



*Florida Department of  
Environmental Protection*

***Modifying Florida's  
Process to Promote  
Public Access and  
Working Waterfronts***

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## *Submerged Lands in Florida*

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## Florida Oceans and Coastal Council

- National Ocean Economics Program estimates Florida's ocean and coastal economies total \$587 billion
- [www.floridaoceanscouncil.org/economies\\_report.htm](http://www.floridaoceanscouncil.org/economies_report.htm)





## *The Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund*

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## *Florida Department of Environmental Protection*

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- 3600 employees
- \$2.3 billion annual budget
- Processing 1500 coastal construction permits; 11, 000 environmental resource permits; and 2,600 state land authorizations annually





## *Sister Agencies*

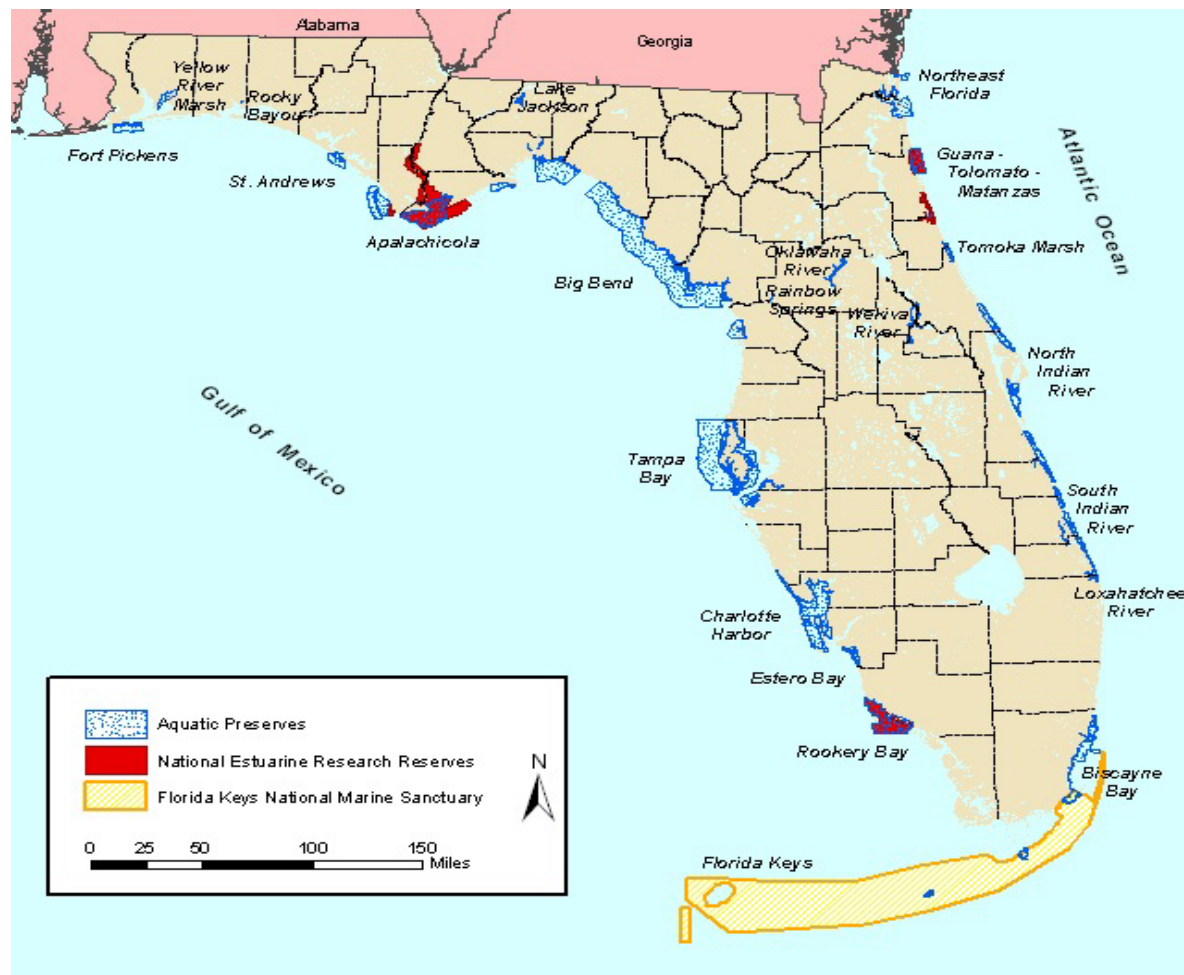
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- Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services
- 5 Water Management Districts
- Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
- Department of Community Affairs
- All of the above and several more are “networked agencies” within the federally-approved Florida Coastal Management Program





# Florida's Aquatic Preserves





## *Anchoring & Mooring Legislation*

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## *Submerged Lands Leasing Fees Reform*

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Senate Committee on Environmental Preservation and  
Conservation

Chair: Senator Burt L. Saunders (R-Naples)

Vice-Chair: Senator Nan H. Rich (D-Sunrise)

Senator Paula Dockery (R-Lakeland)

Senator Don Gaetz (R-Ft. Walton Beach)

Senator Dennis L. Jones (R-Seminole)

Senator Charlie Justice (D-St. Petersburg)





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