



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT CORPS OF ENGINEERS
PENSACOLA REGULATORY OFFICE
41 NORTH JEFFERSON STREET, SUITE 301
PENSACOLA, FLORIDA 32502

April 14, 2014

Pensacola Permits Section
SAJ-2013-02668 (SP-SWA)

Okaloosa County Board of County Commissioners
1804 Lewis Turner Boulevard, Suite 100
Ft. Walton Beach, Florida 32547

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is pleased to enclose the Department of the Army permit, which should be available at the construction site. Work may begin immediately but the Corps must be notified of:

- a. The date of commencement of the work,
- b. The dates of work suspensions and resumptions of work, if suspended over a week, and
- c. The date of final completion.

This information should be mailed to the Special Projects and Enforcement Branch of the Regulatory Division of the Jacksonville District at 41 North Jefferson Street, Suite 301, Pensacola, Florida 32502. The Special Projects and Enforcement Branch is also responsible for inspections to determine whether Permittees have strictly adhered to permit conditions.

IT IS NOT LAWFUL TO DEVIATE FROM
THE APPROVED PLANS ENCLOSED.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "DW Kinard", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

for Donald W. Kinard
Chief, Regulatory Division

Enclosures:
Proffered Permit

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY PERMIT

Permittee: Okaloosa County Board of County Commissioners
1804 Lewis Turner Boulevard, Suite 100
Ft. Walton Beach, Florida 32547

Permit No: SAJ-2013-02668 (SP-SWA)

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 Corps of Engineers 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: The applicant proposes to establish an artificial reef area, which would be referred to as the "Fish Haven #14". It would consist of a ¼ by ¼ mile deployment area, totaling 40 acres, which would provide enhanced habitat and recreational fishing and diving opportunities upon implementation of the project. Additionally, there would be a deployment buffer of 50 feet on each side. Material to be deployed would consist of clean concrete or rock and prefabricated structures that are a mixture of clean concrete and heavy gauge steel. The material to be deployed would have a maximum profile height of no more than 30 feet and would result in a minimum authorized depth of -38 feet at mean lower low water MLLW. The applicant would implement a monitoring plan. The work described above is to be completed in accordance with the three (3) pages of drawings affixed at the end of this permit instrument.

Project Location: The project site is located in the Gulf of Mexico, 5.66 nautical miles southwest of Destin pass, 2.71 nautical miles north of the East-West Safety Fairway and 2.59 nautical miles south of Okaloosa Island off of Okaloosa County, Florida.

Latitude & Longitude:

NE Site Corner: Latitude: 30.354166° North
Longitude: 86.612483° West

NW Site Corner: Latitude: 30.354166° North
Longitude: 86.616666° West

SE Site Corner: Latitude: 30.350533° North

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Special Conditions:

1. **Reporting Addresses:** The Permittee shall reference this permit number, SAJ-2013-02668 (SP-SWA), 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, Regulatory Division, Enforcement Section
41 North Jefferson Street, Suite 301
Pensacola, Florida 32502
The Permittee shall reference this permit number,
SAJ-2010-03163 (SP-SWA), on all submittals.
Or email at: CESAJ-ComplyDocs@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 at: ocs.ndb@noaa.gov.

- (c) Commander, U.S. Coast Guard (USCG)
8th Coast Guard District
Hale Boggs Federal Building
500 Poydras Street
New Orleans, LA 70130

- (d) Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
(FWC), Artificial Reef Program,
620 S. Meridian Street, Box 4B2
Tallahassee, FL 32399.
Or email at: artificialreefdeployments@MyFWC.com

2. **Initial Agency Notification:** The Permittee shall provide to the Corps, NOAA and USCG written notification of the planned deployment start date at least two weeks prior to the initial deployment on the authorized artificial reef site.

3. **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 one year prior to deployment. The Permittee shall

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6. 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.

7. 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 of Engineers, 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.

8. Sea Turtle, Smalltooth Sawfish and Sturgeon Conditions: The Permittee shall comply with the attached National Marine Fisheries Service's "*Sea Turtle and Smalltooth Sawfish Construction Conditions*", which also applies to sturgeon.

9. Manatee Conditions: The Permittee shall comply with the attached "*Standard Manatee Conditions for In-Water Work – 2011.*"

10. Protected Species Guidance: The Permittee shall comply with the attached "*Vessel Strike Avoidance Measures and Injured or Dead Protected Species Reporting*" guidance for marine turtles and marine mammals.

