

**Section I**  
**Notice of Development of Proposed Rules  
and Negotiated Rulemaking**

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**State Board of Education**

**RULE NO.:** 6A-10.0315  
**RULE TITLE:** Demonstration of Readiness for College-Level Communication and Computation

**PURPOSE AND EFFECT:** The purpose of this rule amendment is to add the Classic Learning Test 10 (CLT10) and its concordant, standard scores as an additional alternative methods assessment option. Section 1008.30, F.S., provides authority to the State Board of Education to adopt common placement tests/alternative methods and standard scores in rule. The effect of this change will result in a new assessment option and standard scores that may be used to assess readiness for college-level work. This amendment will also address assessment of college-level communication and computation skills of students who intend to enter a A.S. or A.A.S. degree program at district career centers, pursuant to s. 1007.331, F.S.

**SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED:** Demonstration of Readiness by students for College-Level Communication and Computation skills.

**RULEMAKING AUTHORITY:** 1001.02(6), 1008.30(1), (2), F.S.

**LAW IMPLEMENTED:** 1001.02, 1007.263, 1007.271, 1008.02, 1008.30, F.S.

**A RULE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD AT THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:**

**DATE AND TIME:** March 27, 2025, 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**PLACE:**

[https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_Fs2Y851qQDmeiowfi2LCJA](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Fs2Y851qQDmeiowfi2LCJA)

**THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT AND A COPY OF THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT, IF AVAILABLE, IS:** Mike Sfiropoulos, Division of Florida Colleges, (850)245-9523, or Mike.Sfiropoulos@fldoe.org. To comment on this rule development, please go to <https://web02.fldoe.org/rules> or contact: Chris Emerson, Director, Office of Executive Management, Department of Education, Christian.Emerson@fldoe.org.

**THE PRELIMINARY TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT IS:** The draft rule language will be available at <https://web02.fldoe.org/rules> prior to the workshop.

**Section II**  
**Proposed Rules**

**FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION  
COMMISSION**

**Marine Fisheries**

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68B-8.015	Dredge Special Activity License

**PURPOSE AND EFFECT:** The purpose of this rulemaking is to improve the operation of the Marine Special Activity License (SAL) program, update and modernize rule language, extend license periods, meet evolving program needs, and support the restoration and recovery of coral, oyster, seagrass, and other resources. The effect of these changes would be to reduce administrative burdens on applicants and licensees, provide additional information to increase transparency for applicants, implement changes to meet evolving program needs, and expand the types of activities that may be authorized through the SAL program.

**SUMMARY:** These proposed rule amendments would update Special Activity License (SAL) eligibility requirements, license periods, and license conditions; remove outdated and unnecessary language; update the SAL program administration process; remove the limit on the number of authorized personnel listed on an SAL; streamline the FWC Law Enforcement notification process for licensees; specify which SAL types allow the use of third party contractors; update and create new definitions to correspond to proposed rule changes;

repeal the Dredge SAL; and update the Aquaculture Broodstock Collection and Stock Collection and Release SALs. Updates to the ABC SAL include extending the valid license period to two years and expanding eligibility requirements to include certified marine plant producers to accommodate the collection of rooted marine plants as broodstock for aquaculture research, restoration, or commercial aquaculture. Updates to the SCR SAL include expanding eligibility requirements to ensure applicants have appropriate experience and veterinary support necessary to complete requested activities related to the relocation, production, outplanting, or rehabilitation of marine organisms, and to establish license conditions that will ensure these activities are conducted in a manner that preserves the health and genetic diversity of wild populations and will provide for emergency response activities.

The Marine SAL program issues licenses to accommodate activities requiring exemptions to state marine fisheries regulations, such as scientific research, education, exhibition, the release of marine organisms, collection of broodstock for aquaculture, and testing innovative fishing gear. SAL program rules, which were last updated 15 years ago, include language that is now outdated or unnecessary. Additionally, the rules need to be updated to address a recent expansion in the types of activities requested by practitioners and that are necessary to respond to various environmental events, such as coral disease outbreaks and outplanting of corals for restoration and to accommodate current or new practices. The proposed rules would provide general updates and clarifications to improve the licensing process, accommodate additional requested activities, update license provisions, and provide additional transparency for SAL applicants.

#### SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

The Agency has determined that this will not have an adverse impact on small business or likely increase directly or indirectly regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate within one year after the implementation of the rule. A SERC has not been prepared by the Agency.

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: the nature of the rule and the preliminary analysis conducted to determine whether a SERC was required.

Any person who wishes to provide information regarding a statement of estimated regulatory costs, or provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution

LAW IMPLEMENTED: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution

IF REQUESTED WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE, A HEARING WILL BE SCHEDULED AND ANNOUNCED IN THE FAR.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: the ADA Coordinator, at (850)488-6411. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Jessica McCawley, Director, Division of Marine Fisheries Management, 620 S. Meridian St., Tallahassee, Florida 32399, and (850)487-0554.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

#### **68B-8.001 Purpose and Intent Introduction and Scope.**

(1) The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission recognizes that there are justifiable reasons to allow the harvest, possession, or release of marine organisms that would require the waiver ~~be in violation~~ of one or more of the state's marine fisheries rules. Such activities include but are not limited to scientific research, restoration, education/exhibition, aquaculture, the use of non-conforming or innovative gear, the use of marine chemicals, and the release of marine organisms, ~~and the use of dredges~~.

~~(2) The rules in this chapter establish the Special Activity License (SAL) Program and allow the Commission to enter into agreements. Under this program the Commission will evaluate a proposed activity that requires a waiver of state marine fisheries rules. If the Commission determines that the proposed activity is in the best interest of the public of the State of Florida, it may issue a SAL or FMSEA Certification or enter into an agreement that includes terms, conditions, or restrictions that are necessary to ensure that the activity is consistent, to the maximum extent practicable, with fisheries rules, management plans of the Commission, and the best available scientific information.~~

*Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History—New 7-1-04, Amended \_\_\_\_\_.*

#### **68B-8.002 Definitions.**

As used in Chapter 68B-8, F.A.C.:

(1) through (2) No change.

~~(3) "Bred in Captivity" or "Captive Bred" refers to eggs or organisms, born or otherwise produced in captivity from broodstock that mated or otherwise transferred gametes in~~

~~captivity (if reproduction is sexual), or from broodstock that were in captivity when development of the progeny began (if development is asexual).~~

~~(3)(4) “Broodstock” means any wild or captive marine organism of any life stage collected or held for propagation sexually mature organisms of both genders capable of producing gametes or offspring now or in the future for artificial cultivation purposes. Broodstock includes organisms captured to conduct immediate source spawning or for long-term retention.~~

~~(4)(5) “Captivity” means when a marine organism at any life stage is eggs or live organisms are held in a controlled or selected aquatic environment that has boundaries designed to prevent such organism eggs or live organisms from entering or leaving the controlled environment.~~

~~(5)(6) No change.~~

~~(6)(7) “Certified aquaculture facility” means a facility that has a valid aquaculture certificate of registration issued by DOACS pursuant to Section 597.004, F.S., and is constructed and maintained in accordance with Aquaculture Best Management Practices, Rule 5L-3.004, F.A.C.~~

~~(8) “DOACS” means Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.~~

~~(9) through (11) renumbered as (7) through (9). No change.~~

~~(10)(12) “FMSEA Certification” means documentation validating a person’s the completion of the Florida Marine Science Educators Association Aquatic Species Collection workshop.~~

~~(11) “Genetic conservation unit” or “GCU” means a specific population, group of populations, or habitat(s) designated to preserve or maintain genetic diversity, evolutionary potential, and adaptive capacity of a species and/or subspecies.~~

~~(12)(13) No change.~~

~~(13)(14) “Hard bottom” means any living natural or artificial reef (including coral reefs, oyster reefs, and worm reefs) or varying biological assemblage assemblages of marine organisms attached to hard substrate.~~

~~(14)(15) “Harvest” or “collect” means the catching, taking, or molesting of a marine organism by any means whatsoever, followed by a reduction of such organism or part thereof to possession. A marine organism that is caught and immediately returned to the water free, alive, and unharmed is not harvested.~~

~~(15)(16) “Marine organism” means an organism, including anadromous and catadromous organisms and plants, that has a natural portion of its life cycle that is dependent upon marine or estuarine waters, including anadromous and catadromous organisms and plants but excluding striped bass (*Morone saxatilis*), American eels (*Anguilla Anguilla rostrata*), non-living shells, marine reptiles, marine mammals, and birds.~~

~~(16)(17) No change.~~

(17) “Mitigation” means an action that is taken to avoid, minimize or offset potential negative effects of an activity.

~~(18) No change.~~

(19) “Nursery” means a land or water-based central location where holding, propagation, grow out (rearing), acclimation, staging, or restoration research activities occur.

(20) “Organism of opportunity” means a marine organism that has become available for rescue from a construction project area or an area that has been physically damaged, or through natural processes, strandings, or unknown events.

(21) “Outplanting” or “seeding” means the removal of a marine organism from any nursery or temporary holding location, and placing such organism into any in-water location outside of an in-water nursery or in-water temporary holding location.

~~(22)(19) No change.~~

~~(23)(20) No change.~~

(24) “Release” means the introduction, liberation, outplanting, placement, reintroduction, relocation, stocking, transfer, translocation, or transplantation of any marine organism into or within any in-water location.

(25) “Relocation” means the movement of a marine organism at any life stage from an in-water location to another in-water location, but excludes outplanting and transfer.

(26) “Restoration” means any activity designed and implemented to cause or assist in the recovery of growth, sustainability, or viability for populations negatively affected by natural or human-caused impacts.

~~(27)(21) “Scientific research” means an activity that uses marine organisms to conduct one or more of the following:~~

~~(a) through (b) No change.~~

~~(c) Restoration activity that facilitates mitigation or recovery of hard bottom marine organisms and includes subsequent monitoring to measure the success of the restoration effort. Restoration activities do not include oyster relay activities authorized pursuant to Section 597.010, F.S.~~

~~(28)(22) No change.~~

~~(29)(23) No change.~~

(30) “Tag” means any internal or external device or other marking, placed in or on an organism for the purpose of identification.

~~(24) “Stock enhancement” means the process of releasing many organisms into a self-sustaining, naturally reproducing population of the same native species, in order to increase the number of breeders in that population. Stock enhancement represents an attempt to offset harvesting pressure or to expand stock size based upon a presumed underutilized carrying capacity of the environment.~~

~~(25) “Stock restoration” means the captive breeding and release of marine organisms to maintain or re-establish the demographic stability and biological diversity of a non self-~~

sustaining (inviabile) or locally extirpated natural population (stock) until such time that a naturally self-sustaining stock can be re-established. Restoration includes stock enhancement.

(31)(26) “Third party contractor” is an entity that is paid for services rendered to collect or transport marine organisms on behalf of an a SAL holder, or paid to provide expertise as an agent or consultant for the collection or transport of marine organisms on behalf of an a SAL holder. Salaried staff or faculty, non-salaried volunteers, students, interns, or visiting principal principle investigators who do not receive monetary compensation for their collection assistance are not third party contractors.

(32) “Transfer,” when used in reference to the possession of a marine organism, means the physical conveyance of a marine organism between entities or nurseries.

*Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History—New 7-1-04, Amended 11-19-09,\_\_\_\_\_.*

**68B-8.003 General Conditions and Restrictions.**

(1) An SAL or FMSEA Certification is not transferable. ELIGIBILITY.

(a) A SAL or FMSEA Certification will not be issued to a person and no person shall conduct activities under a SAL if, during the 36-month period prior to the application or activity, that person has been charged with a violation of a rule in Title 68, F.A.C.; Chapter 370, 372 or 379, F.S.; or 50 CFR Parts 622, 635, 640, 648, 654, 660, or 679 unless that person has received a final disposition of acquittal or dismissal of such charged violation.

(b) A Stock Collection and Release SAL, an Aquaculture Broodstock Collection SAL, or a Snook SAL will not be issued to a person and no person shall conduct activities under such SAL, if that person has been charged with a violation of a provision of Section 597.004, F.S., or Chapter 5L-3, F.A.C.

(c) A SAL will not be issued for an activity that is allowed under the marine recreational fishing regulations, with the exception of an Aquaculture Broodstock Collection SAL.

(d) A SAL will not be issued to a third party contractor.

(2) APPLICATION, ISSUANCE, AND LICENSE PERIODS.

