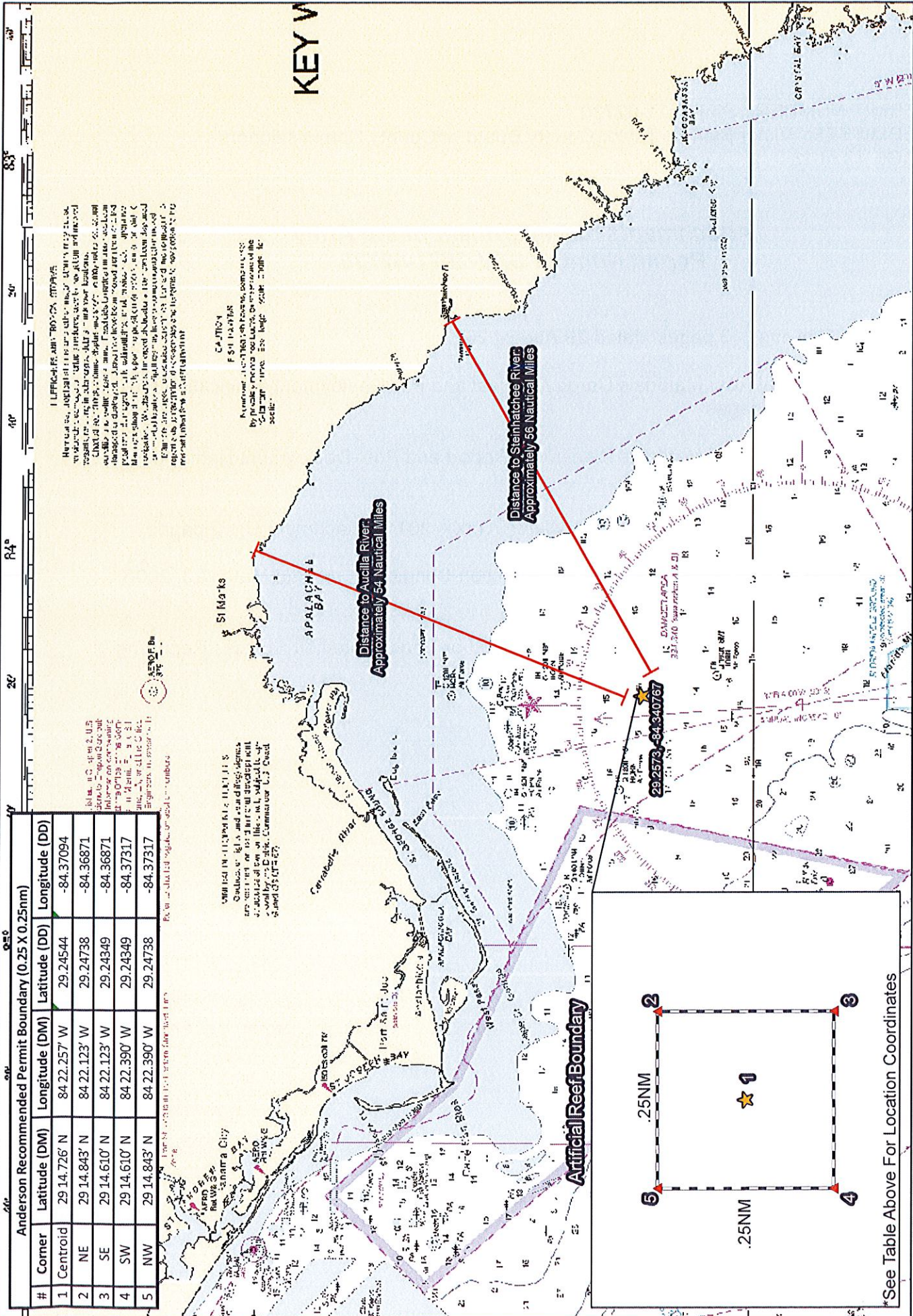
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***Attachments to Department of the Army  
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1. Permit Drawings: 3 pages, dated 29 August 2022
2. Florida Artificial Reef Materials Cargo Manifest and Pre-Deployment Notification form (Attachment A): 2 pages
3. Florida Artificial Reef Materials Placement Report and Post-Deployment Notification form (Attachment B): 2 pages
4. Standard Manatee Conditions for In-Water Work – 2011 (Attachment C): 2 pages
5. Sea Turtle and Smalltooth Sawfish Construction Conditions, revised March 23, 2006 (Attachment D): 1 page
6. Vessel Strike Avoidance Measures and Injured or Dead Protected Species Reporting (Attachment E): 2 pages



