

Section I

Notice of Development of Proposed Rules and Negotiated Rulemaking

WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS

St. Johns River Water Management District

RULE NOS.: RULE TITLES:

40C-1.1003 Variances from Water Well Construction Requirements

40C-1.602 Licenses or Permits Required

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose and effect will be to: (1) delete a reference to Chapter 40C-5, which was repealed in 2015 (in Rule 40C-1.602(6)); and (2) update, clarify, or simplify criteria (and delegation) for variances from water well construction requirements (in Rule 40C-1.1003).

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: This rule development will address: (1) permits required; and (2) procedural rule regarding variances from water well construction requirements.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 373.044, 373.113, 373.171, FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 373.083, 373.103, 373.106, 373.171, 373.308, 373.309, 373.326, FS.

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

DATE AND TIME: February 11, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Webinar. Information on how to attend the workshop by webinar or in person will be available one week before the workshop at: <http://www.sjrwmd.com/permitting/rule-development/> under the Notice of Rule Development tab.

Note: Members of the District's Governing Board may attend the scheduled Rule Development Workshop.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT AND A COPY OF THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT, IF AVAILABLE, IS: Tom Mayton, Deputy General Counsel, 4049 Reid Street, Palatka, Florida 32177, (386)329-4108 or tmayton@sjrwmd.com. The draft rule language will be available one week before the workshop at <https://www.sjrwmd.com/permitting/rule-development/> under the Notice of Rule Development tab.

THE PRELIMINARY TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT IS NOT AVAILABLE.

WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS

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RULE NOS.: RULE TITLES:

40C-2.031 Implementation

40C-2.041 Permits Required

40C-2.042 General Permit by Rule

40C-2.051 Exemptions

40C-2.101	Publications Incorporated by Reference
40C-2.301	Conditions for Issuance of Permits
40C-2.302	Reservation of Water from Use
40C-2.321	Duration of Permit
40C-2.331	Modification of Permits
40C-2.351	Transfer of Permits
40C-2.361	Renewal of Permits
40C-2.381	Permit Limiting Conditions
40C-2.401	Identification Tags
40C-2.501	Permit Classification
40C-2.900	Forms and Instructions

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: (1) conform part of permit condition rule requiring a permanent identification tag at each withdrawal facility with recent change to 40C-2.401(1), F.A.C. (in 40C-2.381(2)(a)8.); (2) changes required after rule review under Section 120.5435, F.S.; and (3) otherwise update, clarify, or simplify water well-related rules.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: (1) standard limiting conditions (permit conditions); (2) rule review under section 120.5435, F.S.; and (3) otherwise update, clarify, or simplify water well-related rules.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 373.044, 373.113, 373.171, 373.227, 373.250, FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 373.042, 373.0421, 373.079, 373.083(5), 373.109, 373.118, 373.216, 373.219, 373.223, 373.227, 373.228, 373.229, 373.236, 373.239, 373.243, 373.250, 373.609, 373.62, FS.

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WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS

St. Johns River Water Management District

RULE NOS.: RULE TITLES:

40C-3.011 Policy and Purpose

40C-3.021 Definitions

40C-3.0321 Delegation

40C-3.035 Agreements

40C-3.036	Forms and Instructions
40C-3.037	Water Well Contractor Licensing
40C-3.041	Permits Required
40C-3.051	Exemptions
40C-3.101	Content of Application
40C-3.301	Conditions for Issuance of Permits
40C-3.411	Well Completion Report
40C-3.461	Inspection
40C-3.492	Violations of Permits
40C-3.500	Scope of Part II
40C-3.502	Construction Methods
40C-3.512	Well Construction Requirements
40C-3.517	Grouting and Sealing
40C-3.521	Well Seals
40C-3.531	Abandoned Well Plugging