11. Self-Certification: Within 60 days of completion of the authorized work or at the expiration of the construction authorization of this permit, whichever occurs first, the Permittee shall complete the attached "*Self-Certification Statement of Compliance*" form and submit to the Corps. In the event that the completed work deviates, in any manner, from the authorized work, the Permittee shall describe, on the Self-Certification Form, the deviations between the work authorized by the permit and the work as constructed. Please note that the description of any deviations on the Self-Certification Form does not constitute approval of any deviations by the Corps.

12. 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 the ground disturbing activities and construction work within the permit area, there are archaeological/cultural materials encountered which were not the

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

(X) 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).

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.

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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.

Charles K. Windes, Jr.  April 1, 2014
(PERMITTEE) (DATE)

Charles K. Windes, Jr.
(PERMITTEE NAME-PRINTED)

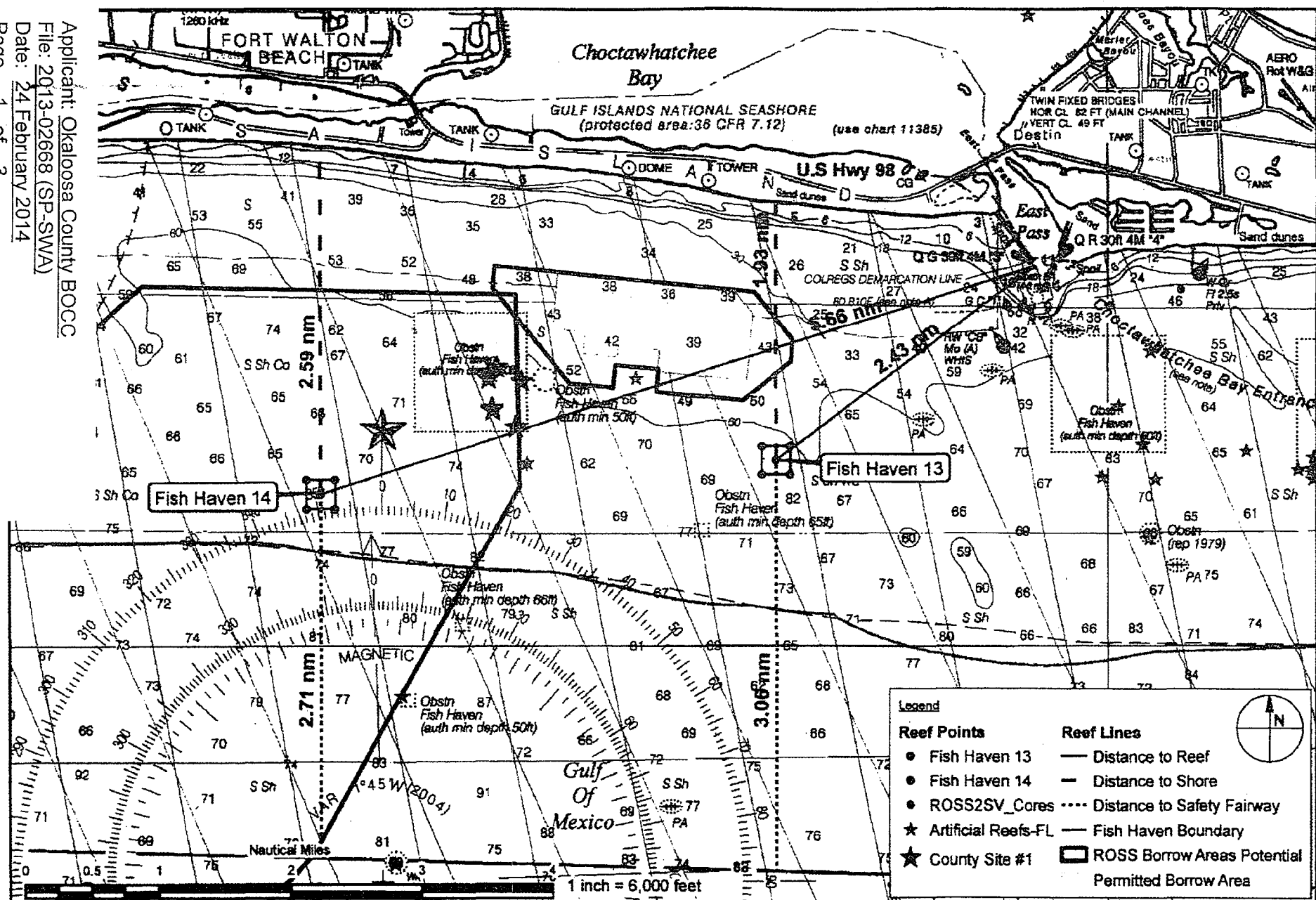
This permit becomes effective when the Federal official, designated to act for the Secretary of the Army, has signed below.

