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Environmental Resource Permit

**State-owned Submerged Lands Authorization – Granted Pending Document
Execution**

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

Okaloosa County
Permit No.: 0239218-002-EI/46
BOT File No.: 460362221

Permit Issuance Date: August 15, 2022
Permit Construction Phase Expiration Date: August 15, 2027

Consolidated Environmental Resource Permit and Recommended Intent to Grant Sovereignty Submerged Lands Authorization

Permittee/Grantee: FDOT District 3
Permit No: 0239218-002-EI/46

PROJECT LOCATION

The activities authorized by this permit and sovereignty submerged lands authorization are located along U.S. Highway 98 right-of-way, from Perry Avenue to Pier Road in Fort Walton Beach, Florida 32548, in Section 24, Township 2 South, Range 24 West and Section 19, Township 2 South, Range 23 West in Okaloosa County, from approximately 30°24'12.9986" North Latitude, 86°36'17.3387" West Longitude to 30°23'45.6104" North Latitude, 86°35'34.1721" West Longitude.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The permittee is authorized to replace the existing four-lane John T. Brooks Bridge with a six-lane bridge with 11 foot travel lanes, 10 foot inside and outside shoulders, and 12 foot shared-use paths, construct intersection improvements at Perry Avenue, extend Pier Road, and construct an associated stormwater management system. The project is within unnamed wetlands associated with Santa Rosa Sound, a Class III Florida Waterbody, Prohibited Shellfish Harvesting Area. The project will fill approximately 33,192.72 square feet or 0.762 acres of depression marsh and 15,507.36 square feet or 0.356 acres of swale and will cause direct shading impacts to 0.046 acres and temporary shading impacts to 0.063 acres of submerged aquatic vegetation. Those activities include the new preemption of 69,423 square feet of state-owned sovereignty submerged lands.

The stormwater management system will include one (1) dry retention ponds and three (3) wet detention ponds. The dry retention pond is designed to provide the required 0.53 ac-ft of combined treatment volume with recovery within 33 hours. The wet detention ponds are designed to provide the required 2.07 ac-ft of combined treatment volume. The site discharges to the Santa Rosa Sound and Choctawhatchee Bay, both tidally-influenced waterbodies. Per the design, the post-development rate of discharge will be less than the pre-development rate of discharge for the 2-year, and 25-year, 24-hour storm events. Attenuation is also provided for both storm events. Authorized activities are depicted on the attached exhibits.

To offset unavoidable impacts that will occur from these authorized activities, the permittee shall create a living shoreline at the NFWMD Live Oak Peninsula mitigation area via oyster shell breakwater construction and planting of appropriate saltmarsh species as provided in the Approved Regional Mitigation Plan.

AUTHORIZATIONS

Brooks Bridge Replacement

Environmental Resource Permit

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

Sovereignty Submerged Lands Authorization

The activity is located on sovereignty submerged lands owned by the State of Florida. It therefore also requires authorization from the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund (Board of Trustees), pursuant to Article X, Section 11 of the Florida Constitution, and Section 253.77, F.S. As staff to the Board of Trustees under Section 253.002, F.S., the Department has determined that the activity qualifies for and requires a public easement, as long as the work performed is located within the boundaries as described and is consistent with the terms and conditions herein.

The final documents required to execute the public easement will be sent to the grantee by the Department's Division of State Lands for execution. The Department intends to issue the public easement, upon satisfactory execution of those documents, including payment of required fees and compliance with the conditions in the attached permit. **You may not begin construction of the activities described until you receive a copy of the executed public easement from the Department.**

Federal Authorization

Your proposed activity as outlined in your application and attached drawings **does not qualify** for Federal authorization pursuant to the State Programmatic General Permit VI-R1.

SEPARATE permit(s) or authorization **may be required** from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and/or Florida Department of Environmental Protection. If you do not already have a valid permit from the USACOE under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, **a SEPARATE PERMIT** or authorization pursuant to the State 404 Program, as described in Chapter 62-331, F.A.C. **will be required**. State 404 Project No. 0239218-004-SFG/46 is currently under review by the Department.