(a) A person may apply for and be issued a SAL at any time and a SAL shall be valid for 12 months from the date of issuance with the following exceptions:

1. The period of validity of a Scientific Research SAL will be based on the duration of the proposed activity, provided that the duration is no longer than is necessary to achieve its stated purpose and it does not exceed 36 months from the date of issuance. The period of validity for a Scientific Research SAL issued for prohibited species shall not exceed 12 months from the date of issuance.

2. An Education/Exhibition SAL involving the collection of prohibited species may only be applied for April 1 through April 30 or October 1 through October 31.

3. An Aquaculture Broodstock Collection SAL is only valid so long as the SAL holder also holds a valid aquaculture certificate of registration issued pursuant to Section 597.004, F.S., and Chapter 5L-3, F.A.C.

4. The period of validity of a Governmental Purpose SAL will be based on the duration of the proposed activity, provided that it is no longer than is necessary to achieve its stated purpose.

5. The period of validity of a Nonprofit SAL is 36 months.

(b) A person may apply for and shall be issued a FMSEA Certification upon completion of workshop training and a FMSEA Certification is valid for 36 months.

(3) TRANSFERABILITY OF LICENSE OR CERTIFICATION. A SAL or FMSEA Certification is not transferable. If a SAL or Certificate holder changes his or her affiliation, the SAL or Certificate is no longer valid and must be amended or re-issued.

(4) SCOPE OF AUTHORITY. A SAL or FMSEA Certification does not authorize any activity outside of state waters, within zoned areas of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, or within the boundaries of any federal park. For purposes of this subsection, “zoned areas of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary” means Sanctuary Preservation Areas, Special Use Areas, Research Only Areas, and Ecological Reserves.

(2)(5) Law Enforcement Notification – A license holder must provide notice to the Commission’s Division of Law Enforcement of their intent to conduct activities authorized by an SAL or FMSEA Certification no less than 24 hours prior to conducting such activities. The content and submission of such notice shall be made in the manner prescribed on the license holder’s SAL or FMSEA Certification LAW ENFORCEMENT NOTIFICATION. The holder of a SAL or FMSEA Certification must notify the nearest Commission Law Enforcement Dispatch Center not later than 24 hours prior to conducting activities under a SAL or FMSEA Certification. Notification shall consist of a float plan detailing locations, dates, and times of activities. Deviations from the float plan are permitted only after 24-hour advance notification to the nearest Commission Law Enforcement Dispatch Center. Float plans are valid for the duration of the SAL or FMSEA Certification unless rescinded by the SAL or FMSEA Certification holder.

(6) AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL.

(a) No more than 10 individuals shall be authorized to conduct activities pursuant to a SAL unless justification for additional personnel is provided by the applicant and additional personnel are necessary to achieve the stated purpose of the SAL.

~~(b) Authorized personnel on a FMSEA Certification will be limited to the certification holder, teaching assistants, and up to 100 students per collecting trip. Both the teaching assistants and students must be operating under the direct supervision of the Certification holder and there must be at least one adult per ten students.~~

~~(3)(7) Release of Marine Organisms – RELEASE OF MARINE ORGANISMS. No marine organism that has been maintained in captivity shall be released unless the release is authorized by an a SAL or FMSEA Certification and or the release is conducted in accordance with the “Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Policy on the Release of Marine Organisms, September 2009,” which is hereby adopted as a rule of the Commission and is incorporated herein by reference and is available at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-XXXXX>. However, the release restrictions in paragraph (a) of this subsection do not apply to:~~

~~(a) Catch and release activities that occur during the course of recreational fishing.~~

~~(b) The use of a marine organism for bait.~~

~~(c) The temporary possession of bycatch or of a marine organism that is temporarily retained in order to conduct directed commercial fishing activities, provided that the marine organism is not retained any longer than is necessary to accomplish the directed harvest.~~

~~(4)(8) Tagging of Marine Organisms – TAGGING OF MARINE ORGANISMS. No marine organism shall be tagged unless such tagging activity has been authorized pursuant to an a SAL or FMSEA Certification. The tagging restrictions of this subsection do not apply to directors of a fishing tournament or their designee, who may tag up to five (5) fish per tournament for purposes of awarding prizes to tournament participants. For purposes of this section, a “tag” means any internal or external device or other marking, placed in or on an organism for the purpose of identification.~~

~~(9) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. Required reporting documentation must be submitted within 30 days after expiration of the SAL.~~

~~(5)(10) Transferability of Marine Organisms – TRANSFERABILITY OF MARINE ORGANISMS.~~

~~(a) An A SAL or FMSEA Certification is not required if a marine organism harvested pursuant to an a SAL or FMSEA Certification is being moved through formal transfer or loan between facilities that meet the eligibility requirements for individual Special Activity Licenses as established in Chapter 68B-8, F.A.C. subsection 68B 8.003(1), F.A.C., and that are certified aquaculture facilities or are conducting scientific research, education, or exhibition activities. A marine organism authorized for sale under subsection 68B 8.003(11), F.A.C., is not considered a transfer or loan. In lieu of an a SAL or FMSEA~~

Certification, the recipient facility must permanently maintain documentation of the transfer or loan for documentation must be permanently maintained by a facility that possesses a marine organism in their possession that was harvested pursuant to an a SAL or FMSEA Certification and transferred or loaned to that facility. The documentation must include the following:

1. through 3. No change.

4. A detailed description of each marine organism ~~being~~ transferred or loaned including common name, scientific name, size, and sex.

5. ~~Quantity Number~~ of each species type of marine organism being transferred or loaned.

6. Date of transfer, or dates of beginning and ending ~~date~~ of loan.

7. No change.

8. Signatures from representatives of the transferring and receiving facilities acknowledging ~~that~~ the transfer was completed or the loan was initiated.

(b) No change.

(c) A marine organism authorized for sale under subsection 68B-8.003(7), F.A.C., is not eligible for a transfer or loan.

~~(6)(11) Possession of Marine Organisms After Expiration of a License or Certification – POSSESSION AFTER LICENSE OR CERTIFICATION EXPIRATION. The Commission recognizes that a marine organism harvested, possessed, or produced ~~collected~~ pursuant to an a SAL or FMSEA Certification may need to be retained for a period of time that extends beyond the expiration date of the SAL or FMSEA Certification issued for its harvest. For this purpose, the following conditions must be met for marine organisms collected pursuant to an a SAL or FMSEA Certification to be legally possessed beyond the expiration of an a SAL or FMSEA Certification:~~

~~(a) All documentation required for reporting must be submitted to the Commission within 30 days after ~~of~~ expiration of the SAL.~~

~~(b) The SAL or FMSEA Certification, or a copy thereof, that authorized the harvest or possession of the marine organism must be promptly produced at the request of the Commission or an authorized law enforcement officer. Following the expiration date of the SAL or FMSEA Certification, the original SAL or FMSEA Certification or a copy is sufficient documentation to authorize possession of a marine organism harvested pursuant to a SAL or FMSEA Certification. Such documentation must be promptly produced at the request of an authorized law enforcement officer.~~

~~(7)(12) Sale of Marine Organisms – SALE OF MARINE ORGANISMS. A marine organism harvested pursuant to an a SAL or FMSEA Certification shall not be sold or consumed unless it was harvested pursuant to a Gear Innovation SAL, Governmental Purpose SAL, Snook SAL, Marine Chemical~~

~~SAL, Dredge SAL,~~ or a Nonprofit Corporation SAL, and the sale was conducted in accordance with any condition of sale required by such SAL.

~~(8)(13) Consumption of Marine Organisms – CONSUMPTION OF MARINE ORGANISMS.~~ A marine organism harvested pursuant to an a SAL or FMSEA Certification shall not be consumed unless the marine organism was harvested pursuant to a Gear Innovation SAL or a, Governmental Purpose SAL,~~or Dredge SAL.~~

(9) General Application Evaluation Criteria – The Commission will review an SAL application and grant or deny an SAL based on the following criteria:

(a) Completeness of information submitted to the Commission through the application process.

(b) Consistency of the requested activities with the license type requested.

(c) Potential impacts of the type, size, and method of harvesting gear requested for use.

(d) Biological status of the species requested, based on the best available information.

(e) Life history strategies, genetic structure, and ecology of the targeted species.

(f) Degree of variation from management regulations.

(g) The extent of the requested harvest beyond the known total annual commercial and recreational harvest of the stock.

(h) Established harvest limits for the species requested.

(i) Locations of proposed activities and facilities.

(j) Intensity of localized harvest and harvest frequency.

(k) Any additional evaluation criteria specific to the SAL applied for, as established by this chapter.

~~(14) ISSUANCE AND RENEWAL.~~ A SAL or FMSEA Certification issued pursuant to this chapter will not be issued or renewed unless all conditions of a prior SAL or FMSEA Certification held by the applicant were met, and the reporting requirements for the prior SAL were submitted.

~~(15) SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION.~~ The Commission will suspend or revoke a SAL or FMSEA Certification if it finds that the SAL or FMSEA Certification holder has violated any provision in Chapter 379, F.S., Commission rules or orders, or terms or conditions of the SAL or FMSEA Certification, or has submitted false or inaccurate information in his or her application. Suspensions and revocations will be imposed in accordance with Chapters 120 and 379, F.S.

*Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History–New 7-1-04, Amended 11-19-09,\_\_\_\_\_.*

**68B-8.004 Application Review Process and Evaluation Criteria.**

*Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History–New 7-1-04, Repealed\_\_\_\_\_.*

**68B-8.005 Third Party Contractors.**

(1) In order for a third party contractor to conduct activities pursuant to an a SAL, the following requirements must be met:

(a) through (b) No change.

(2) A third party contractor may not serve as an agent for an a SAL applicant during the application process.

(3) An SAL will not be issued directly to any person or entity acting as a third party contractor.

(4) The Commission will only approve the use of a third party contractor for Scientific Research SALs, Education/Exhibition SALs, or Governmental Purpose SALs.

*Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History–New 7-1-04, Amended\_\_\_\_\_.*

**68B-8.006 Scientific Research Special Activity License.**

(1) ~~PURPOSE.~~ The purpose of a Scientific Research SAL is to accommodate the need for the scientific community to conduct research and, monitoring,~~and hard bottom restoration or mitigation~~ activities that enhance the greater body of knowledge in support of fisheries management, resource conservation and enhancement, and public health. ~~If conducting research, the proposed activity must ensure that study results will be presented in sufficient detail and clarity to allow for replication, or at a minimum, offer the opportunity to build systematically on findings. If conducting monitoring, the proposed activity must ensure that collected data will be analyzed to detect physical or biological changes over time in marine organisms, their populations, or communities. If conducting restoration or mitigation, the proposed activity must ensure that species such as oysters, corals, sponges, sea fans, sea whips, and other hard bottom marine organisms are repaired in the event that they are damaged, and the effectiveness of the restoration or mitigation activity is evaluated by subsequent monitoring.~~

(2) ~~Eligibility – ELIGIBILITY.~~ A Scientific Research SAL may be issued only to the following:

(a) through (b) No change.

~~(c) A member of the scientific or technical staff of a marine research institute, laboratory, corporation, or organization with demonstrated experience conducting successful hard bottom restoration or mitigation activities.~~

~~(c)(d) No change.~~

~~(d)(e) No change.~~

(3) Fees and Application – FEES AND APPLICATION.

(a) No change.

(b) An applicant for a Scientific Research SAL must complete and submit a Scientific Research SAL application form provided by the Commission (Form DMF-SRSAL (December 2024 ~~9/09~~)), which is incorporated herein by reference and is available at

<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-XXXXX>.

(4) ~~Evaluation Criteria – EVALUATION CRITERIA.~~ In addition to the evaluation criteria set forth in subsection 68B-8.003(9), F.A.C., ~~68B-8.004(2), F.A.C.~~, an application for a Scientific Research SAL will be evaluated based on the following criteria as applicable to the request:

(a) Project specifications and methodologies. Proposed methodologies must include sufficient detail and clarity to provide for replication or offer the opportunity to build systematically on findings.

(b) Monitoring strategies. The applicant must ensure that monitoring data can and will be analyzed to detect physical or biological changes over time in marine organisms, their populations, or communities.

~~(c) Documented experience conducting successful hard bottom restoration or mitigation activities.~~

(5) License Periods –

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), the license period for a Scientific Research SAL will be based on the duration of the proposed activity, provided that the duration is no longer than is necessary to achieve its stated purpose, and may not exceed 5 years (60 months).

(b) The license period for a Scientific Research SAL issued for activities involving a prohibited species may not exceed 1 year (12 months).