for  APRIL 14, 2014
(DISTRICT ENGINEER) (DATE)
Alan M. Dodd,
Colonel, U.S. Army
District Commander

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***Attachments to Department of the Army
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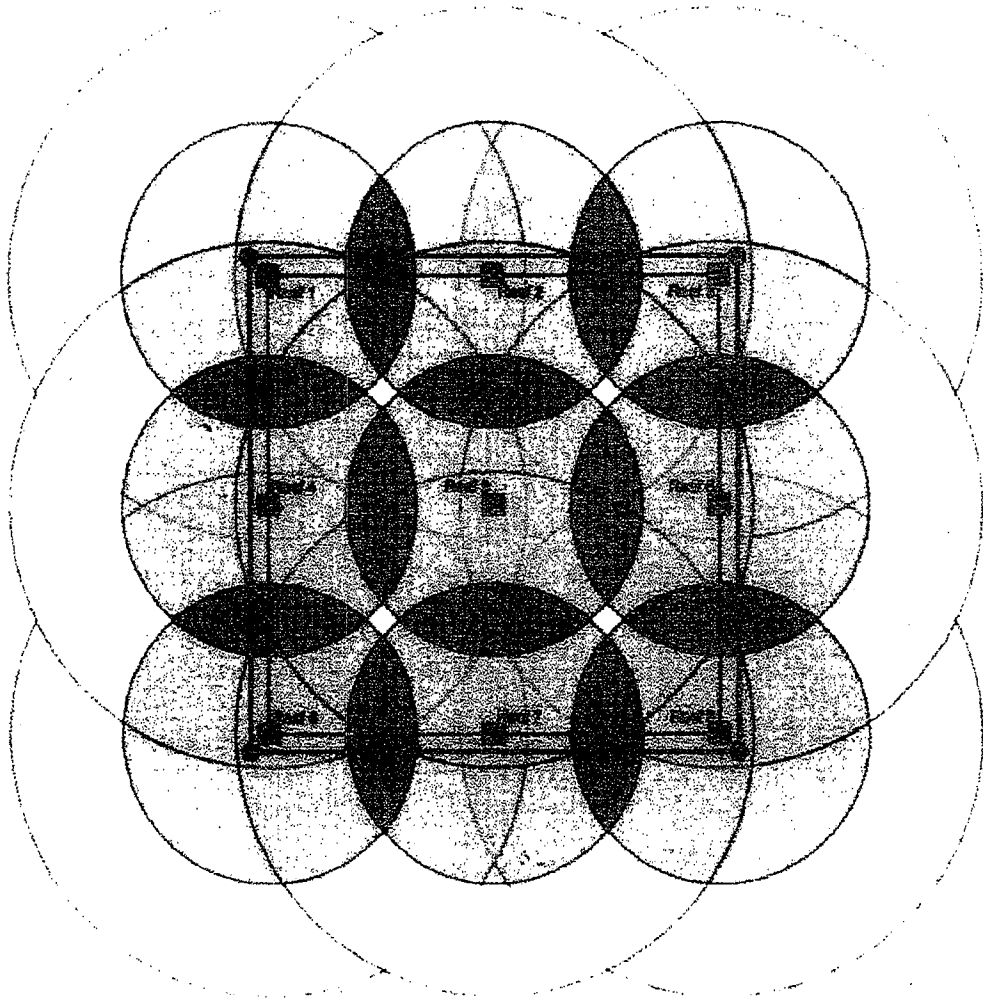
1. PERMIT DRAWINGS: Three (3) pages, dated 25 February 2014.
2. WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION: Specific Conditions of the water quality permit/certification in accordance with General Condition number 5 on page 3 of this DA permit. Eight (8) pages.
3. SEA TURTLE, SAWFISH AND STURGEON CONDITIONS: One (1) page.
4. MANATEE CONDITIONS: One (1) page.
5. VESSEL STRIKE AVOIDANCE MEASURES: Two (2) pages.
6. FLORIDA ARTIFICIAL REEF MATERIALS CARGO MANIFEST AND PRE-DEPLOYMENT NOTIFICATION FORM:
7. FLORIDA ARTIFICIAL REEF MATERIALS PLACEMENT REPORT AND POST-DEPLOYMENT NOTIFICATION FORM:
8. SELF-CERTIFICATION FORM: One (1) page.



TAYLOR ENGINEERING INC.
 10151 DEERWOOD PARK BLVD.
 BLDG. 300, SUITE 300
 JACKSONVILLE, FL 32256
 CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION # 415

FIGURE 1
 FISH HAVEN 14
 OKALOOSA COUNTY ARTIFICIAL REEFS
 OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA

PROJECT	C2012-005-01	SCALE	
DRAWN BY	RC		
SHEET	1 of 3		
DATE	JAN 2012	Author: A. Taylor	DATE



Foraging pressure is greater in the darker shaded areas. Foraging characteristics on the perimeter represent an infinite foraging prospect. The two circles around each reef location represent a 400' and 700' foraging radius, characteristic of target species such as red snapper and gag grouper.