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

Coastal Zone Management

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

Water Quality Certification

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

Other Authorizations

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

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

PERMIT CONDITIONS

The activities described must be conducted in accordance with:

- **The Specific Conditions**
- **The General Conditions**
- **The limits, conditions and locations of work shown in the attached drawings**
- **The term limits of this authorization**

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

SPECIFIC CONDITIONS – ADMINISTRATIVE/EMERGENCIES

1. The construction phase expires at 11:59 p.m. on the date indicated on the cover page of this permit.
2. The permittee shall be responsible for keeping records documenting that relevant permit conditions are met. This documentation shall include, at a minimum, the date of each inspection, the name and qualifications of the inspector, any maintenance actions taken, and a determination by the inspector as to whether the system is operating as intended. Inspection documentation must be readily available and shall be provided at the Department's request. Submittal of the inspection documentation to the Department is not required.
3. Within 30 days of any failure of a stormwater management system or deviation from the permit, a report shall be submitted to the Department on Form 62-330.311(1), Operation and Maintenance Inspection Certification, describing the remedial actions taken to resolve the failure of deviation. This report shall be signed and sealed by a registered professional.
4. For emergencies involving a serious threat to the public health, safety, welfare, or environment, the emergency telephone contact number is (800) 320-0519 (State Warning Point). The Department telephone number for reporting nonthreatening problems or system malfunctions is (850) 595-0663, day or night.
5. The mailing address for submittal of forms for the "Construction Commencement Notice", "As-Built Certification ...", "Request for Conversion of Stormwater Management Permit Construction Phase to Operation and Maintenance Phase", or other correspondence is FDEP, SLERP, 160 W Government Street, Suite 308, Pensacola, Florida 32502.

SPECIFIC CONDITIONS – PRIOR TO ANY CONSTRUCTION

6. This permit does not authorize the construction of any additional structures not illustrated on the permit drawings.
7. Prior to construction, the limits of the proposed impact areas shall be clearly flagged and staked by the agent and/or contractor. All construction personnel shall be shown the location(s) of all wetland areas outside of the construction to prevent encroachment from heavy equipment into these areas.
8. Prior to installation of turbidity screens or initiation of construction activities, the permittee shall use PVC pipes to clearly delineate the extent of seagrass beds in the vicinity of the construction area. The PVC pipes shall be removed within 72 hours of construction completion and once turbidity have returned to background.
9. Prior to the initiation of any work authorized by this permit, floating turbidity screens with weighted skirts that extend to within 1 ft. of the bottom shall be placed around the active construction areas of the site. The screens shall be maintained and shall remain in place for the duration of the project construction to ensure that turbidity levels outside the construction area do not exceed 29 NTU's above background levels. The permittee shall be responsible for ensuring that turbidity control devices are inspected daily and maintained in good working order so that there are no violations of state water quality standards outside of the turbidity screens.
10. Best management practices for erosion control shall be implemented prior to construction commencement and shall be maintained at all times during construction to prevent siltation and turbid discharges in excess of State water quality standards pursuant to Rule 62-302, F.A.C. Methods shall include, but not limited to the use of staked haybales, staked filter cloth, sodding, seeding, staged construction and the installation of turbidity screens around the immediate project site.

SPECIFIC CONDITIONS – MITIGATION

11. Prior to construction or impacts authorized by this permit, the permittee shall provide the Department with documentation on the location and plans of the proposed living shoreline at the NFWMD Live Oak Peninsula mitigation area.