~~(6)(5) Reporting Requirements – An REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.~~ A SAL holder must submit the following documentation within 30 days after expiration of an SAL or upon application for renewal, whichever occurs first:

(a) An activity report detailing all SAL-related harvest or sampling activities that resulted in the permanent retention of marine organisms. The activity report is a report other than any publications or technical, monitoring, or final reports. The activity report must include the following information on marine organisms harvested (both targeted and incidental) pursuant to the SAL: common and scientific names ~~of the marine organisms harvested (both targeted and incidental),~~ numbers, ~~and sizes harvested,~~ locations of harvest by county, and disposition ~~of all marine organisms harvested.~~ The activity report for a Scientific Research SAL involving prohibited species must also include the specific harvesting gear used. If mortality of a prohibited species occurred during harvest or subsequent possession, the report must indicate the cause of death if known. If SAL-related activities did not result in the permanent retention or mortality of any marine organism, the SAL holder must submit a statement to that effect.

(b) Any A copy of any publications, technical, monitoring, or final reports that were generated as a result of work conducted pursuant to the SAL. ~~These reports~~ must include a ~~the~~ notation that activities were authorized pursuant to a Florida

Fish and Wildlife Conservation research was conducted pursuant to the specific Commission Special Activity License and identify the relevant Special Activity License(s) authorizing such activities. If these reports are not available within 30 days after expiration of an SAL or upon application for renewal, such report(s) must be submitted upon completion or publication.

(c) An A SAL holder who is conducting biomedical research activities involving the collection of horseshoe crabs to remove blood and return the animal to the area of collection alive, must file his or her annual report pursuant to subparagraph 68B-46.002(3)(b)3.e., F.A.C.

*Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History–New 7-1-04, Amended 11-19-09,\_\_\_\_\_.*

### **68B-8.007 Education/Exhibition Special Activity License.**

(1) ~~PURPOSE.~~ The purpose of an Education/Exhibition SAL is to accommodate the need for the harvest of marine organisms and conduct activities with such organisms to that will increase the public's knowledge and awareness of Florida's marine resources.

(2) Eligibility – ELIGIBILITY. An Education/Exhibition SAL may be issued only to the following:

(a) An instructor employed by, or under the sponsorship of, a university, college, secondary school, ~~or~~ governmental entity, or a private institution or organization that has an established marine or environmental education curriculum.

(b) A curator or director employed by or under sponsorship of a public or private aquarium, museum, university, governmental entity, or business establishment that displays marine organisms for viewing by the public and whose activities have a marine-related component.

~~(3) INELIGIBLE APPLICANTS. The Commission shall deny an application for an Education/Exhibition SAL by an applicant who can reasonably be expected to qualify for a FMSEA Certification. Such person must pursue FMSEA Certification.~~

~~(3)(4) Fees and Application – FEES AND APPLICATION.~~

(a) No change.

(b) An applicant for an Education/Exhibition SAL must complete and submit an Education/Exhibition SAL application form ~~provided by the Commission~~ (Form DMF-ESAL (December 2024 ~~9/09~~)), which is incorporated herein by reference and is available at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-XXXXX>.

(c) An application for an Education/Exhibition SAL involving the collection of prohibited species may only be

submitted from April 1 through April 30 or from October 1 through October 31 each year.

~~(4)(5) Evaluation Criteria – EVALUATION CRITERIA.~~

In addition to the evaluation criteria set forth in subsection 68B-8.003(9), F.A.C., 68B-8.004(2), F.A.C., an application for an Education/Exhibition SAL will be evaluated based on the following criteria as applicable to the request:

(a) No change.

(b) Qualifications of the educator(s) ~~educators~~ requesting to conduct activities pursuant to an a SAL.

(c) Conservation and education benefits of presentations, displays, and other informational materials designed to educate the public about the marine organisms requested for harvest and display.

(d) Current facility inventory of each ~~the~~ species requested for harvest.

(e) The physical environment in which the species will be maintained and any potential maintenance or husbandry concerns. This includes consideration of the expected life span and maximum anticipated size of the species, and whether ~~or~~ ~~not~~ the facility is adequate to accommodate the marine organism for the remainder of its life.

(5) License Periods –

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), an Education/Exhibition SAL may be valid for up to 3 years (36 months).

(b) The license period for an Education/Exhibition SAL issued for the collection of a prohibited species shall not exceed 1 year (12 months).

(6) Reporting Requirements – An ~~REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.~~

A SAL holder must submit an activity report detailing all SAL-related harvest or sampling activities that resulted in the permanent retention of marine organisms within 30 days after expiration of an SAL or upon application for renewal, whichever occurs first. The activity report is a report other than any publications or technical, monitoring, or final reports. The activity report must include the following information on marine organisms harvested (both targeted and incidental) pursuant to the SAL: common and scientific names ~~of the marine organisms harvested (both targeted and incidental)~~, numbers, and sizes ~~harvested~~, locations of harvest by county, and disposition ~~of all marine organisms harvested.~~ The activity report for an a Education/Exhibition SAL involving prohibited species must also include the specific harvesting gear used. If mortality of a prohibited species occurred during harvest or subsequent possession, the report must indicate the cause of death if known. If SAL-related activities did not result in the permanent retention or mortality of any marine organism, the SAL holder must submit a statement to that effect.

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**68B-8.008 Florida Marine Science Educators Association Certification.**

(1) The Florida Marine Science Educators Association (FMSEA) Certification provides a streamlined process to accommodate members of the educational community with smaller collecting needs to allow them to conduct educational activities with aquatic organisms. ~~PURPOSE. This section describes a Commission partnership with the Florida Marine Science Educators Association (FMSEA) that provides an alternative to the formal SAL application process to conduct educational activities with aquatic organisms. The FMSEA Certification is a more streamlined process designed to cater to the smaller collecting needs of the educational community as opposed to the larger and more complex collecting needs of SAL holders. A FMSEA Certification holder is exempt from a number of saltwater and freshwater resource regulations to allow the holder him or her to collect and possess aquatic organisms for educational purposes.~~

(2) Eligibility – ELIGIBILITY. FMSEA Certification may be issued only to the following:

(a) through (d) No change.

(3) Workshop Curriculum – ~~WORKSHOP CURRICULUM.~~ FMSEA Certification requires successful completion of a training workshop. The primary workshop objective must be ~~is~~ to promote best practices in the collection and maintenance of aquatic organisms for educational activities. ~~The~~ A curriculum must include ~~has been established to achieve the primary workshop objective and includes~~ but is not limited to:

(a) through (i) No change.

(4) Certification Documentation – ~~CERTIFICATION DOCUMENTATION.~~ Upon successful completion of the training workshop, a participant receives a certification that is authorized by both FMSEA and Commission representatives. The certification:

(a) through (d) No change.

(5) Certification Period – The certification period for a FMSEA Certification may not exceed 3 years (36 months).

(6) Authorized Personnel –

(a) The number of authorized personnel on a FMSEA Certification will be limited to the Certification holder, teaching assistants, and up to 100 students per collecting trip. Both the teaching assistants and students must be operating under the direct supervision of the Certification holder and there must be at least one adult per ten students.

(b) A third party contractor may not conduct activities authorized pursuant to a FMSEA Certification.



~~(7)(5) General Conditions and Restrictions – GENERAL CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS.~~ The holder of a FMSEA Certification is subject to the General Conditions and Restrictions in subsections 68B-8.003(1) through (8) paragraphs 68B-8.003(1)(a), (2)(b), subsections (3), (4), (5), paragraph (6)(b), subsections (7), (8), (10), (11), (12), (13), (14), and (15), F.A.C.

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**68B-8.009 Prohibited Species Collection Criteria.**

(1) The purpose of establishing prohibited species collection criteria is to monitor and regulate harvest and possession of prohibited species from Florida Waters and adjacent federal waters while ensuring that such activities do not adversely affect the stocks of such species. ~~PURPOSE.~~ This section establishes criteria for the issuance of a Scientific Research, Education/Exhibition, or Stock Collection and Release SAL involving the harvest of prohibited species from Florida waters and the possession of species legally harvested from the adjacent Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) for scientific research, educational, exhibitional, stock enhancement, or stock restoration purposes. The Commission utilizes the criteria established in this section to monitor and regulate harvest levels of prohibited species harvested from Florida waters and the adjacent EEZ while ensuring that such harvest activities do not adversely affect the stocks of such species.

(2) Eligibility – An ~~ELIGIBILITY.~~ A SAL request involving the harvest or possession of prohibited species may only will be authorized only for the following SALs ~~SAL~~ applicants:

- (a) A ~~An~~ applicant for a Scientific Research SAL pursuant to Rule 68B-8.006, F.A.C.
- (b) An applicant for an Education/Exhibition SAL pursuant to Rule 68B-8.007, F.A.C.
- (c) A ~~An~~ applicant for a Stock Collection and Release SAL pursuant to Rule 68B-8.010, F.A.C.

(3) Prioritization – ~~PRIORITIZATION.~~ When the requested harvest of a prohibited species exceeds an established harvest limit quota, in-state and out-of-state scientific research activities will take priority over in-state education/exhibition activities, which in turn will take priority over out-of-state education/exhibition activities.

(a) Among eligible Florida-based education/exhibition applicants, priority will be given to those applicants who ~~that~~ meet one or more of the following criteria:

1. The applicant has an established protocol that allows for outside independent evaluation of its husbandry operations, programs, and facilities, or meets equivalent professional

review standards of the American Zoo and Aquarium Association of Zoos and Aquariums or other equivalent professional organizations.

2. The applicant conducts captive breeding programs or husbandry studies related to the targeted prohibited species, or provides for the financial and/or physical support of research projects that seek to enhance the understanding of one or more prohibited species.

3. The applicant provides financial and/or physical support for research projects that seek to enhance the understanding of one or more prohibited species.

~~4.3.~~ The applicant supports or sponsors conferences or ~~and~~ symposia that promote the sharing of information related to captive breeding, husbandry, and management of prohibited species.

(b) If an established harvest limit quota for a specific prohibited species has not been met through scientific research activities or through in-state educational/exhibitional activities, priority will be given to eligible out-of-state educational/exhibitional applicants that meet the criteria established in subparagraphs paragraph (3)(a)1. through (3)(a)4., of this rule.

(4) Evaluation Criteria – ~~EVALUATION CRITERIA.~~

(a) In addition to the evaluation criteria set forth in subsection 68B-8.003(9) ~~68B-8.004(2)~~, F.A.C., an application for a Scientific Research SAL involving prohibited species will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- 1. No change.
- 2. The novelty of the proposed work, based on a ~~A~~ review of relevant literature and a determination of whether the proposed work is new or is replicating prior published findings.
- 3. The proposed work includes measures ~~A~~ review of how the research project is designed to minimize the mortality or total harvest levels of the targeted prohibited species to be collected.
- 4. No change.
- 5. Whether or not ~~or not~~ prohibited species collection from Florida Wwaters or the adjacent federal waters ~~EEZ~~ is the only option for successful completion of the research project.
- 6. Whether or not ~~or not~~ published project results will contribute to one or more of the following: improved management of prohibited species in captivity or in the wild, increased understanding of prohibited species population dynamics or ecology, benefits to Florida’s marine conservation and resource management interests, and contributions to basic and applied science.
- 7. If any species requested on an SAL application form is designated as a Florida Endangered and Threatened Species pursuant to Chapter 68A-27, F.A.C. listed by the FWC as Endangered, Threatened, or a Species of Special Concern, additional evaluation criteria for such species as set forth in

Chapter 68A-27, F.A.C., or Chapter 379, F.S., if applicable, will be applied.

(b) In addition to the evaluation criteria set forth in subsection ~~68B-8.003(9)~~ ~~68B-8.004(2)~~, F.A.C., an application for an Education/Exhibition SAL involving prohibited species will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. No change.

2. ~~Whether the applicant's facility has Existence of a prohibited species captive breeding program or of a prohibited species related husbandry research program related to the targeted prohibited species, or conducts research projects related to one or more prohibited species research program.~~

3. through 7. No change.

8. ~~Whether or not~~ non-prohibited species could be utilized in lieu of prohibited species to meet educational or exhibitional objectives.

9. ~~Whether or not~~ prohibited species collection from Florida ~~W~~waters or the adjacent federal waters ~~EEZ~~ is the only option for acquiring the prohibited species, or if the prohibited species may be acquired from areas where the stock is not prohibited from harvest, from captive breeding programs, through loan from another aquarium, or from an aquaculture facility.

10. ~~Whether or not~~ the requested collection is consistent with the "Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Marine Prohibited Species Policy, (September 2009)," which is ~~hereby adopted as a rule of the Commission and is~~ incorporated herein by reference and is available at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-XXXXX>.