**Anderson Recommended Permit Boundary (0.25 X 0.25nm)**

#	Corner	Latitude (DM)	Longitude (DM)	Latitude (DD)	Longitude (DD)
1	Centroid	29 14.726' N	84 22.257' W	29.24544	-84.37094
2	NE	29 14.843' N	84 22.123' W	29.24738	-84.36871
3	SE	29 14.610' N	84 22.123' W	29.24349	-84.36871
4	SW	29 14.610' N	84 22.390' W	29.24349	-84.37317
5	NW	29 14.843' N	84 22.390' W	29.24738	-84.37317

**PROJECT:** Artificial Reef  
Taylor County

**Florida Environmental & Land Services Inc.**  
221-4 DELTA COURT, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32303  
(850) 385-6255

**TITLE:** Figure 1- Location Map

**DATE:** 8/29/2022

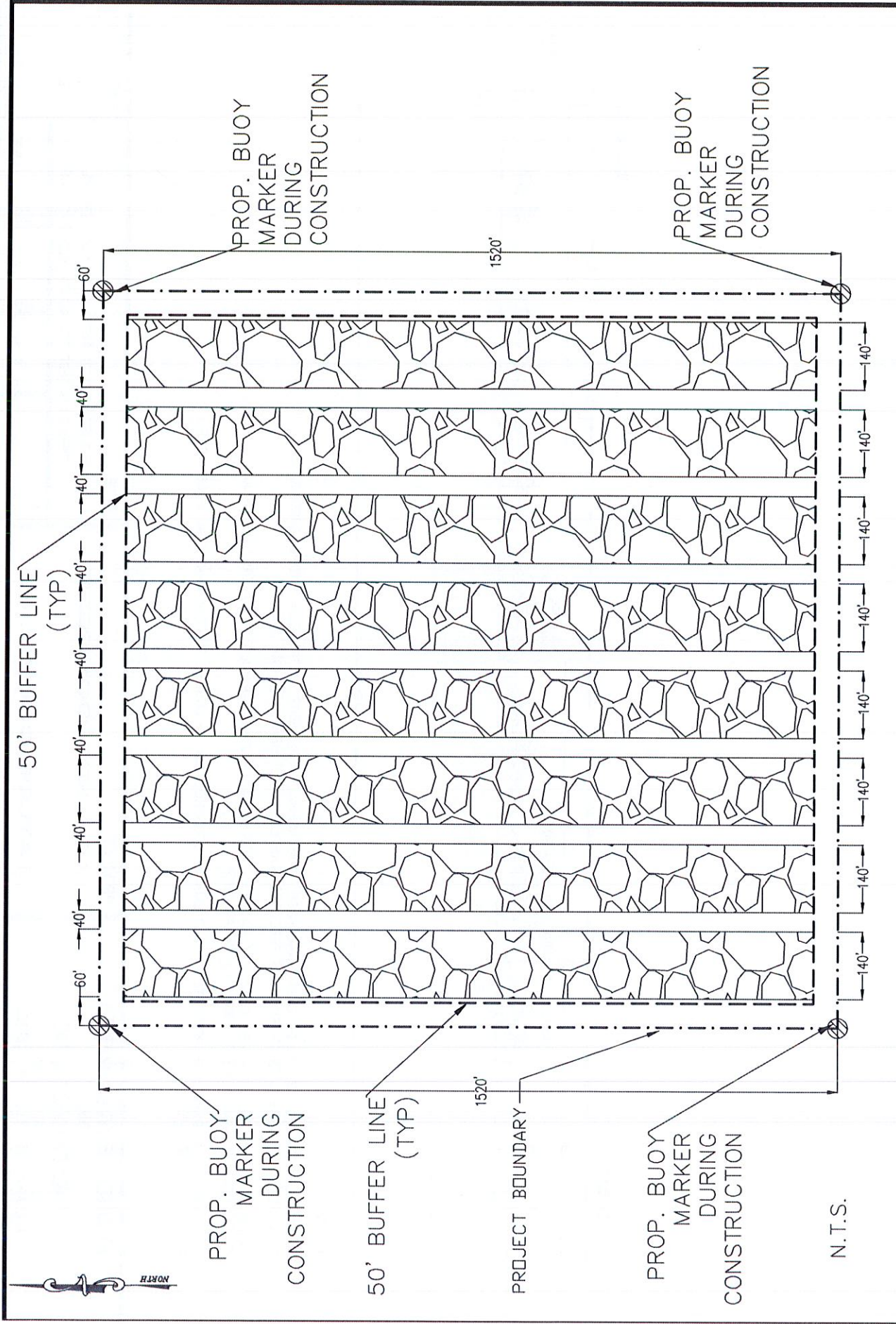
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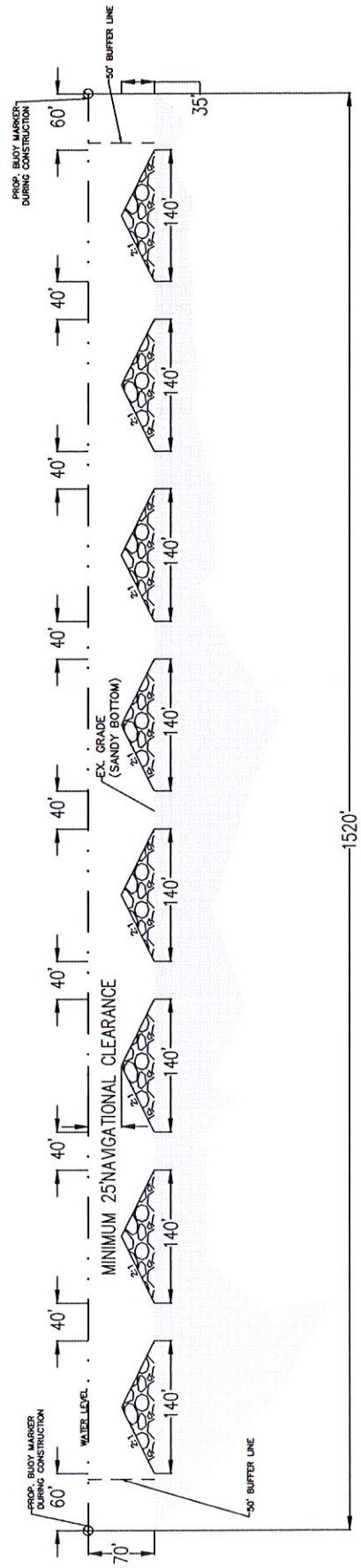
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**NOTES:**

MATERIALS INSTALLED ARE TO BE CLEAN AND FREE FROM ASPHALT, CREOSOTE, PETROLEUM, HYDROCARBONS, AND TOXIC RESIDUE, "WHITE GOODS" (SUCH AS FREEZERS, RANGES, WATER HEATERS) AND TIRES.

MATERIAL TO INCLUDE PRE-CAST CONCRETE MATERIAL AND LARGE CONCRETE DEMOLITION MATERIALS WITH ALL REINFORCEMENT RODS SEVERED PRIOR TO INSTALLATION.