SPECIFIC CONDITIONS – CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

12. The construction phase expires at 11:59 p.m. on the date indicated on the cover page of this permit, unless an application for extension is received and approved pursuant to Rule 62-330.320, F.A.C. If construction of the stormwater management system authorized by this environmental resource permit has not been completed and continued use of the system formally transferred to the operating phase before the expiration date of the permit, or an authorized extension, then at least 60 days before such expiration date, the permittee shall apply for another individual stormwater permit, using the forms and accompanied by the fee required by rules in effect at that time.
13. Erosion controls shall remain in place until the filled area has sufficient vegetative coverage to ensure stability and prevent erosion into the surrounding wetlands or surface waters. Grass seed and mulch or sod shall be installed and maintained on all exposed slopes and disturbed soil

areas within 48 hours of completing final grade, and at any other time as necessary, to prevent erosion, sedimentation, or turbid discharges into adjacent wetlands. A vegetative cover that stabilizes and prevents erosion of the fill material shall be established within 60 days of sodding or seeding. Upon establishment of a substantial vegetative cover, all erosion control devices shall be removed.

14. All material used as fill shall be clean sand/fill dirt/shell material and shall not be contaminated with vegetation, garbage, trash, tires, hazardous waste, and deleterious materials.

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

16. If any construction de-watering is required which results in an offsite discharge of groundwater, the permittee and/or the contractor shall ensure that the requirements of pertinent portions of Chapter 62-621, F.A.C. are met. Please contact the FDEP Wastewater Department at 850-595-8300, for more information.

17. Construction equipment shall not be repaired or refueled in wetlands or elsewhere within waters of the state.

18. Any damage to wetlands outside of the authorized impact areas as a result of construction shall be immediately reported to the Department at (850)595-8300 and repaired by reestablishing the pre-construction elevations and replanting vegetation of the same species, size, and density as that in the adjacent areas. The restoration shall be completed within 30 days of completion of construction, and the Department shall be notified of its completion within that same 30-day period.

19. All wetland areas or water bodies which are adjacent to the specific limits of construction authorized by this permit shall be protected from erosion, sedimentation, siltation, scouring, excess turbidity or dewatering.

20. The following measures shall be taken by the permittee whenever turbidity levels within waters of the State surrounding the project site exceed 29 NTU's above background:

- a. Immediately cease all work contributing to the water quality violation.
- b. Modify the work procedures that were responsible for the violation, and install more turbidity containment devices and repair any non-functioning turbidity containment devices.
- c. Notify the Department of Environmental Protection, Submerged Lands & Environmental Resources Program, Compliance and Enforcement Section, Northwest District Office, 160 W Government Street, Pensacola, Florida 32502-5794, in writing or by telephone at (850)595-8300 within 24 hours of the time the violation is first detected.

21. There shall be no stock piling of tools, materials, (i.e. lumber, pilings, riprap, and debris) within wetlands, along the shoreline within the littoral zone, or elsewhere within the water/waters of the state.

22. All watercraft associated with the construction of the permitted structure shall only operate within waters of sufficient depth so as to preclude bottom scouring and prop dredging.

23. There shall be no stock piling of tools, materials, (i.e., lumber, pilings, riprap, and debris) within wetlands, along the shoreline within the littoral zone, or elsewhere within water/waters of the state.

24. Grass seed, or sod shall be installed and maintained on exposed slopes and disturbed soil areas within 48 hours of completing final grade, and at other times as necessary, to prevent erosion, sedimentation, or turbid discharges into the waters of the state and adjacent wetlands. A vegetative cover that stabilizes and prevents erosion of the fill material shall be established within 60 days of sodding or seeding. Turbidity barriers/erosion control devices shall be removed upon establishment of a substantial vegetative cover.

25. All cleared vegetation, excess lumber, scrap wood, trash, garbage and any other type of debris shall be removed from wetlands/waters of the state within 14 days of completion of the work authorized in this permit.

26. No dredging or filling of submerged grass beds is authorized by this permit.

SPECIFIC CONDITIONS – OTHER LISTED SPECIES

27. This permit does not authorize the permittee to cause any adverse impact to or “take” of state listed species and other regulated species of fish and wildlife. Compliance with state laws regulating the take of fish and wildlife is the responsibility of the owner or applicant associated with this project. Please refer to Chapter 68A-27 of the Florida Administrative Code for definitions of “take” and a list of fish and wildlife species. If listed species are observed onsite, FWC staff are available to provide decision support information or assist in obtaining the appropriate FWC permits. Most marine endangered and threatened species are statutorily protected and a “take” permit cannot be issued. Requests for further information or review can be sent to FWCConservationPlanningServices@MyFWC.com.