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose and effect of the proposed rule amendments are to: (1) update the delegation of authority for the Executive Director to designate staff to carry out various tasks under Chapter 40C-3, F.A.C. (in Rule 40C-3.0321); (2) incorporate by reference updated water well permitting delegation agreements between St. Johns River Water Management District (District) and Brevard County, City of Jacksonville, Indian River County, Marion County, St. Johns County, and Osceola County (in Rule 40C-3.035); (3) incorporate by reference new water well permitting delegation agreements with Alachua County and Seminole County (in Rule 40C-3.035); (4) incorporate by reference a new water well permitting delegation agreement with the Suwannee River Water Management District (Suwannee) regarding the small portion of Bradford County within the District's boundary that is not currently regulated by Suwannee under Part III of Chapter 373, Fla. Stat., (in Rule 40C-3.035); (5) add Department of State (DOS) links for several existing agreements referenced that currently lack a DOS link (in Rule 40C-3.035); (6) incorporate references to standards and methods contained within rules of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) that are incorporated within Chapter 40C-3 (in Rule 40C-3.036); (7) clarify that wells, which supply water to public water systems not covered or included in the Florida Safe Drinking Water Act, are included in the category of Public Water Supply Well (in Rule 40C-3.041(5)); (8) delete a reference to Chapter 40C-5, which was repealed in 2015 (in Rule 40C-3.051(6)); (9) update/clarify contents of the permit application, including that a person with sufficient legal interest or control over the land or their agent must sign the permit application (in Rule 40C-3.101); (10) update and clarify the conditions for issuance of a water well permit and clarify duration of permit (in Rule 40C-3.301); (11) update inspection criteria and delete District offer to sell metallic water well tags (in Rule 40C-3.461); (12) incorporate general reference to Chapter 62-524, F.A.C., and references to setback requirements of 62-532.400(7) and (8), F.A.C., (in Rules 40C-3.036 and 40C-

3.502); (13) update and incorporate references to AWWA Standard C654-21, Section 4.3, guidelines for disinfection of filter or gravel pack materials, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) EPA-570/9-75-001, Section 54.001-000-000, and EPA methods 601, 602 and 610 (in Rules 40C-3.036 and 40C-3.512); (14) delete outdated references to Rule 62-761.640, F.A.C. (in Rules 40C-3.036, 40C-3.502, 40C-3.517, and 40C-3.521); (15) delete references to Chapter 62-671, F.A.C., which was never appropriately incorporated by reference and replace with reference to Chapter 376, F.S., where appropriate (in Rules 40C-3.411, 40C-3.502, and 40C-3.521); (16) update and clarify the conditions for issuance of a water well permit and permit duration (in Rule 40C-3.301); (17) delete unnecessary references to unincorporated rule Chapters 62-550, 62-555, 62-560, 62-610, 62-761, 64E-8, and 64E-6, F.A.C. (in Rule 40C-3.502); (18) add map of and reference the Picketville Landfill Special Construction Criteria Area located within Duval County, Florida (in Rules 40C-3.502 and 40C-3.512); (19) add map of and reference the Fairbanks Special Construction Criteria Area located within Alachua County, Florida (in Rules 40C-3.502 and 40C-3.512); (20) amend grouting and sealing rule to clarify grouting and sealing requirements for jetted wells, allow increased use of bentonite, protect monitoring wells, and allow use of bentonite chips or pellets for abandonment under specific criteria (in Rule 40C-3.517); (21) clarify a water well contractor's responsibility to plug an uncompleted or unsuitable well (in Rule 40C-3.531); (22) changes required after rule review under Section 120.5435, F.S.; and (23) otherwise update, clarify, or simplify water well-related rules.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: The proposed rules would: (1) incorporate District's water well permitting delegation agreements, allowing for local regulation of the construction, repair, and abandonment of certain water wells, as well as general compliance responsibilities in some cases, plus a limited ability to grant variances in some cases; (2) incorporate certain standards and methods contained within rules of the FDEP that are incorporated in Chapter 40C-3; (3) add special construction criteria area maps referenced in Chapter 40C-3; (4) delete outdated or unnecessary rule references; (5) conditions for issuance of a water well permit and its permit duration; (6) grouting and sealing requirements; (7) abandoned well plugging; (8) rule review under Section 120.5435, F.S.; and (9) otherwise update, clarify, or simplify water well-related rules.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 373.044, 373.113, 373.118, 373.171, 373.309, FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 373.019, 373.046, 373.083(5), 373.103, 373.109, 373.303, 373.306, 373.308, 373.309, 373.313, 373.316, 373.319, 373.326, 373.337, 373.342, F.S.

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Section II Proposed Rules

AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION

Health Facility and Agency Licensing

RULE NOS.: RULE TITLES:

59A-24.003	Definitions
59A-24.004	Drugs to be Tested/Body Specimens
59A-24.005	Collection Site and Specimen Collection Procedures
59A-24.006	Drug Testing Laboratories - Standards and Licensure
59A-24.008	Review of Test Results

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: Rules 59A-24.003, 59A-24.004, 59A-24.005, 59A-24.006, and 59A-24.008 outline drug testing to be tested, specimen types, collection sites and procedures, and the standards for review and licensure of forensic toxicology.

SUMMARY: The Agency proposes to revise rules 59A-24.003, 59A-24.004, 59A-24.005, 59A-24.006, and 59A-24.008 to remove obsolete language and align language with the updated Federal requirements.