SITE SHALL BE MARKED WITH PERIMETER BUOYS DURING CONSTRUCTION TO ENSURE THAT NO MATERIAL IS DEPOSITED OUTSIDE OF THE SITE.

N.T.S.

<p><b>FLORIDA ENVIRONMENTAL AND LAND SERVICES, INC.</b>          221-4 DELTA COURT          TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32303          850-385-6255 (VOICE) 850-385-6355 (FAX)</p>	<p><b>PROJECT</b>          AC-ANDERSON REEF          TAYLOR COUNTY, FL</p>	<p><b>TITLE</b>          SECTION VIEW          PROPOSED CONDITIONS</p>
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**FLORIDA ARTIFICIAL REEF MATERIALS  
CARGO MANIFEST AND PRE-DEPLOYMENT NOTIFICATION  
(Issued pursuant to Ch. 370.25(6)(b), Florida Statutes)**



I, \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of individual managing reef deployment (print) Signature Date

whose address is \_\_\_\_\_, (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street City State Zip Code Phone

declare that I am staging and transporting the following artificial reef construction materials allowable pursuant to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Artificial Reef Permit referenced below and agree to comply with all permit conditions in the permit listed below and attached to this manifest. I understand this artificial reef site is open to public access and this authorization does not provide any rights or exclusive private use over those rights or uses to the general public.

The address of the land based reef materials staging area is: \_\_\_\_\_

Transporting Vessel Registration Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Vessel Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Vessel Operator: \_\_\_\_\_

**The following items are to be deployed as reef material (attach additional sheets when more than four locations):**

MATERIAL TAG ID NUMBER(S), if applicable	Descriptions of material (number of pieces, type, dimension, weight)	GPS Coordinates degrees, minutes, decimal minutes (DD°MM.mmm')
		Lat: ____ ° ____ . ____ ' ; Lon: ____ ° ____ . ____ ' ;
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A copy of the below referenced permit(s) and all associated conditions is attached to this manifest and shall be carried on board the vessel during loading, storing, or transporting artificial reef material.

<p><b>-- OFFICIAL USE ONLY --</b>                  (TO BE COMPLETED BY PERMIT HOLDER, OR AUTHORIZED ARTIFICIAL REEF INSPECTOR)</p>	
Permit Holder: _____ Name of U.S. Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers (ACOE) Permit Holder	
ACOE permit number _____, permitted site name _____ issued on _____ and has an expiration date of _____.	
Local tracking number (if applicable): _____	
_____ (Name of FWC authorized Artificial Reef Inspector, printed)	
_____ (Signature)	_____ (Date)

# EXPLANATION SHEET FOR THE ARTIFICIAL REEF MATERIALS CARGO MANIFEST FORM

The attached artificial reef cargo manifest has been developed in compliance with subsection 370.25 (6)(b), Florida Statutes, which states that:

“It is unlawful for any person to: store, possess or transport on or across state waters any materials reasonably suited for artificial reef construction and stored in such a manner providing ready access for use and placement as an artificial reef, unless a valid cargo manifest issued by the commission or a commission-certified inspector is onboard the transporting vessel. The manifest will serve as authorization to use a valid permitted site or land-based staging area, which will validate that the type of artificial reef construction material being transported is permissible for use at the permitted site, and will describe and quantify the artificial reef material being transported. The manifest will also include the latitude and longitude coordinates of the proposed deployment location, the valid permit number, and the copy off the permit conditions for the permitted site. The manifest must be available for inspection by any authorized law enforcement officer or commission employee.”

This requirement for a cargo manifest became part of the statutory revision of the artificial reef program statute Section 370.25 Florida Statutes (F.S.), modified during the 2000 State of Florida Legislature. The statutory language allows a “commission certified inspector” to complete and approve the artificial reef materials cargo manifest. Therefore, we are providing the attached cargo manifest form to all local coastal government artificial reef coordinators and eligible non-profit corporations who may physically construct artificial reefs with the approval of the permit holders.