SPECIFIC CONDITIONS – OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES

28. All fill areas, fill slopes, and disturbed upland areas shall be stabilized at all times during and after construction so as to prevent any erosion, sedimentation, siltation, or scouring.

29. The remaining unimpacted wetlands and submerged vegetation onsite shall be maintained in a natural state. Removal of existing vegetation shall be minimized, with the exception of invasive exotic or nuisance species such as popcorn trees, Japanese climbing fern, cogon grass, and Chinese privet. For a more extensive list of invasive exotic and nuisance species, please go to: www.fleppc.org/list/.htm.

30. The authorized stormwater management system shall be completed prior to or simultaneously with associated upland development.

31. Once project construction has been deemed complete, including the re-stabilization of all side slopes, embankments, and other disturbed areas, and before the transfer to the Operation and Maintenance phase, all obsolete erosion control materials shall be removed.

32. The permittee shall be responsible for keeping records documenting that relevant permit conditions are met. This documentation shall include, at a minimum, the date of each inspection, the name and qualifications of the inspector, any maintenance actions taken, and a determination by the inspector as to whether the system is operating as intended. Inspection documentation must be readily available and shall be provided at the Department's request.

33. In addition to these conditions, the Permittee shall comply with all maintenance and inspection requirements prescribed in the Maintenance and Operation Plan developed by the registered professional who designed the system.

34. All structures authorized by this permit shall remain in operable condition and shall not be allowed to deteriorate or otherwise contribute to a water quality violation for the life of the facility. All stormwater structures identified by this permit shall be maintained in proper working order for the life of the facility.

35. Within 30 days of any failure of a dry retention pond or deviation from the permit, a report shall be submitted to the Department on Form 62-330.311(1), Operation and Maintenance Inspection Certification, describing the remedial actions taken to resolve the failure of deviation. This report shall be signed and sealed by a registered professional.

36. Percolation performance shall be evaluated within the dry retention ponds at least every third year. If there is evidence of inadequate percolation, the pond bottom must be re-scarified or deep-raked to restore percolation characteristics. If reworking the pond bottom fails to restore adequate percolation, additional retention area restoration shall be performed as follows:

- a. Remove the top layer of the retention area bottom material to a depth of 2 to 3 inches and scarify or deep-rake the excavated bottom.
- b. Replace excavated bottom material with suitably permeable material and restore the pond bottom to design grade.

37. Inspections by the Permittee.

- a. The dry retention ponds shall be inspected periodically for accumulation of debris and trash. Accumulations of debris and trash that negatively affect the function of the system shall be removed upon discovery.
- b. The dry retention ponds shall be inspected periodically for silt accumulation. Accumulations of silt that negatively affect the function of the system shall be removed.

38. The dry retention pond shall be inspected by a registered professional to evaluate whether the system is functioning as designed and permitted. Percolation performance should specifically be addressed. The registered professional may record his inspection on Form No. 62-330.311(1), Operation and Maintenance Inspection Certification or may provide his evaluation in any other format; however any report must be signed and sealed by the registered professional. Submittal of the inspection report to the Department is not required; but the report shall be made available to the Department upon request. Inspections shall be made by the registered professional in accordance with this schedule:

- a. On the first anniversary of the date of conversion to Operation and Maintenance Phase.
- b. Every fifth year on the anniversary of conversion to Operation and Maintenance phase, after the first year of successful operation.

39. The wet detention area shall be inspected periodically for debris and trash built up around the discharge structures. Accumulations of debris and trash that negatively affect the function of the system shall be removed upon discovery.