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**68B-8.010 Stock Collection and Release Special Activity License.**

(1) ~~PURPOSE.~~ The purpose of a Stock Collection and Release SAL is to ensure ~~that activities involving which involve the collection or of broodstock or wild stock and the release of marine organisms for purposes including but not limited to mitigation, rehabilitation, rescue, restoration, or captive bred offspring or captive reared wild stock for scientific research, stock enhancement, or stock restoration purposes are conducted in a manner that preserves the health and genetic diversity of the wild stock native to Florida Wwaters and the adjacent federal waters EEZ. Scientific research, stock enhancement, or stock restoration activities that are conducted to fulfill mitigation requirements established by other state or federal agencies are not exempt from the provisions and requirements of this rule.~~

(2) ~~Eligibility – ELIGIBILITY.~~ A Stock Collection and Release SAL may be issued only to the following:

(a) through (b) No change.

(c) An owner, director, or manager of a plant nursery facility who holds a valid Certificate of Nursery Registration issued pursuant to Section 581.131, F.S., and Chapter 5B-2, F.A.C.

(d) A marine contractor with documented experience conducting successful relocation activities with marine organisms relating to the subject matter of the proposed activity, including subsequent monitoring following such relocation activities.

(e) A restoration practitioner with a minimum of 2 years' experience in the long-term husbandry, welfare, and system management of marine vertebrate or invertebrate taxa that is relevant to the species of marine organism that is the subject of the proposed activity. If land-based nursery-related activities are requested, the applicant must also establish and maintain a veterinarian-client-patient relationship (VCPR) with a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Category II accredited veterinarian who is trained to conduct health certification examinations and visual health assessments relating to the subject matter of the proposed activity.

(3) ~~Fees and Application – FEES AND APPLICATION.~~

(a) No change.

(b) An applicant for a Stock Collection and Release SAL must complete and submit a Stock Collection and Release SAL application ~~form provided by the Commission~~ (Form DMF-SCRSAL (December 2024) (9/09)), ~~incorporated herein by reference~~ and ~~available~~ at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-XXXXX>.

(4) ~~Evaluation Criteria – EVALUATION CRITERIA.~~ In addition to the evaluation criteria set forth in subsection ~~68B-8.003(9)~~ ~~68B-8.004(2)~~, F.A.C., an application for a Stock Collection and Release SAL will be evaluated via genetic risk assessment using the flowchart ~~titled~~ entitled, "Decision Process for the Genetic Risk Assessment of Release Activities Involving Marine Organisms, September 2009" (~~which is hereby adopted as a rule of the Commission and is~~ incorporated herein by reference and is available at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-XXXXX>) ~~and based on information contained in the applicant's Hatchery and Genetic Management Plan (HGMP) that must be submitted as part of the application process. The information requested in the HGMP is designed to address four primary genetic concerns: potential impacts from translocations of non-indigenous genes, potential impacts from propagation related genetic changes in cultured fish, potential impacts from~~

excessive genetic input into natural populations, and indirect genetic impacts.

(5) License Period – A Stock Collection and Release SAL may be valid for up to 1 year (12 months). ~~RELEASE REQUIREMENTS.~~

~~(a) A Stock Collection and Release SAL holder must coordinate all release activities with the Commission and obtain written authorization prior to conducting any release. A release shall not be conducted without written authorization from the Commission.~~

~~(b) A marine organism will not be authorized for release unless it has been maintained in accordance with the Captivity Requirements set forth in the “Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Policy on the Release of Marine Organisms.”~~

~~(c) Captive bred or captive reared marine organisms authorized for release must be distinguishable from wild marine organisms so that estimates of project success may be obtained through monitoring. The method used to identify captive bred or captive reared marine organisms is at the discretion of the SAL holder conducting the release. Potential distinguishing methods include but are not limited to internal or external mechanical tags, chemical marks, or genetic tags. All costs incurred in the fulfillment of this provision or any other provision of Rule 68B-8.010, F.A.C., will be the responsibility of the SAL holder.~~

~~(d) Prior to release, a representative sample of the marine organisms targeted for release must be submitted for a health examination. This examination must be conducted under the direction of a United States Department of Agriculture certified veterinarian with fish health experience, or an American Fisheries Society certified fish pathologist or fish health inspector. Exam results must be summarized in a USDA Health Certificate or a letter. The certificate or letter must state that the organisms are suitable for release into the wild.~~

~~(6) License Conditions – REPORTING—AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS. A Stock Collection and Release SAL holder must submit the following:~~

~~(a) A licensee must comply with all conditions set forth under a Stock Collection and Release SAL. An activity report detailing all SAL related harvest and release activities. The activity report is a report other than any publications or technical, monitoring, or final reports. The activity report must include common and scientific names of the marine organisms harvested and released (both targeted and incidental), numbers and sizes harvested and released, locations of harvest and release by county, and disposition of all marine organisms harvested. The activity report for a Stock Collection and Release SAL involving prohibited species must also include the specific harvesting gear used. If mortality of a prohibited~~

~~species occurred during harvest or subsequent possession, the report must indicate the cause of death if known.~~

~~(b) The Commission may include license conditions or restrictions under a Stock Collection and Release SAL related to the following subjects, as they apply to activities authorized under such license: A copy of any publications, technical, monitoring, or final reports that were generated as a result of work conducted pursuant to the SAL. These reports must include the notation that research was conducted pursuant to the specific Commission Special Activity License.~~

~~1. Conditions ensuring consistency with the Decision Process for the Genetic Risk Assessment of Release Activities Involving Marine Organisms (September 2009).~~

~~2. Conditions requiring health certification examinations and/or visual health assessments prior to the release of marine organisms.~~

~~3. Conditions providing for release activities in accordance with recommendations or certifications provided by the licensee’s veterinarian of record.~~

~~4. Conditions establishing threshold criteria related to environmental conditions that if exceeded may require immediate response or corrective action to prevent health decline or disease, including, but not limited to, water temperature, dissolved oxygen levels, light levels, biofouling, and prevalence of disease, infestations, overgrowth, predators, or competitors.~~

~~5. Conditions establishing transportation requirements for marine organisms to prevent health decline or disease, including, but not limited to length of transport, container size, spacing, temperature, or dissolved oxygen levels.~~

~~6. Conditions establishing maintenance requirements to prevent health decline or disease, including but not limited to control of biofouling, overgrowth, overcrowding, and/or removal of predators, competitors, or dead or diseased organisms.~~

~~7. Conditions requiring a licensee to provide for inspection by the Commission to determine compliance with terms and conditions of the license.~~

~~8. Conditions establishing monitoring requirements appropriate to the licensed activity.~~

~~9. Conditions establishing reporting requirements appropriate to the licensed activity.~~

~~10. Any other condition that may be necessary to ensure licensed activities are conducted in a manner that preserves the health and genetic diversity of the wild stock native to Florida Waters and adjacent federal waters.~~

~~(c) A third party contractor may not conduct activities authorized pursuant to a Stock Collection and Release SAL. A post release genetic monitoring program shall be required if there was insufficient information to determine the genetic impact of activities under the SAL, or if evaluation of the~~

~~proposed activity determines that the genetic risks have not been minimized.~~

(7) Emergency Response – Under certain emergency conditions, such as disease outbreaks, die-off or stranding events of unknown origin, oil spills, hurricanes, floods, and other natural or manmade disasters, the Commission may impose additional restrictions or provide for permit exemptions to safeguard affected marine organisms such as, but not limited to, the coordination and direction of rescue, rehabilitation, and release activities.

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**68B-8.011 Aquaculture Broodstock Collection Special Activity License.**

~~(1) PURPOSE.~~ The purpose of an Aquaculture Broodstock Collection SAL is to allow for the harvest and possession of marine organisms, ~~with the exception of the harvest of snook,~~ as broodstock for aquaculture research, restoration, or commercial aquaculture.

(2) Eligibility – ELIGIBILITY. An Aquaculture Broodstock Collection SAL may be issued only to the following:

(a) through (b) No change.

(c) An owner, director, or manager of a plant nursery facility that holds a valid Certificate of Nursery Registration issued pursuant to Section 581.131, F.S., and Chapter 5B-2, F.A.C.

~~(3) Fees and Application – FEES AND APPLICATION.~~

(a) No change.

(b) An applicant for an Aquaculture Broodstock Collection SAL must complete and submit an Aquaculture Broodstock Collection SAL application form provided by the Commission (Form DMF-ABCSAL (December 2024 9/09)), which is incorporated herein by reference and is available at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-XXXXX>.

~~(4) Evaluation Criteria – EVALUATION CRITERIA.~~ In addition to the evaluation criteria set forth in subsection ~~68B-8.003(9) 68B-8.004(2),~~ F.A.C., an application for an Aquaculture Broodstock Collection SAL will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

(a) Species ~~The species,~~ number, and sex of broodstock marine organisms requested for harvest.

(b) Area where ~~The area of~~ broodstock will be harvested ~~harvest.~~

(c) through (f) No change.

(g) Documented Information ~~indicating the training and experience of the applicant to successfully engage in aquaculture activities.~~

~~(h) Valid DOACS aquaculture certificate of registration~~

(h)(i) Economic ~~The economic~~ impact and cost effectiveness of the proposed artificial cultivation of the target species.

(i)(j) Biological or ~~The biological and~~ ecological impact of the proposed aquaculture operation.

(j) Project specifications and methodologies for proposed aquaculture research activities must include sufficient detail and clarity to provide for replication or offer the opportunity to build systematically on findings.

(k) Intended use of offspring to be produced from broodstock requested for collection.

(5) A third party contractor may not conduct activities authorized pursuant to an Aquaculture Broodstock Collection SAL.

(6) License Period – An Aquaculture Broodstock Collection SAL may be valid for up to 2 years (24 months), provided the licensee maintains the valid certification(s) required for eligibility under 68B-8.011(2)(b) and (c).

~~(7)(5) Reporting Requirements – An REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.~~ A SAL holder must submit an activity report detailing all SAL-related harvest or sampling activities that resulted in the permanent retention of marine organisms within 30 days after expiration of an SAL or upon application for renewal, whichever occurs first. The activity report is a report other than any publications or technical, monitoring, or final reports. The activity report must include the following information on marine organisms harvested (both targeted and incidental) pursuant to the SAL: common and scientific names ~~of the marine organisms harvested (both targeted and incidental),~~ numbers, and sizes harvested, locations of harvest by county, and disposition ~~of all marine organisms harvested.~~ The activity report for an a Aquaculture Broodstock Collection SAL involving prohibited species must also include the specific harvesting gear used. If mortality of a prohibited species occurred during harvest or subsequent possession, the report must indicate the cause of death if known. If SAL-related activities did not result in the permanent retention or mortality of any marine organism, the SAL holder must submit a statement to that effect.

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**68B-8.012 Snook Special Activity License.**

(1) The purpose of a Snook SAL is to allow the harvest of snook as broodstock for commercial aquaculture production purposes and the possession, transport, transfer, sale, receipt, or purchase of snook broodstock progeny, as well as to ensure these activities are conducted in a manner that preserves the health and genetic diversity of the wild stock native to Florida

Waters and adjacent federal waters. ~~PURPOSE.~~ Unless authorized by the Commission pursuant to a Snook SAL, the harvest of snook as broodstock for commercial aquaculture production purposes, or the possession, transport, transfer, sale, receipt or purchase of snook broodstock progeny is prohibited. ~~The purpose of a Snook SAL is to allow such activities to occur, and to ensure that they are conducted in a manner that preserves the health and genetic diversity of the wild stock native to Florida waters and the adjacent EEZ.~~

(2) Eligibility – ~~ELIGIBILITY.~~

(a) through (b) No change.

(3) Fees and Application – ~~FEES AND APPLICATION.~~

(a) No change.

(b) An applicant for a Snook SAL must complete and submit a Snook SAL application form ~~provided by the Commission~~ (Form DMF-SSAL (9/09)), which is incorporated herein by reference and is available at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-XXXXX>.

(4) Evaluation Criteria – ~~EVALUATION CRITERIA.~~ In addition to the evaluation criteria set forth in subsection 68B-8.003(9) ~~68B-8.004(2)~~, F.A.C., an applicant for a Snook SAL for the harvest of broodstock, and production, possession, transport, transfer or sale of the broodstock progeny will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

(a) Number ~~The number~~ and sex of snook requested for broodstock harvest.

(b) Area ~~The area~~ of broodstock harvest.

(c) through (f) No change.

(g) Documented ~~The training and experience of the applicant to successfully engage~~ in snook aquaculture.