## INSTRUCTIONS

**A separate cargo manifest form is to be completed for each load to be transported offshore (i.e., one manifest per voyage). The manifest is to list all, and only, the reef materials onboard.**

**The top of the form is to be filled out by the reef builder with his/her contact information and the information about the proposed reef materials to be deployed written into the boxes. If several materials are identical but have different tag numbers, please write “SAME” in the box for the other materials. Also put “SAME” under additional coordinates if all materials are going to the same deployment site.**

**The shaded portion of the form at the bottom is to be filled out by the materials inspector. The cargo manifest must be completed by an entity representing the holder of the applicable artificial reef permit to assure that all materials meet the requirements of the permit.**

### **Completion of the artificial reef materials cargo manifest is required for all construction activities.**

The requirement to complete this document is not intended to be an undue burden on entities wishing to legally construct artificial reefs within permitted sites, but is a tool to assist law enforcement personnel in preventing the illegal construction of artificial reefs without the knowledge of the permit holder or in areas outside of legally permitted sites. It is intended to allow law enforcement staff to determine whether or not a load of materials is legal under the permit conditions. Without a properly completed Cargo Manifest Form on board, reef builders will be returned to port pursuant to Chapter 370.25 (6) (b). It is not necessary to send a copy of the Cargo Manifest Form to the FWC artificial reef section in Tallahassee. Documentation of the reef building activity should be maintained by the entity issuing the manifest in the event of any FWC inquiries.

**Reminder:** the placement of all public artificial reefs in state or adjacent federal waters requires the submittal of a Materials Placement Report to the FWC artificial reef program within 30 days of public reef deployment in accordance with s. 370.25 F.S.



# FLORIDA ARTIFICIAL REEF MATERIALS PLACEMENT REPORT AND POST-DEPLOYMENT NOTIFICATION



## To Be Completed For Each Deployment Location or Date of Deployment

County or Municipality: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Placement: \_\_\_\_\_

Grant No. FWC - \_\_\_\_\_  
(if applicable)

U.S. Army Corps Permit No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Total project cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Funding Source(s) and Amount(s): FWC \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Local \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Permitted Reef Site: \_\_\_\_\_

Location Name for This Deployment: \_\_\_\_\_

Latitude: \_\_\_\_\_ ° \_\_\_\_\_ ' North  
(degrees, minutes, decimal minutes (DD°MM.mmm'))

Longitude: \_\_\_\_\_ ° \_\_\_\_\_ ' West  
(degrees, minutes, decimal minutes (DD°MM.mmm'))

GPS Brand and Model Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Geographical Location: \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ degrees from \_\_\_\_\_  
(nautical miles) (bearing) (reference inlet)

Water Depth: \_\_\_\_\_ feet - Maximum Material Height: \_\_\_\_\_ feet = Minimum Vertical Clearance: \_\_\_\_\_ feet

**TYPE AND AMOUNT OF MATERIAL DEPLOYED AT THE LOCATION DESCRIBED ABOVE:**  
(ATTACH A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE MATERIAL ON THE BARGE IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO DEPLOYMENT)

Primary Type of Material: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Pieces: \_\_\_\_\_

Dimensions: \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary Type of Material: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Pieces: \_\_\_\_\_

Dimensions: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL TONNAGE FOR THIS DEPLOYMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

**I DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE**

Observer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (PLEASE PRINT) Title: \_\_\_\_\_ (PLEASE PRINT)

Observer's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Observer's Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

**I DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION COMPLIES WITH THE ABOVE REFERENCED PERMIT CONDITIONS**

Permittee's Staff Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (PLEASE PRINT) Title: \_\_\_\_\_ (PLEASE PRINT)

Permittee's Staff Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Tracking number \_\_\_\_\_ FWC Tracking number \_\_\_\_\_ Entered by \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_  
Rev. 4/23/2007 FWC initials date Att. B

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FOR GRANT-FUNDED REEFS, the following data will be recorded at the staging area prior to and after the deployment. This formula represents an average, single rake barge and may not represent the exact tonnage of materials placed.