40. The wet detention ponds shall be inspected by a registered professional to evaluate whether the system is functioning as designed and permitted. The registered professional may record his inspection on Form No. 62-330.311(1), Operation and Maintenance Inspection Certification or may provide his evaluation in any other format; however any report must be signed and sealed by the registered professional. Submittal of the inspection report to the Department is not required; but the report shall be made available to the Department upon request. Inspections shall be made by the registered professional in accordance with this schedule:

- a. On the first anniversary of the date of conversion to Operation and Maintenance Phase.
- b. Every fifth year on the anniversary of conversion to Operation and Maintenance phase, after the first year of successful operation.

41. Signs shall be posted a minimum of every 100 feet around the perimeter of all wet detention ponds stating "Stormwater Treatment Pond – No mowing or spraying of aquatic vegetation allowed unless authorized by FDEP. Call 850-595-8300 for more information." These information signs shall be installed prior to the Transfer to Operation Phase and are required for the proper operation and maintenance of the stormwater treatment system.

GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL PERMITS

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

1. All activities shall be implemented following the plans, specifications and performance criteria approved by this permit. Any deviations must be authorized in a permit modification in accordance with Rule 62-330.315, F.A.C. Any deviations that are not so authorized may subject the permittee to enforcement action and revocation of the permit under Chapter 373, F.S.

2. A complete copy of this permit shall be kept at the work site of the permitted activity during the construction phase, and shall be available for review at the work site upon request by the Agency staff. The permittee shall require the contractor to review the complete permit prior to beginning construction.

3. Activities shall be conducted in a manner that does not cause or contribute to violations of state water quality standards. Performance-based erosion and sediment control best management practices shall be installed immediately prior to, and be maintained during and after construction as needed, to prevent adverse impacts to the water resources and adjacent lands. Such practices shall be in accordance with the *State of Florida Erosion and Sediment Control Designer and Reviewer Manual* (Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Florida Department of Transportation June 2007), and the *Florida Stormwater Erosion and Sedimentation Control Inspector's Manual* (Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Nonpoint Source Management Section, Tallahassee, Florida, July 2008), which are both incorporated by reference in subparagraph 62-330.050(9)(b)5., F.A.C., unless a project-specific erosion and sediment

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9. This permit does not:

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

- d. Authorize any entrance upon or work on property that is not owned, held in easement, or controlled by the permittee.
10. Prior to conducting any activities on state-owned submerged lands or other lands of the state, title to which is vested in the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund, the permittee must receive all necessary approvals and authorizations under Chapters 253 and 258, F.S. Written authorization that requires formal execution by the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund shall not be considered received until it has been fully executed.
11. The permittee shall hold and save the Agency harmless from any and all damages, claims, or liabilities that may arise by reason of the construction, alteration, operation, maintenance, removal, abandonment or use of any project authorized by the permit.
12. The permittee shall notify the Agency in writing:
- a. Immediately if any previously submitted information is discovered to be inaccurate; and
 - b. Within 30 days of any conveyance or division of ownership or control of the property or the system, other than conveyance via a long-term lease, and the new owner shall request transfer of the permit in accordance with Rule 62-330.340, F.A.C. This does not apply to the sale of lots or units in residential or commercial subdivisions or condominiums where the stormwater management system has been completed and converted to the operation phase.
13. Upon reasonable notice to the permittee, Agency staff with proper identification shall have permission to enter, inspect, sample and test the project or activities to ensure conformity with the plans and specifications authorized in the permit.
14. If any prehistoric or historic artifacts, such as pottery or ceramics, stone tools or metal implements, dugout canoes, or any other physical remains that could be associated with Native American cultures, or early colonial or American settlement are encountered at any time within the project site area, work involving subsurface disturbance in the immediate vicinity of such discoveries shall cease. The permittee or other designee shall contact the Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources, Compliance and Review Section, at (850) 245-6333 or (800) 847-7278, as well as the appropriate permitting agency office. Such subsurface work shall not resume without verbal or written authorization from the Division of Historical Resources. If unmarked human remains are encountered, all work shall stop immediately and notification shall be provided in accordance with Section 872.05, F.S.
15. Any delineation of the extent of a wetland or other surface water submitted as part of the permit application, including plans or other supporting documentation, shall not be considered binding unless a specific condition of this permit or a formal determination under Rule 62-330.201, F.A.C., provides otherwise.
16. The permittee shall provide routine maintenance of all components of the stormwater management system to remove trapped sediments and debris. Removed materials shall be disposed of in a landfill or other uplands in a manner that does not require a permit under Chapter 62-330, F.A.C., or cause violations of state water quality standards.