(h) Valid DOACS aquaculture certificate of registration issued pursuant to Section 597.004, F.S., and Chapter 5L-3, F.A.C.

(5) License Period – A Snook SAL may be valid for up to 1 year (12 months).

~~(6)(5) Transfer or Sale of Broodstock Progeny – TRANSFER OR SALE OF BROODSTOCK PROGENY.~~

(a) through (b) No change.

~~(7)(6) Pay-to-fish Ponds – PAY TO FISH PONDS.~~ A Snook SAL holder who is an owner of a private pond, operates it as a pay-to-fish facility, and whose pond is stocked with progeny obtained from a certified aquaculture facility that is a Snook SAL holder may charge a fee to harvest snook in such ponds, provided:

(a) through (b) No change.

~~(8) A third party contractor may not conduct activities authorized pursuant to a Snook SAL.~~

~~(9)(7) Reporting Requirements – REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.~~ A Snook SAL holder for the harvest of broodstock and production, possession, transport, transfer or

sale of broodstock progeny must submit the following documentation within 30 days after expiration of an SAL or upon application for renewal, whichever occurs first:

(a) An activity report detailing all SAL-related harvest or sampling activities that resulted in the permanent retention of marine organisms. The activity report must include the following information on marine organisms harvested (both targeted and incidental) pursuant to the SAL: common and scientific names ~~of the marine organisms harvested (both targeted and incidental)~~, numbers, and sizes ~~harvested~~, locations of harvest by county, and disposition ~~of all marine organisms harvested~~. If SAL-related activities did not result in the permanent retention or mortality of any marine organism, the SAL holder must submit a statement to that effect.

(b) No change.

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**68B-8.013 Non-Conforming Gear Special Activity Licenses and Exemptions.**

(1) ~~BACKGROUND.~~ No person shall use any gear or equipment to harvest a marine organism if the gear is not allowed by rule of the Commission, Chapter 379, F.S., or the Constitution of the State of Florida unless such person has first obtained authorization for such gear via an a SAL or an exemption. The use of non-conforming gear shall be authorized in a Scientific Research SAL or a Stock Collection and Release SAL for scientific research purposes if the use of non-conforming gear is specifically requested in an application for such SAL and the use is justified.

(2) ~~OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS FOR USE OF NON-CONFORMING GEAR.~~ The use of non-conforming gear may also be authorized under an a SAL as follows:

(a) through (d) No change.

(3) ~~GEAR MARKING/TENDING.~~ If the proposed gear use includes an in-water set time, an a SAL or exemption issued for non-conforming gear shall contain special gear marking or tending requirements so that the Commission may responsibly monitor gear use and ensure ~~that~~ activities are restricted to the minimum amount necessary to achieve the stated purpose of the SAL or exemption.

(4) ~~NET GEAR EXEMPTION.~~ Exemption from the net gear restrictions set forth in Article X Section 16 of the Florida Constitution may be included only in a Scientific Research SAL, Stock Collection and Release SAL for scientific research purposes, Governmental Purpose SAL, or Governmental Purpose Gear Exemption.

(5) Gear Innovation Special Activity License ~~GEAR INNOVATION SPECIAL ACTIVITY LICENSE.~~

(a) ~~PURPOSE~~. The purpose of a Gear Innovation SAL is to allow for harvesting gear not historically or traditionally used within Florida to be evaluated, monitored, and tested. The Commission ~~may will~~ use the information collected pursuant to a Gear Innovation SAL to evaluate the impact that a proposed gear type would have on the stock of the species targeted, species not targeted but incidentally harvested, and the marine environment, ~~as well as and~~ to determine if the gear could be responsibly introduced into general use. However, a Gear Innovation SAL will not be issued for the harvest of sponges in state waters, for oysters in Apalachicola Bay, or for prohibited species.

(b) Eligibility – ELIGIBILITY. A Gear Innovation SAL may be issued only to ~~the following an individual meeting the criteria under subparagraph 1. or 2., below:~~

1. No change.

a. Has at least five years' experience as a commercial harvester in Florida,

b. ~~Has and has~~ landings of the species targeted for harvest with the innovative gear and,

~~c.b.~~ Has working knowledge of the area where the gear will be tested.

2. No change.

(c) Fees and Application – FEES AND APPLICATION.

1. No change.

2. An applicant for a Gear Innovation SAL must complete and submit a Gear Innovation SAL application form ~~provided by the Commission~~ (Form DMF-GISAL (9/09)), which is incorporated herein by reference and is available at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-XXXXX>.

(d) Evaluation Criteria – EVALUATION CRITERIA. In addition to the evaluation criteria set forth in subsection ~~68B-8.003(9)~~ ~~68B-8.004(2)~~, F.A.C., an applicant for a Gear Innovation SAL will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. through 4. No change.

(e) License Period – The valid license period for a Gear Innovation SAL shall not exceed 1 year (12 months).

~~(f)(e)~~ General Conditions and Restrictions – GENERAL CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS.

1. through 4. No change.

(g) A third party contractor may not conduct activities authorized pursuant to a Gear Innovation SAL.

~~(h)(f)~~ Reporting Requirements – REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. A log of activities that includes area fished, time fished, catch composition, and any other information required by the Commission to properly evaluate the specific gear being tested, must be maintained for the duration of the SAL and submitted to the Commission on a schedule specified in the SAL. All documentation required by the Commission

pursuant to ~~an a~~ SAL or pursuant to any regulation for commercial harvesting activities, including logs and trip tickets, must be available for inspection by the Commission and its employees at any reasonable time.

(6) Governmental Purpose Special Activity License ~~GOVERNMENTAL PURPOSE SPECIAL ACTIVITY LICENSE~~.

(a) ~~PURPOSE~~. The purpose of a Governmental Purpose SAL is to allow government agencies to use non-conforming gear to meet the needs of public health, safety, or welfare. However, a Governmental Purpose SAL will not be issued for activities related to a prohibited species.

(b) Eligibility – ELIGIBILITY. A Governmental Purpose SAL may be issued only to a state or federal agency or to a municipal or county government.

(c) Fees and Application – FEES AND APPLICATION.

1. through 2. No change.

~~(d)~~ General Conditions and Restrictions – GENERAL CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS.

1. through 2. No change.

~~(e)~~ License Period – The valid license period for a Governmental Purpose SAL will be based on the duration of the proposed activity, provided that it is no longer than is necessary to achieve its stated purpose.

~~(f)(e)~~ Reporting Requirements – REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. A log of activities including area fished, time fished, catch composition, and any other information deemed necessary to properly evaluate the requested activity must be maintained for the duration of the SAL and submitted to the Commission on a schedule established in the SAL. All documentation required by the Commission pursuant to an a SAL or pursuant to any regulation for commercial harvesting activities, including logs and trip tickets, must be available for inspection by the Commission ~~or its employees~~ at any reasonable time.

(7) Governmental Purpose Gear Exemption ~~GOVERNMENTAL PURPOSE GEAR EXEMPTION~~.

(a) ~~PURPOSE~~. The purpose of a Governmental Purpose Gear Exemption is to allow for the use of net gear that does not conform to Article X, Section 16 of the Florida Constitution to conduct activities permitted, provided, or required by a governmental agency. A Governmental Purpose Gear Exemption shall only be issued in conjunction with a Marine Turtle Permit, an Education/Exhibition SAL, or a Stock Collection and Release SAL.

(b) Eligibility – ELIGIBILITY. A Governmental Purpose Gear Exemption may be issued only to a person who:

1. through 3. No change.

(c) Fees and Application – FEES AND APPLICATION.

1. through 2. No change.

~~(8) Nonprofit Corporation Special Activity License  
NONPROFIT CORPORATION SPECIAL ACTIVITY  
LICENSE.~~

~~(a) PURPOSE.~~ The purpose of a Nonprofit Corporation SAL is to allow for a nonprofit corporation to use non-conforming gear to harvest marine organisms and to sell them to scientific research, education, or exhibition entities to financially support research, educational, and exhibitional activities conducted by such nonprofit corporation. However, a Nonprofit Corporation SAL ~~may will~~ not be issued for a prohibited species.

~~(b) Eligibility – ELIGIBILITY.~~ To obtain a Nonprofit Corporation SAL, a nonprofit corporation must meet the following criteria:

1. through 2. No change.

~~(c) Fees and Application – FEES AND APPLICATION.~~

1. No change.

2. An applicant for a Nonprofit Corporation SAL must complete and submit a Nonprofit Corporation SAL application form ~~provided by the Commission~~ (Form DMF-NPSAL (September 2009 ~~9/09~~)), ~~which is incorporated herein by reference~~ and ~~is available~~ at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-XXXXX>.

~~(d) License Conditions – LICENSE CONDITIONS.~~ A Nonprofit Corporation SAL holder will be subject to the following conditions for operation:

1. through 2. No change.

~~(e) License Period – The valid license period for a Nonprofit Corporation SAL shall not exceed 3 years (36 months).~~

~~(f) A third party contractor may not conduct activities authorized pursuant to a Nonprofit Corporation SAL.~~

~~(g)(e) Reporting Requirements – REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.~~ A Nonprofit Corporation SAL holder must submit the following documentation during the 12th month ~~and~~ 24th month ~~of the valid license period~~, and within 30 days of the expiration of the SAL or during the renewal application process if the SAL is requested for renewal:

1. An activity report documenting the harvest of all specifically named marine organisms authorized for harvest pursuant to a Nonprofit Corporation SAL, and of all marine organisms not reported via the Marine Fisheries Trip Ticket Program ~~(MFTT) system~~, by the marine organism’s common name and scientific classification, amount harvested, and, if sold, the entity ~~that purchased the marine organism to whom sold~~.

2. No change.

*Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History–New 7-1-04, Amended 11-19-09,\_\_\_\_\_.*

**68B-8.014 Marine Chemical Special Activity License.**

(1) ~~PURPOSE.~~ The purpose of a Marine Chemical SAL is to monitor the use of marine chemicals for the live harvest of marine organisms.

(2) ~~Eligibility – ELIGIBILITY.~~ A Marine Chemical SAL may be issued to:

(a) through (b) No change.

~~(3) Fees and Application – FEES AND APPLICATION.~~

(a) through (b) No change.

~~(4) License Conditions – LICENSE CONDITIONS.~~ A Marine Chemical SAL holder is subject to the following conditions and restrictions:

(a) through (c) No change.

~~(5) License Period – The valid license period for a Marine Chemical SAL shall not exceed 1 year (12 months).~~

~~(6)(5) Reporting Requirements – REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.~~

(a) No change.

(b) The holder of a Marine Chemical SAL issued for commercial marine life harvesting activities must report all landings of live marine life species harvested with a marine chemical via the Marine Fisheries Trip Ticket system pursuant to Chapter 68E-5, F.A.C., and Sections 379.361, ~~and 379.362~~ and 379.414, F.S.

~~(7) A third party contractor may not conduct activities authorized pursuant to a Marine Chemical SAL.~~

*Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History–New 7-1-04, Amended 11-19-09,\_\_\_\_\_.*

**68B-8.015 Dredge Special Activity License.**

*Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History–New 7-1-04, Repealed\_\_\_\_\_.*

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Jessica McCawley, Director, Division of Marine Fisheries Management, 620 S. Meridian St., Tallahassee, Florida 32399, and (850)487-0554.

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: September 17, 2024

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: September 4, 2024

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

**Board of Podiatric Medicine**

RULE NO.: 64B18-12.0011      RULE TITLE: Application Fees for Initial Licensure and Providership of Continuing Education

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The Board proposes an amendment that updates the rule language regarding the examination fee for initial licensure.

SUMMARY: The proposed rule updates the examination fee for licensure.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

The Agency has determined that this will not have an adverse impact on small business or likely increase directly or indirectly regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate within one year after the implementation of the rule. A SERC has not been prepared by the Agency.

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: During discussion of the economic impact of this rule at its Board meeting, the Board concluded that this rule change will not have any impact on licensees and their businesses or the businesses that employ them. The rule will not increase any fees, business costs, personnel costs, will not decrease profit opportunities, and will not require any specialized knowledge to comply. This change will not increase any direct or indirect regulatory costs. Hence, the Board determined that a Statement of Estimated Regulatory Costs (SERC) was not necessary and that the rule will not require ratification by the Legislature. No person or interested party submitted additional information regarding the economic impact at that time.

Any person who wishes to provide information regarding a statement of estimated regulatory costs, or provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 456.025, 456.025(5), 461.005, 461.006(1) FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 456.025, 456.025(5), 461.006(1)(a) FS.