USING THIS FORMULA FOR PAYMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COSTS SHOULD BE AGREED UPON IN ADVANCE WITH A CONTRACTOR.

Barge Length: \_\_\_\_\_ feet Barge Width: \_\_\_\_\_ feet Loaded Draft: \_\_\_\_\_ feet Unloaded Draft: \_\_\_\_\_ feet

(Length X Width X Loaded Draft X 0.93 X 65) = 2,000 = \_\_\_\_\_ (Loaded barge weight in tons)  
SUBTRACT

(Length X Width X Unloaded Draft X 0.93 X 65) = 2,000 = \_\_\_\_\_ (Unloaded barge weight in tons)

TOTAL TONNAGE FOR THIS DEPLOYMENT = \_\_\_\_\_

## 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 in Vero Beach (1-772-562-3909) for south Florida, and emailed to FWC at [ImperiledSpecies@myFWC.com](mailto: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 8½ " 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 [http://www.myfwc.com/WILDLIFEHABITATS/manatee\\_sign\\_vendors.htm](http://www.myfwc.com/WILDLIFEHABITATS/manatee_sign_vendors.htm). Questions concerning these signs can be forwarded to the email address listed above.



**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.

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## **VESSEL STRIKE AVOIDANCE MEASURES, NOAA FISHERIES SOUTHEAST REGIONAL OFFICE**

### **Background**

Vessel strikes can injure or kill species protected under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA). NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office (SERO) Protected Resources Division (PRD) recommends implementing the following identification and avoidance measures to reduce the risk of vessel strikes and disturbance from vessels to protected species under our jurisdiction.<sup>1</sup>

### **Protected Species Sightings**

All vessel operators and crews should be informed about the potential presence of species protected under the ESA and the MMPA and any critical habitat in a vessel transit area. All vessels should have personnel onboard responsible for observing for the presence of protected species. All personnel should be advised that there are civil and criminal penalties for harming, harassing, or killing listed species and all marine mammals. To determine which protected species and critical habitat may be found in the transit area, please review the relevant [marine mammal and ESA-listed species](https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/find-species) at Find A Species (<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/find-species>) and any ESA Section 7 consultation documents if applicable.

### **Vessel Strike Avoidance**

The following measures should be taken when they are consistent with safe navigation to avoid causing injury or death of a protected species:

1. Operate at the minimum safe speed when transiting and maintain a vigilant watch for protected species to avoid striking them. Even with a vigilant watch, most marine protected species are extremely difficult to see from a boat or ship, and you cannot rely on detecting them visually and then taking evasive action. The most effective way to avoid vessel strikes is to travel at a slow, safe speed. Whenever possible, assign a designated individual to observe for protected species and limit vessel operation to only daylight hours.
2. Follow deep-water routes (e.g., marked channels) whenever possible.
3. Operate at "Idle/No Wake" speeds in the following circumstances:
  - a. while in any project construction areas
  - b. while in water depths where the draft of the vessel provides less than four feet of clearance from the bottom, or
  - c. in all depths after a protected species has been observed in and has recently departed the area.

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<sup>1</sup> Manatees are managed under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

4. When a protected species is sighted, attempt to maintain a distance of 150 feet or greater between the animal and the vessel. Reduce speed and avoid abrupt changes in direction until the animal(s) has left the area.
5. When dolphins are bow- or wake-riding, maintain course and speed as long as it is safe to do so or until the animal(s) leave the vicinity of the vessel.
6. If a whale is sighted in the vessel's path or within 300 feet from the vessel, reduce speed and shift the engine to neutral. Do not engage the engines until the animals are clear of the area. *Please see below for additional requirements for North Atlantic right whales.*
7. If a whale is sighted farther than 300 feet from the vessel, maintain a distance of 300 feet or greater between the whale and the vessel and reduce speed to 10 knots or less. *Please see below for additional requirements for North Atlantic right whales.*

### **Injured or Dead Protected Species Reporting**

Vessel crews should report sightings of any injured or dead protected species immediately regardless of whether the injury or death is caused by your vessel. Please see [How to Report a Stranded or Injured Marine Animal](https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/report) (<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/report>) for the most up to date information for reporting injured or dead protected species.