Legend

- Corner Points
- Reef Locations
- 50' Offset
- Fish Haven Boundary
- 400' Radius
- 700' Radius



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 CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION # 4815

FIGURE 3
 FISH HAVEN 14
 OKALOOSA COUNTY ARTIFICIAL REEFS
 OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA

PROJECT	C2012-005-01
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
Southeast Regional Office
263 13th Avenue South
St. Petersburg, FL 33701

SEA TURTLE AND SMALLTOOTH SAWFISH CONSTRUCTION CONDITIONS

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

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

Revised: March 23, 2006

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Vessel Strike Avoidance Measures and Reporting for Mariners NOAA Fisheries Service, Southeast Region

Background

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has determined that collisions with vessels can injure or kill protected species (e.g., endangered and threatened species, and marine mammals). The following standard measures should be implemented to reduce the risk associated with vessel strikes or disturbance of these protected species to discountable levels. NMFS should be contacted to identify any additional conservation and recovery issues of concern, and to assist in the development of measures that may be necessary.

Protected Species Identification Training

Vessel crews should use an Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico reference guide that helps identify protected species that might be encountered in U.S. waters of the Atlantic Ocean, including the Caribbean Sea, and Gulf of Mexico. Additional training should be provided regarding information and resources available regarding federal laws and regulations for protected species, ship strike information, critical habitat, migratory routes and seasonal abundance, and recent sightings of protected species.

Vessel Strike Avoidance

In order to avoid causing injury or death to marine mammals and sea turtles the following measures should be taken when consistent with safe navigation:

1. Vessel operators and crews should maintain a vigilant watch for marine mammals and sea turtles to avoid striking sighted protected species.
2. When whales are sighted, maintain a distance of 100 yards or greater between the whale and the vessel.
3. When sea turtles or small cetaceans are sighted, attempt to maintain a distance of 50 yards or greater between the animal and the vessel whenever possible.
4. When small cetaceans are sighted while a vessel is underway (e.g., bow-riding), attempt to remain parallel to the animal's course. Avoid excessive speed or abrupt changes in direction until the cetacean has left the area.
5. Reduce vessel speed to 10 knots or less when mother/calf pairs, groups, or large assemblages of cetaceans are observed near an underway vessel, when safety permits. A single cetacean at the surface may indicate the presence of submerged animals in the vicinity; therefore, prudent precautionary measures should always be exercised. The vessel should attempt to route around the animals, maintaining a minimum distance of 100 yards whenever possible.



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 - _____ U.S. Army Corps Permit No.: _____
(if applicable)

Total project cost: \$ _____ (Funding Source(s) and Amount(s): FWC \$ _____ Local \$ _____ Other \$ _____)

Name of Permitted Reef Site: _____ Location Name for This Deployment: _____

Latitude: _____° _____' _____" North Longitude: _____° _____' _____" West
Degrees minutes decimal minutes Degrees minutes decimal minutes

GPS Brand: _____ GPS Model number: _____

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

Water Depth: _____ feet (minus) Max. Material Height: _____ feet (equals) Actual 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: _____

How was tonnage calculated?(Check all that apply, attach additional sheets if necessary): Before & after barge draft calculation
 Known weight of individual pieces
TOTAL TONNAGE FOR THIS DEPLOYMENT: _____ Trucking receipts

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

Observer's Name: _____ Title: _____
(PLEASE PRINT) (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: _____ Title: _____
(PLEASE PRINT) (PLEASE PRINT)

Permittee's Staff Signature: _____ Date: _____

Local Tracking number _____ FWC Tracking number _____ Entered by _____ on _____ date
FWC initials

SELF-CERTIFICATION STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

Permit Number: SAJ-2013-02668 (SP-SWA)

Permittee's Name & Address (please print or type): _____

Telephone Number: _____

Location of the Work: _____

Date Work Started: _____ Date Work Completed: _____

Description of the Work (e.g. bank stabilization, residential or commercial filling, docks, dredging, etc.):

Acreage or Square Feet of Impacts to Waters of the United States: _____

Describe Mitigation completed (if applicable): _____

Describe any Deviations from the Permit (attach drawing(s) depicting the deviations):

I certify that all work, and mitigation (if applicable) was done in accordance with the limitations and conditions as described in the permit. Any deviations as described above are depicted on the attached drawing(s).

Signature of Permittee

Date