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

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

NOTICE OF RIGHTS

This action is final and effective on the date filed with the Clerk of the Department unless a petition for an administrative hearing is timely filed under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., before the deadline for filing a petition. On the filing of a timely and sufficient petition, this action will not be final and effective until a subsequent order of the Department. Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the subsequent order may modify or take a different position than this action.

Petition for Administrative Hearing

A person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's action may petition for an administrative proceeding (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. Pursuant to Rules 28-106.201 and 28-106.301, F.A.C., a petition for an administrative hearing must contain the following information:

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

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

Time Period for Filing a Petition

In accordance with Rule 62-110.106(3), F.A.C., petitions for an administrative hearing by the applicant and persons entitled to written notice under Section 120.60(3), F.S., must be filed within 21 days of receipt of this written notice. Petitions filed by any persons other than the applicant, and other than those entitled to written notice under Section 120.60(3), F.S., must be filed within 21 days of publication of the notice or within 21 days of receipt of the written notice, whichever occurs first. You cannot justifiably rely on the finality of this decision unless notice of this decision and the right of substantially affected persons to challenge this decision has been duly published or otherwise provided to all persons substantially affected by the decision. While you are not required to publish notice of this action, you may elect to do so pursuant to Rule 62-110.106(10)(a).

The failure to file a petition within the appropriate time period shall constitute a waiver of that person's right to request an administrative determination (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., or to intervene in this proceeding and participate as a party to it. Any subsequent intervention (in a proceeding initiated by another party) will be only at the discretion of the presiding officer upon the filing of a motion in compliance with Rule 28-106.205, F.A.C. If you do not publish notice of this action, this waiver will not apply to persons who have not received written notice of this action.

Extension of Time

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

Mediation

Mediation is not available in this proceeding.

FLAWAC Review

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

Judicial Review

Once this decision becomes final, any party to this action has the right to seek judicial review pursuant to Section 120.68, F.S. by filing a Notice of Appeal pursuant to Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure 9.110 and 9.190 with the Clerk of the Department in the Office of General Counsel (Station #35, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000) and by filing a copy of the Notice of Appeal accompanied by the applicable filing fees with the

appropriate district court of appeal. The notice must be filed within 30 days from the date this action is filed with the Clerk of the Department.

Thank you for applying to the Submerged Lands and Environmental Resource Permit Program. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Whitney Bretana at the letterhead address, at (850)595-0658, or at Whitney.Bretana@FloridaDEP.gov

EXECUTION AND CLERKING

Executed in Pensacola, Florida.

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



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Attachments:

Standard Manatee Construction Conditions 2011, 2 pages
Project Drawings and Design Specs., 233 pages
Wetland Impacts and Proposed Ponds Graphics, 11 pages
Operation and Maintenance Plan, 2 pages
Approved Mitigation Plan, 12 pages

Copies of 62-330 forms may be obtained at: <https://floridadep.gov/water/submerged-lands-environmental-resources-coordination/content/forms-environmental-resource>

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned duly designated deputy clerk hereby certifies that this document and all attachments were sent on the filing date below to the following listed persons:

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FILED, on this date, pursuant to Section 120.52, F.S., with the designated Department Clerk, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged.



Clerk

August 15, 2022
Date

STANDARD MANATEE CONDITIONS FOR IN-WATER WORK
2011

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

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

CAUTION: MANATEE HABITAT

All project vessels

IDLE SPEED / NO WAKE

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

SHUT DOWN

Report any collision with or injury to a manatee:

Wildlife Alert:



1-888-404-FWCC(3922)

cell *FWC or #FWC