If the injury or death is caused by your vessel, also report the interaction to NOAA Fisheries SERO PRD at [takereport.nmfsser@noaa.gov](mailto:takereport.nmfsser@noaa.gov). Please include the species involved, the circumstances of the interaction, the fate and disposition of the animal involved, photos (if available), and contact information for the person who can provide additional details if requested. Please include the project's Environmental Consultation Organizer (ECO) number and project title in the subject line of email reports if a consultation has been completed.

### **Reporting Violations**

To report any suspected ESA or MMPA violation, call the NOAA Fisheries Enforcement Hotline. This hotline is available 24 hours a day, 7 days week for anyone in the United States.

NOAA Fisheries Enforcement Hotline: (800) 853-1964

### **Additional Transit and Reporting Requirements for North Atlantic Right Whales**

1. Federal regulation prohibits approaching or remaining within 500 yards of a North Atlantic right whale (50 CFR 224.103 (c)). All whales sighted within North Atlantic right whale critical habitat should be assumed to be right whales. Please be aware and follow restrictions for all Seasonal Management Areas along the U.S. east coast. These areas have vessel speed restrictions to reduce vessel strikes risks to migrating or feeding whales. More information can be found at [Reducing Vessel Strikes to North Atlantic Right Whales](https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/endangered-species-conservation/reducing-vessel-strikes-north-atlantic-right-whales) (<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/endangered-species-conservation/reducing-vessel-strikes-north-atlantic-right-whales>).
2. Ships greater than 300 gross tons entering the WHALESOUTH reporting area are required to report to a shore-based station. For more information on reporting procedures consult 33 CFR Part 169, the Coast Pilot, or at [Reducing Vessel Strikes to North Atlantic](https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/endangered-species-conservation/reducing-vessel-strikes-north-atlantic-right-whales)



**Right Whales** (<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/endangered-species-conservation/reducing-vessel-strikes-north-atlantic-right-whales>).

3. From November through April, vessels approaching/departing Florida ports of Jacksonville and Fernandina Beach as well as Brunswick Harbor, Georgia are **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED** to use Two-Way Routes displayed on nautical charts. More information on **Compliance with the Right Whale Ship Strike Reduction Rule** can be found at ([https://media.fisheries.noaa.gov/2021-06/compliance\\_guide\\_for\\_right\\_whale\\_ship\\_strike\\_reduction.pdf](https://media.fisheries.noaa.gov/2021-06/compliance_guide_for_right_whale_ship_strike_reduction.pdf))
4. Mariners shall check with various communication media for general information regarding avoiding vessel strikes and specific information regarding North Atlantic right whale sighting locations. These include NOAA weather radio, U.S. Coast Guard Broadcast to Mariners, Local Notice to Mariners, and NAVTEX. Commercial mariners calling on United States ports should view the most recent version of the NOAA/USCG produced training CD entitled “A Prudent Mariner’s Guide to Right Whale Protection” (contact the NOAA Fisheries SERO, Protected Resources Division for more information regarding the CD).
5. Injured, dead, or entangled right whales should be immediately reported to the U.S. Coast Guard via VHF Channel 16 and the NOAA Fisheries Southeast Marine Mammal Stranding Hotline at (877) WHALE HELP (877-942-5343).

**For additional information, please contact NOAA Fisheries SERO PRD at:**

NOAA Fisheries Service

Southeast Regional Office

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Visit us on the web at **Protected Marine Life in the Southeast**

(<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/region/southeast#protected-marine-life>)

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