IF REQUESTED WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE, A HEARING WILL BE SCHEDULED AND ANNOUNCED IN THE FAR.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Ashleigh Irving, Executive Director, Board of Podiatric Medicine, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin # C08, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3258.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

**64B18-12.0011 Application Fees for Initial Licensure and Providership of Continuing Education.**

Each applicant for initial licensure by examination or reexamination shall remit a \$100.00 nonrefundable application

fee and \$0 ~~200~~ examination fee. Each provider of continuing education credits shall remit an application fee of \$250 for initial providership, and \$250 per biennium for renewal for providership of such credits.

*Rulemaking Authority 456.025, 456.025(5), 461.005, 461.006(1) FS. Law Implemented 456.025, 456.025(5), 461.006(1)(a) FS. History—New 2-27-94, Formerly 61F12-12.0011, Amended 4-5-95, 1-1-96, 6-17-97, Formerly 59Z-12.0011, Amended 1-31-02,\_\_\_\_\_.*

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Board of Podiatric Medicine

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Board of Podiatric Medicine

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: December 13, 2024

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: February 10, 2025

**Section III**  
**Notice of Changes, Corrections and**  
**Withdrawals**

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

RULE NOS.:	RULE TITLES:
55-15.001	Definitions
55-15.002	Program Description
55-15.003	Veteran Eligibility Requirements
55-15.004	Grantee Application Requirements
55-15.005	Grantee Workplan Requirements

**NOTICE OF CORRECTION**

Notice is hereby given that the following correction has been made to the proposed rule in Vol. 51 No. 32, February 17, 2025 issue of the Florida Administrative Register.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

This section omitted the statement about what information the Department relied upon to determine whether legislative ratification was needed. It should have read: No Statement of Estimated Regulatory Cost was prepared by the Agency. The Agency has determined that this will not have an adverse impact on small business or likely increase directly or indirectly regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate within one year after the implementation of the rule. The Agency used an itemized checklist to conduct an economic analysis and determine if there is an adverse impact or regulatory cost associated with this rule that exceeds the criteria. Upon review of the proposed rule, the Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information



~~expressly relied upon and described herein: The Department’s economic analysis of the adverse impact or potential regulatory costs of the proposed rule did not exceed any of the criteria established in Section 120.541(2)(a), Florida Statutes. The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: The Agency used an itemized checklist to conduct an economic analysis and determine if there is an adverse impact or regulatory cost associated with this rule that exceeds the criteria. Upon review of the proposed changes to the rule, the Agency has determined that the amendments will not exceed any one of the economic analysis criteria in a SERC as set forth in s. 120.541(2)(a), F.S. Any person who wishes to provide information regarding a statement of estimated regulatory costs or provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.~~

**Section IV  
Emergency Rules**

NONE

**Section V  
Petitions and Dispositions Regarding Rule  
Variance or Waiver**

**WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS**

Suwannee River Water Management District

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

40B-4.3030 Conditions for Issuance of Works of the District Permits

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 20, 2025, the Suwannee River Water Management District, received a petition for a variance from Kimberly Herring, 27935 SE Hwy 19, Cross City, FL 32628. Pursuant to Section 120.542, F.S., Petitioner is seeking a variance from subsection 40B-4.3030(13), F.A.C., to keep a 600 square foot home addition within the 75-foot setback from the top of bank of the Suwannee River. The project is located in Section 30, Township 10S, Range 14E of Dixie County and has been assigned permit number WOD-029-240836-2, Herring Shoreline Stabilization. A copy of the Petition for Variance or Waiver may be obtained by contacting: Tilda Musgrove, Business Resource Specialist, Suwannee River Water Management District, 9225 CR 49, Live Oak, FL 32060, (386)362-1001 or 1(800)226-1066 in Florida only.

**DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL  
REGULATION**

Division of Hotels and Restaurants

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

61C-4.010 Sanitation and Safety Requirements

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 07, 2025, the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Division of Hotels and Restaurants, received a petition for an Emergency Variance for paragraph 61C-1.004(2)(a), Florida Administrative Code, subsection 61C-4.010(7), Florida Administrative Code, subsection 61C-4.010(6), Florida Administrative Code, and Section 6-402.11, 2017 FDA Food Code from UCF Hotel Venture VIII. located in Orlando. The above referenced F.A.C. addresses the requirement that at least one accessible bathroom on the same level be provided for use by customers and employees. They are requesting to utilize bathrooms located on a different level.

The Division of Hotels and Restaurants will accept comments concerning the Petition for 5 days from the date of publication of this notice. To be considered, comments must be received on or before 5:00 p.m.

A copy of the Petition for Variance or Waiver may be obtained by contacting: Daisy.Lee@myfloridalicense.com, Division of Hotels and Restaurants, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1011.

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 18, 2025, the Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling, received a petition for variance and waiver submitted by Charnasta J. Waston, Petitioner. Petitioner seeks a variance and waiver from Rule 64B4-3.0015, F.A.C. which requires Verification of Supervised Experience for Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling Applicants.

Comments on the petition should be filed with the Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin # C08, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3258, telephone: (850)488-0595, or by electronic mail – Ashleigh.Irving@flhealth.gov, within 14 days of publication of this notice.

A copy of the Petition for Variance or Waiver may be obtained by contacting: Ashleigh Irving, Executive Director, Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling, at the above address.

**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES**

Securities

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 27, 2025, the Office of Financial Regulation, received a petition for Waiver

from Rule from Melinda Abood. The petition seeks a Waiver from paragraph 69W-600.0024(6)(b) which requires an associated person of an investment adviser or federal covered adviser to provide the Office with one of the following:

1. Proof of passing, within two years of the date of application for registration, the Uniform Investment Adviser Law Examination (Series 65); or 2. Proof of passing, within two years of the date of application for registration, the General Securities Representative Examination (Series 7), the Uniform Combined State Law Examination (Series 66), and proof of passing within four years of the date of application for registration, the Securities Industry Essentials (SIE) Examination. Comments on this petition should be filed with the Agency Clerk, Office of Financial Regulation, P.O. Box 8050, Tallahassee, Florida 32314-8050, (850)410-9889, Agency.Clerk@flofr.gov within 14 days of publication of this notice.

A copy of the Petition for Variance or Waiver may be obtained by contacting: Agency Clerk, Office of Financial Regulation, P.O. Box 8050, Tallahassee, Florida 32314-8050, (850)410-9889, Agency.Clerk@flofr.gov.

## Section VI Notice of Meetings, Workshops and Public Hearings

### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Division of Historical Resources

The Friends of the Museums of Florida History, Inc. announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Monday, March 17, 2025, 2:00 p.m. - conclusion

PLACE: R.A. Gray Building, Room 307, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, FL

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: General Business

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Lisa Barton at (850)245-6349

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Lisa Barton at (850)245-6349. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the

proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

For more information, you may contact: Lisa Barton at (850)245-6349

### DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS

The Florida Commission on the Status of Women announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATES AND TIMES: April 1, 2025, 8:30 a.m., Executive Committee; April 1, 2025, 12:00 noon, Installation of FCSW Officers; April 1, 2025, 2:00 p.m., Full Commission

PLACE: Please call (850)414-3300 for instructions on participation.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Executive Committee, Installation of FCSW Officers, Full Commission

NOTE: In the absence of quorum, items on this agenda will be discussed as workshop, and notes will be recorded although no formal action will be taken. If you have any questions, please call (850)414-3300.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Florida Commission on the Status of Women at the Office of the Attorney General, The Capitol, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050 PHONE: (850)414-3300 FAX: (850)921-4131

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 3 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Florida Commission on the Status of Women at the Office of the Attorney General, The Capitol, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050 PHONE: (850)414-3300 FAX: (850)921-4131. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

For more information, you may contact: Florida Commission on the Status of Women at the Office of the Attorney General, The Capitol, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050 PHONE: (850)414-3300 FAX: (850)921-4131

### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

State Board of Education

The Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission – Florida Council announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: April 11, 2025, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., ET (or until business is concluded, whichever is earlier).

PLACE: Teams

[https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting\\_NGJIZjE2MjItMTU0YS00YWU1LWE0ODQtNjIxNDdhZmM5NDIw%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2263bf107b-cb6f-4173-8c1c-1406bb5cb794%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22068abc60-daa1-4756-b9e1-0fe94a10b333%22%7d](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_NGJIZjE2MjItMTU0YS00YWU1LWE0ODQtNjIxNDdhZmM5NDIw%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2263bf107b-cb6f-4173-8c1c-1406bb5cb794%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22068abc60-daa1-4756-b9e1-0fe94a10b333%22%7d)  
**GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:**  
 Provide updates on Military Interstate Children’s Compact.  
 A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting:  
 StudentSupportServices1@fldoe.org.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
 The Department of Transportation announces a workshop to which all persons are invited.  
**DATE AND TIME:** Wednesday, March 26, 2025, 3:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Hotel Indigo, 826 W Gaines St, Tallahassee, Florida. 32304  
**GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:** To review proposed Strategic Port Investment Initiative projects.  
 A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Lauren Rand, Seaport Office Manager, Department of Transportation 605 Suwannee Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399, Lauren.Rand@dot.state.fl.us or can be downloaded 7 days prior to the meeting from <https://www.fdot.gov/seaport/publications.shtm>.  
 Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 3 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Lauren Rand, Seaport Office Manager, Department of Transportation 605 Suwannee Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399, Lauren.Rand@dot.state.fl.us. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).  
 For more information, you may contact: Lauren Rand, Seaport Office Manager, Department of Transportation 605 Suwannee Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399, Lauren.Rand@dot.state.fl.us.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
 The Florida Department of Transportation announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.  
**DATE AND TIME:** March 20, 2025, 10:00 a.m.  
**PLACE:** FDOT Jacksonville Urban Office, 2198 Edison Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida 32204  
**GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:** The Florida Freight Advisory Committee (FLFAC) is charged with:  
 - Advising the State on freight-related priorities, issues, projects, and funding needs; - Serving as a forum for discussion of State decisions affecting freight transportation; - Communicating and coordinating regional priorities with other organizations; - Promoting the sharing of information between the private and public sectors on freight issues; and -

Participating in the development of the State's Freight Plan. Attendees may join in person at FDOT's Jacksonville Urban Office.  
 Attendees unable to join in person may listen in by joining the Teams meeting. Meeting ID: 253 795 851 883  
 Passcode: qD2K9rH9  
 Link:  
[https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting\\_OTg5ZjAyNjktNDQxMy00MDEyLWJIZDAAtYmZhYWZWM3N2FmYzdk%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22db21de5d-bc9c-420c-8f3f-8f08f85b5ada%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22c0fdb65c-9594-4931-a612-b16aef6d669f%22%7d](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_OTg5ZjAyNjktNDQxMy00MDEyLWJIZDAAtYmZhYWZWM3N2FmYzdk%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22db21de5d-bc9c-420c-8f3f-8f08f85b5ada%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22c0fdb65c-9594-4931-a612-b16aef6d669f%22%7d)  
 A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting:  
 diana.elsner@dot.state.fl.us  
 Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 7 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: diana.elsner@dot.state.fl.us. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).  
 For more information, you may contact:  
 diana.elsner@dot.state.fl.us

**WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS**  
**South Florida Water Management District**  
 The South Florida Water Management District announces a workshop to which all persons are invited.  
**DATE AND TIMES:** Thursday, March 20, 2025, 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., Building Resiliency with Gray and Green Infrastructure – C-9 Basin  
**PLACE:** Marjorie & William McDonald Center, 17051 NE 19th Avenue, North Miami Beach, FL 33162  
 These public workshops are in-person only. Remote viewing and participation will not be available.  
**GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:**  
 These workshops will bring together key stakeholders to provide feedback and share insights on the C-9 Basin Resiliency Project located in the Miami-Dade and Broward Counties. The workshops will also serve as an opportunity to discuss the basin-wide flood mitigation and enhancement strategies being implemented through several flood reduction measures locally and regionally to ensure community wide benefits through continued collaboration with local partners.  
 All interested stakeholders and the public are invited to attend and participate in these public workshops.  
 One or more members of the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District may attend these workshops. No Governing Board action will be taken.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Nicole Cortez at (561)682-2597 or [ncortez@sfwmd.gov](mailto:ncortez@sfwmd.gov) seven days prior to the meeting. The agenda will be posted to the District’s website [www.SFWMD.gov/meetings](http://www.SFWMD.gov/meetings), seven days prior to the meeting.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least seven days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Molly Brown, District Clerk, at [mobrown@sfwmd.gov](mailto:mobrown@sfwmd.gov). If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

For more information, you may contact: Nicole Cortez at (561)682-2597 or [ncortez@sfwmd.gov](mailto:ncortez@sfwmd.gov).

**DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION**

Florida Building Commission

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

61G20-1.001 Florida Building Code Adopted

The Florida Building Commission announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: April 15, 2025, 8:30 a.m.

PLACE: Meeting to be conducted using communications media technology, specifically teleconference and webinar. Join the meeting at <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/533378925>. Join the conference call: United States (toll-free) 1(877)309-2073, meeting ID/access code: 533-378-925.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Florida Building Commission will review and decide on Accessibility Waiver Applications, conduct a rule workshop for Rule 61G20-1.00, F.A.C., and take up other matters that appear on the Commission’s agenda, including the following petition for declaratory statement:

DS 2025-003 by Kyle Davis of Coburn and Associates  
Other Commission business on the agenda

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Mo Madani as set forth below or on the Commission website.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 7 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Ms. Barbara Bryant, Building Codes and Standards Office, Department of Business and Professional Regulation, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0772, (850)487-1824 or fax: (850)414-8436. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

For more information, you may contact: Mo Madani, Building Codes and Standards Office, Department of Business and Professional Regulation, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0772 or call (850)487-1824, refer to [http://www.floridabuilding.org/fbc/meetings/1\\_meetings.htm](http://www.floridabuilding.org/fbc/meetings/1_meetings.htm).

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

Division of Medical Quality Assurance

The Board of Occupational Therapy announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: May 19, 2025, 9:00 a.m., E.T.

PLACE: CHANGE OF PLACE: Conference Call: 1(888)585-9008; then enter Conference Room Number 564-341-766 followed by the # sign.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: General Business Meeting.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: The Board of Occupational Therapy, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin C05, Tallahassee, FL 32399-3255, by calling the board office at (850)245-4373 or by visiting the website: [www.floridasoccupationaltherapy.gov](http://www.floridasoccupationaltherapy.gov)

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 7 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: The Department of Health at (850)245-4444. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

Division of Medical Quality Assurance

The Board of Respiratory Care announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: April 11, 2025, 8:30 a.m., E.T.

PLACE: CHANGE IN PLACE: GoTo Meeting

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**GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:**

General Business Meeting.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: The Board of Respiratory Care, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin C05, Tallahassee, FL 32399-3255, by calling the board office at (850)245-4373 or by visiting the website: <http://floridasrespiratorycare.gov/>

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

Board of Pharmacy

The Board of Pharmacy Compounding Committee announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

**DATE AND TIME:** April 16, 2025, 1:00 p.m., E.T.

**PLACE:** St. Petersburg Marriott Clearwater, 12600 Roosevelt Blvd N, St. Petersburg, FL 33716

**GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:**

general matters related to Compounding practices.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: [floridaspharmacy.gov](http://floridaspharmacy.gov)

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 7 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: (850)245-4474. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

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he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

For more information, you may contact: (850)245-4474.

**FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

**DATES AND TIMES: SERIES 1:** Meeting #1 Tuesday, March 25, 2025, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon (EST); Meeting #2 Wednesday, March 26, 2025, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (EST); Meeting #3 Saturday, March 29, 2025, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (EST).

**SERIES 2:** Meeting #1 Thursday, March 27, 2025, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (EST); Meeting #2 Thursday, March 27, 2025, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (EST); Meeting #3 Saturday, March 29, 2025, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon (EST).

**PLACES:** The virtual meetings can be joined by either video or telephone conferencing. Please see below the meeting date, time and corresponding information on how to join:

To join the meeting by video, use the corresponding link:

**SERIES 1:** Meeting #1: <https://fsu.zoom.us/j/98977803681>, Meeting #2: <https://fsu.zoom.us/j/98789988813>, Meeting #3: <https://fsu.zoom.us/j/93010927545>

**SERIES 2:** Meeting #1: <https://fsu.zoom.us/j/97009468424>, Meeting #2: <https://fsu.zoom.us/j/92696363604>, Meeting #3: <https://fsu.zoom.us/j/94765991116>

To join the meeting by telephone, dial Dial-in (if needed):

**SERIES 1:** Meeting #1: +13052241968 and enter meeting ID 98977803681#, Meeting #2: +13052241968 and enter meeting ID 98789988813#, Meeting #3: +13052241968 and enter meeting ID 93010927545#

**SERIES 2:** Meeting #1: +13052241968 and enter meeting ID 97009468424#, Meeting #2: +13052241968 and enter meeting ID 92696363604#, Meeting #3: +13052241968 and enter meeting ID 94765991116#

**GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:** The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is considering amendments to nonnative fish and wildlife regulations in Chapter 68-5, Florida Administrative Code. These meetings are to give the public an opportunity to provide feedback on proposed rule changes. The main topics for discussion have been split into two series. Series 1 will include topics relating to qualifications for sales of green iguanas, caging requirements for juvenile green iguanas or tegus, transfer allowances for green iguanas collected in the wild for sales out of state, and batch marking juvenile green iguanas for sales. Each meeting in Series 1 will contain the same information. Series 2 will include topics relating to Prohibited species pet permit renewals, options for FWC Law Enforcement placement of confiscated or seized Prohibited

species, and clarification on disallowing importation of Conditional or Prohibited species into Florida for personal use. Each meeting in Series 2 will contain the same information. A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Sarah Funck, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600; (850)617-9502; Sarah.Funck@MyFWC.com Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: The ADA Coordinator at (850)488-6411. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
 Division of Economic Development  
 The Florida Department of Commerce (FloridaCommerce) announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.  
**DATE AND TIME:** March 20, 2025, 9:00 a.m.  
**PLACE:** Four Points by Sheraton Tallahassee Downtown, 316 W. Tennessee Street, Tallahassee FL 32301  
**Microsoft Teams:**  
<https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/3851fb8f-249d-4290-842d-8bac848e4916@931da019-f64e-4908-b0f6-92f46f78c512>  
**GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:** At this meeting the Florida Defense Support Commission will discuss proposed actions that will assist in preserving, protecting, and enhancing Florida’s military installations and missions.  
 A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Ray Collins, (850)717-8994, Ray.Collins@commerce.fl.gov. Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Ray Collins, (850)717-8994, Ray.Collins@commerce.fl.gov. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice). For more information, you may contact: Tim MacGregor at (850)717-8976 or Timothy.MacGregor@commerce.fl.gov.

**AREA AGENCY ON AGING FOR SOUTHWEST FLORIDA**  
 The Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida, Inc. announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.  
**DATE AND TIME:** March 19, 2025, 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
**PLACE:** 2830 Winkler Ave Ste 112 Fort Myers 33916  
**GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:** General Agency business

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Tracyann Brathwaite (239)652-6900 Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 3 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Tracyann Brathwaite (239)652-6900. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).  
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 For more information, you may contact: Tracyann Brathwaite (239)652-6900

**THE VALERIN GROUP, INC.**  
 The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District One announces a workshop to which all persons are invited.  
**DATE AND TIME:** March 17, 2025, 3:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.  
**PLACE:** North Fort Myers Public Library, 2001 N. Tamiami Trail, N. Fort Myers, FL 33903  
**GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:** The Florida Department of Transportation, District One, is conducting a public workshop regarding the District One Safety Strategic Plan. The purpose of this workshop is to receive input to achieve Target Zero goals. To learn more about FDOT District One’s Safety Program, please visit: [www.swflroads.com/d1safety/](http://www.swflroads.com/d1safety/)  
 A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: N/A Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 7 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Cynthia Sykes, District One Title VI Coordinator, by phone at (863) 519-2287 or email at Cynthia.Sykes@dot.state.fl.us. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice). For more information, you may contact: Tammy Sutton, FDOT Representative, by phone at (863)519-2517, or email at Tammy.Sutton@dot.state.fl.us

**THE CORRADINO GROUP, INC.**  
 The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.  
**DATE AND TIME:** Wednesday, March 19, 2025, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., FDOT Informational Event

PLACE: Two G’s Market & Deli at 14500 Okeechobee Road, Fort Pierce, FL 34945. FDOT and consultant staff members will be available to discuss the project and answer questions.

A project information video is available at <https://bit.ly/SR70R>. Questions or comments may be submitted directly to the project team.

**GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:**  
Financial Management No.: 447653-1-52-01

**Project Description:** State Road (SR) 70/Okeechobee Road Resurfacing Project from Ideal Holding Road to west of SR 713/Kings Highway in the City of Fort Pierce and Unincorporated St. Lucie County.

The project improvements include milling and resurfacing the existing roadway within the project limits to enhance safety and long-term resiliency; constructing new acceleration lanes on SR 70/Okeechobee Road at select locations to accommodate safe U-Turn movements; widening median left turn lanes on SR 70/Okeechobee Road at South Header Canal Road and Shinn Road for improved traffic operations; converting the intersections of South Header Canal Road and Shinn Road to Restricted Crossing U-Turn (RCUT) Intersections to improve traffic flow and safety by eliminating direct left turns and through traffic movements from side streets; installing illuminated stop signs at Ideal Holding Road and South Header Canal Road to increase visibility and safety; reconstructing existing sidewalk curb ramps throughout the project limits and installing a new 6-foot concrete sidewalk from the Creekside Community to the SR 91/Florida’s Turnpike entrance at SR 713/Kings Highway to enhance safety and connectivity for pedestrians; extending lighting from east of CR 712/Midway Road to east of Shinn Road to boost nighttime visibility; replacing drainage at various locations throughout the project limits to enhance functionality and long-term resiliency; upgrading signage and pavement markings to improve safety, functionality, and traffic operations; and installing rumble strips to enhance safety.

Construction will begin in March 2025 and is estimated to be completed in Spring 2027. The estimated cost is \$16.9 million. A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: No agenda.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 7 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Michael Jacobs — FDOT Project Manager at [michael.jacobs@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:michael.jacobs@dot.state.fl.us) or (772)579-3276

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. If

you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

For more information, you may contact: Samantha Kayser, Community Outreach Specialist, at (772)579-5479 or by email at [skayser@corradino.com](mailto:skayser@corradino.com).

**END HUMAN TRAFFICKING, INC.**

The Florida Alliance to End Human Trafficking announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

**DATE AND TIME:** March 17, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

**PLACE:** Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87450503431?pwd=BOqzcZcQwiHPXEi0K7aZpBw6nPugBs.1>

**Meeting ID:** 874 5050 3431

**Passcode:** 463232

**GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:**  
Board of Directors Meeting

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: [Erin@FloridaAllianceEndHT.com](mailto:Erin@FloridaAllianceEndHT.com)

## Section VII

### Notice of Petitions and Dispositions Regarding Declaratory Statements

NONE

## Section VIII

### Notice of Petitions and Dispositions Regarding the Validity of Rules

Notice of Petition for Administrative Determination has been filed with the Division of Administrative Hearings on the following rules:

NONE

Notice of Disposition of Petition for Administrative Determination has been filed with the Division of Administrative Hearings on the following rules:

NONE

## Section IX

### Notice of Petitions and Dispositions Regarding Non-rule Policy Challenges

NONE

**Section X  
Announcements and Objection Reports of  
the Joint Administrative Procedures  
Committee**

NONE

**Section XI  
Notices Regarding Bids, Proposals and  
Purchasing**

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Florida State University

RECOVERY AND MITIGATION OF THE HISTORIC  
RINGLING CA' D'ZAN MUSEUM

NOTICE TO PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS:  
RECOVERY AND MITIGATION OF THE HISTORIC  
RINGLING CA' D'ZAN MUSEUM

Florida State University announces that Professional Services in the discipline of Architecture/Engineering will be required for the project listed below:

RFQ NUMBER: 6702-J (FSU Procurement Portal)

PROJECT NAME AND LOCATION: Recovery and Mitigation Ringling Ca' d'Zan Museum, Sarasota, FL

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Florida State University (FSU) seeks to partner with a Design Professional for architectural and engineering design services focused on recovery and mitigation for the Ca' d'Zan historic home, which is a part of The John & Mable Ringling Museum of Art (for more information about Ca' d'Zan go to: <https://www.ringling.org/visit/venues/ca-dzan/>). The Ringling Museum, which also includes the Museum of Art, Historic Circus Museum, and other buildings on its 66-acre campus, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

In September 2024, the Ringling Ca' d'Zan sustained significant damage due to high storm surge and powerful waves from Hurricane Helene. During the incident period, storm surge inundated and flooded the Ca' d'Zan basement up to approximately four feet. The mechanical equipment housed in the basement failed, including electrical systems, heating and cooling systems, fire suppression systems, and elevator. Presently, the building is operating with minimal mechanical and electrical utilities. The building is using temporary, air-conditioning equipment to maintain indoor temperature and relative humidity levels for the protection of the interior and the collections contained therein.

In addition, hurricane-force winds, wave action from storm surge, and storm debris (two boats), damaged the Ca'D'Zan terrace and dock in September 2024. Around 850 square feet of

stone paving, including almost all of the edge paving, was detached from the concrete terrace deck. The cast stone terrace edge underlay was also detached in many areas. The main stairway to the lower terrace sustained damage, including detachment of the majority of stone stair cladding, loosening of stone balusters, and deformation of chain posts. Additional damage occurred.

The project aims to provide comprehensive, sustainable solutions while preserving the historic integrity of the Ringling Ca' d'Zan and surrounding campus. The project scope includes disaster recovery and mitigation design solutions to address the following:

1. A range of mitigation solutions for the Ca' d'Zan basement mechanical equipment. This part of the project concerns modern mechanical equipment. A range of mitigation options should be considered and discussed, from hardening of the basement itself to relocation altogether of the mechanical equipment.

2. Conservation of the Ca' d'Zan terrace and dock. This part of the project deals with historical architectural features and will require participation of qualified conservation (historical preservation) experts.

The project aims to provide comprehensive, sustainable solutions while preserving the historic integrity of the Ca' d'Zan and the surrounding campus.

This project is not contingent on the receipt of grant funds. The project will be conducted in full compliance with the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Chapter 2, Part 200, Subpart D - Procurement Standards, and FEMA and HUD regulations. Contractors should pay particular attention to Build America, Buy America requirements, FEMA/HUD regulations, and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.

Funding may be made available through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as part of Disaster Recovery or another declared emergency. Respondents should thoroughly familiarize themselves with the Public Assistance Program established by FEMA. Funding for the project is contingent upon compliance with guidelines set by the Florida Department of Emergency Management (FDEM) and FEMA.

The awarded contractor(s) will not be responsible for the preparation of project worksheets or submittals to FEMA or FDEM.

This project will move forward contingent on receiving grant funds. This project will be conducted in compliance with the requirements identified in Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter 2, Part 200, Subpart D - Procurement Standards. Contractors should pay particular attention to Build America, Buy America Requirements.

The design professionals will be expected to produce schematic design, design development and construction documents, to



assist with bidding and to provide construction administration and record documents for the project. The design professional will also be required to assist with permitting requirements, including permitting by jurisdictions outside of FSU as required.

Project delivery will be Construction Management at Risk and the project may be delivered in phases.

Finalists will be provided with a description of the final interview requirements and a copy of the standard Florida State University's standard agreement terms and conditions. The Selection Committee may reject all proposals and stop the selection process at any time.

All applicants must be licensed to practice Architecture/Engineering in the State of Florida at the time of application. Corporations must be registered to operate in the State of Florida by the Department of State, Division of Corporations, at the time of application. As required by Section 287.133, Florida Statutes, a firm may not submit a proposal for this project if it is on the convicted vendor list for a public entity crime committed within the past 36 months. The selected firm must warrant that it will neither utilize the services of, nor contract with, any supplier, subcontractor, consultant or subconsultant for more than \$50,000.00 in connection with this project for a period of 36 months from the date of their being placed on the convicted vendor list.

PROJECT SOLE POINT OF CONTACT for the RFQ will be:

Mitchell L. Jermyn, CPSM

Interim Sr. Strategic Category Manager for Construction

Florida State University

Office: (850)644-9730

mjermyn@fsu.edu

Respondents to this RFQ or persons acting on their behalf SHALL NOT contact any employee or officer of FSU, Board of Trustees, or a University Direct Support Organization concerning any aspect of this RFQ, except in writing to the Sole Point of Contact or Chief Procurement Officer or as provided in this RFQ document, from the date of release of this RFQ through the end of the 72-hour period following FSU's posting of the notice of intended award, in accordance with Board of Governors (BOG) Regulation 18.002. Violation of this provision may be grounds for rejecting a proposal response.

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

Firms desiring to provide professional services shall utilize the online electronic sourcing portal to submit the required information for which they are applying. Firms shall complete all of the questions and provide a copy of the applicant's current Professional Registration Certificate from the appropriate governing board via the online electronic sourcing portal as described below. Documents must be uploaded to the portal and are not to exceed 40 pages. Submittals that do not comply with

these requirements or do not include the requested data will not be considered.

All applicants must be properly licensed and registered in the State of Florida to practice the required services at the time of application. If the applicant is a corporation, it must be properly chartered by the Florida Department of State to operate in Florida.

The University reserves the right to suspend or discontinue the selection process at any time and return or reject any or all submissions of proposals without obligation to the respondent. The Florida State University Project Fact Sheet may be obtained online at <https://bids.sciquest.com/apps/Router/PublicEvent?CustomerOrg=FSU>.

The plans and specifications for campus service projects are subject to reuse in accordance with the provisions of Section 287.055, Florida Statutes.

#### SELECTION SCHEDULE:

The anticipated schedule for selection, award and negotiation is as follows:

Question & Answer Submission no later than 5:00 p.m., EST March 14, 2025

Response to Questions and Answers March 21, 2025

Proposals Due no later than 3 pm EST April 7, 2025

(Any submittal not completed by 2:59 p.m., EST will be rejected)

Final Interviews TBD

Selection Recommendation Approval TBD

Unless otherwise revised by a subsequent addendum to this RFQ, the dates and times by which stated actions should be taken or completed are listed above. If FSU determines, in its sole discretion, that it is necessary to change any of these dates and times, it will issue an Addendum to the RFQ. All times listed are Eastern Standard Time (EST). It is the Respondent's responsibility to check FSU's Public Procurement Portal for any updates or addendums to this RFQ.

\*\*\*\*PLEASE CAREFULLY NOTE NEW SUBMITTAL INFORMATION\*\*\*\*

FSU utilizes an online electronic sourcing portal for accepting qualifications submittals digitally. We do not accept hard copy submissions or submissions through other medium other than through

<https://bids.sciquest.com/apps/Router/PublicEvent?CustomerOrg=FSU>

Your submission must be uploaded prior to the as indicated above. Note: We strongly recommend that you give yourself sufficient time and at least ONE (1) hour before the Closing date/time to begin the uploading process and to finalize your submission. Late submissions due to electronic uploading delays will not be considered.

- Each item of requested information is instantly sealed (no one from FSU can review) and will only be visible after the closing date/time. You may edit your submission as needed up to the closing date/time.
- Responders may elect to utilize the import/export feature to export questions into Excel in order to work on responses offline and import into the system upon completion.
- Keep in mind that when answering questions in the provided text box within the system (if applicable) there is a limit to the number of characters you can use in your response. The dynamic character limit counter at the bottom of each text box will display the remaining characters available.
- Uploading large documents may take significant time, depending on the size of the file(s) and your Internet connection speed. The maximum upload file size is 50 MB.
- Please do not embed any documents within your uploaded files, as they will not be accessible or evaluated.
- Information submitted that is not requested by FSU or in the specific format requested will be considered to be supplemental and not subject to evaluation.
- All sourcing event-related communications between vendors and FSU is managed and tracked through a Question-and-Answer Board within the RFQ event on the Public Procurement Portal. Any issues or questions related to logging in or technical issues, including attachments, can be submitted to our third-party software host, Jaggaer via a Support form: <https://www.jaggaer.com/service-support/supplier-support/> or by calling (800)233-1121.

Applications that do not comply with the above instructions will not be considered. Application material will not be returned.

**SENIOR CONNECTION CENTER, INC.**

2026 Older Americans Act Caregiver Support Groups and Caregiver Training/Support Services

Senior Connection Center, Inc. (SCC) is the designated Area Agency on Aging (AAA) for Planning and Service Area 6 (PSA 6), encompassing Hardee, Highlands, Hillsborough, Manatee, and Polk counties, as appointed by the Florida Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA). The DOEA has also designated SCC as the contracting agency responsible for coordinating and administering the Older Americans Act (OAA) Program within PSA 6.

At this time, we are seeking responses to this Request for Information (RFI) from qualified agencies interested in Caregiver Support Groups and Caregiver Training/Support Services under the OAA Program to older persons residing in PSA 6. Interested organizations are required to have the organizational capacity to provide services throughout the entire PSA effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026. Interested agencies must also have the ability to meet the necessary funding match requirements detailed in this RFI.

Responses received for this RFI will provide SCC with information concerning the availability of qualified contractors for Caregiver Support Groups and Caregiver Training/Support Services under the OAA Program in the PSA. The information received from qualified contractors will be used to determine if a full Request for Proposal (RFP) is necessary (due to interest from two or more qualified service contractors) or if a sole source or other procurement process will be used.

The services to be provided include: Caregiver Support Groups and Caregiver Training/Support.

Details for the RFI are available on the SCC website ([www.seniorconnectioncenter.org](http://www.seniorconnectioncenter.org)) beginning Monday, March 10, 2025.

Official RFI responses are due at the office of Senior Connection Center, Inc., located at 8928 Brittany Way, Tampa, Florida 33619, by 3:00 p.m. (SCC Clock) on April 2, 2025

**Section XII  
Miscellaneous**

**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

Index of Administrative Rules Filed with the Secretary of State Pursuant to subparagraph 120.55(1)(b)6. – 7., F.S., the below list of rules were filed in the Office of the Secretary of State between 3:00 p.m., Monday, March 3, 2025, and 3:00 p.m., Friday, March 7, 2025.

<b>Rule No.</b>	<b>File Date</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
12D-8.0064	3/7/2025	3/27/2025
12D-17.002	3/7/2025	3/27/2025
12D-17.003	3/7/2025	3/27/2025
12D-17.004	3/7/2025	3/27/2025
33-602.223	3/6/2025	3/26/2025
62-257.200	3/3/2025	3/23/2025
62-257.301	3/3/2025	3/23/2025
62-257.400	3/3/2025	3/23/2025
62-257.900	3/3/2025	3/23/2025
64B4-3.001	3/3/2025	3/23/2025
64B4-3.003	3/3/2025	3/23/2025
64B15-22.004	3/5/2025	3/25/2025
64B16-28.702	3/4/2025	3/24/2025
64B16-28.750	3/4/2025	3/24/2025
64B16-28.860	3/4/2025	3/24/2025

**LIST OF RULES AWAITING LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL SECTIONS 120.541(3), 373.139(7) AND/OR 373.1391(6), FLORIDA STATUTES**

Rule No.	File Date	Effective Date
60FF1-5.009	7/21/2016	**/**/****
64B8-10.003	12/9/2015	**/**/****
65C-9.004	3/31/2022	**/**/****

**Section XIII**  
**Index to Rules Filed During Preceding**  
**Week**

NOTE: The above section will be published on Tuesday beginning October 2, 2012, unless Monday is a holiday, then it will be published on Wednesday of that week.

**DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES**

Division of Motor Vehicles

Establishment of Jeffrey-Allen Inc., line-make GARI  
Notice of Publication for a New Point Franchise Motor Vehicle Dealer in a County of More than 300,000 Population

Pursuant to section 320.642, Florida Statutes, notice is given that Garia Inc., intends to allow the establishment of Jeffrey-Allen Inc., as a dealership for the sale of low-speed vehicles manufactured by Garia A/S (line-make GARI) at 1812 N Goldenrod Rd, Orlando, (Orange County), Florida 32807, on or after April 9, 2025.

The name and address of the dealer operator(s) and principal investor(s) of Jeffrey-Allen Inc. are dealer operator(s): Carlos Roque, 1812 N Goldenrod Rd, Orlando, Florida 32807-8404; principal investor(s): Ben Sverdlow, PO Box 891359, Tampa Florida 33689.

The notice indicates intent to establish the new point location in a county of more than 300,000 population, according to the latest population estimates of the University of Florida, Bureau of Economic and Business Research.

Certain dealerships of the same line-make may have standing, pursuant to section 320.642, Florida Statutes, to file a petition or complaint protesting the application.

Written petitions or complaints must be received by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice and must be submitted to: Sondra L. Howard, Administrator, Dealer License Section, Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, Room A-312 MS65, Neil Kirkman Building, 2900 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0635.

A copy of such petition or complaint must also be sent by US Mail to: Haresh Shah, Garia Inc, 14820 North Freeway Suite 200, Houston, Texas 77090.

If no petitions or complaints are received within 30 days of the date of publication, a final order will be issued by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles approving the establishment of the dealership, subject to the applicant's compliance with the provisions of Chapter 320, Florida Statutes.