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: A SERC has not been prepared by the agency. For rules listed where no SERC was prepared, the Agency prepared a checklist for each rule to determine the necessity for a SERC. Based on this information at the time of the analysis and pursuant to section 120.541, Florida Statutes, the rule will not require legislative ratification.

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: 112.0455(13)(a), 408.819, 440.102(10), F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 112.0455, 440.102, 408.805, 408.806, 408.813, 408.814, 408.815, 408.816, F.S.

IF REQUESTED WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE, A HEARING WILL BE HELD AT THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW(IF NOT REQUESTED, THIS HEARING WILL NOT BE HELD):

DATE AND TIME: February 10, 2026, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

PLACE: Agency for Health Care Administration, 2727 Mahan Drive, Tallahassee, Florida, 32308, Building 3, Conference Room B. You may also participate by dialing the Open Voice conference line, 1(888)585-9008, then enter the conference room number followed by the pound sign, 998-518-088#. The agenda and related materials can be found on the web at: <https://ahca.myflorida.com/health-quality-assurance/bureau-of-health-facility-regulation/rulemaking>.

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: HQARuleComments@ahca.myflorida.com. 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: Kelli Fillyaw at (850)412-4402, or by email at: HQARuleComments@ahca.myflorida.com.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

59A-24.003 Definitions.

In addition to the definitions set forth in Section 112.0455(5), F.S., as used in this rule chapter the following terms shall mean:

(1) through (6) No change.

(7) ~~“Federal Workplace Drug Testing Programs” means the Department of Health and Human Services Mandatory Guidelines for Federal Workplace Drug Testing Programs as contained in Volume 59, Number 110, of the Federal Register published June 9, 1994, and the criteria found in the National~~

~~Laboratory Certification Program Guidance Document for Laboratories and Inspectors as published by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, August 29, 1994, each incorporated by reference herein.~~

(8) renumbered (7) No change.

(8) "Mandatory Guidelines for Federal Workplace Drug Testing Programs" means the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Mandatory Guidelines for Federal Workplace Drug Testing Programs, currently published in the Federal Register and available at: <https://www.samhsa.gov/substance-use/drug-free-workplace/forms>.

(9) "Mandatory Guidelines using Urine" means the guidelines established by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), currently published in the Federal Register and available at: <https://www.samhsa.gov/workplace/forms-guidelines>.

(10) "Mandatory Guidelines using Oral Fluid" means the guidelines established by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), currently published in the Federal Register and available at: <https://www.samhsa.gov/workplace/forms-guidelines>.

(9) through (14) renumbered (11) through (16) No change. *Rulemaking Authority 112.0455(13)(a) FS. Law Implemented 112.0455 FS. History—New 3-15-90, Amended 6-28-91, Formerly 10E-18.003, Amended 5-1-96, 3-11-98.*

59A-24.004 Drugs to be Tested/Body Specimens.

(1) No change.

(2) Body Specimens.

(a) through (b) No change.

(c) Oral Fluid. Oral fluid may be used for the initial test for all drugs except alcohol and for the confirmation for all drugs except alcohol.

Rulemaking Authority 112.0455(13)(a) FS. Law Implemented 112.0455 FS. History—New 3-15-90, Amended 6-28-91, Formerly 10E-18.004, Amended 5-1-96.

59A-24.005 Collection Site and Specimen Collection Procedures.

(1) Designation of Collection Sites. For urine, and blood, oral fluid and hair specimen collection, each laboratory, that has a contract or agreement for testing services with an employer, shall provide collection sites under contract and training for collectors, or shall provide a trained collector to collect specimens for the employer at any time designated by the employer in his contract or agreement with the laboratory. The collector shall be responsible to the laboratory for implementing collection procedures and chain of custody procedures as designated in Chapter 59A-24, F.A.C. The laboratory shall provide to the collection site, or collector,

specimen collection kits which, as applicable, shall contain chain of custody forms, as required by subsection 59A-24.005(2), F.A.C., mailing boxes or containers, specimen identification labels, laboratory address labels, urine specimen bottles, FDA-approved oral fluid collection devices, external temperature strips, tamper-proof plastic sealable bags and forensic tamper-proof tape to seal the specimen container(s). Kits for alcohol testing must have a 7ml blood vial that contains an anticoagulant and a preservative of sodium fluoride. An oral fluid collection device must not be used if the device's expiration date has passed. Employers who do not use hair testing for their drug-free workplace program shall not be required to maintain collection facilities and personnel as described in section 112.0455(13)(b)3.a., F.S. Employers that choose to use hair as a specimen for testing shall meet the requirements found in section 112.0455(13)(b)3.a., F.S.

(2) Chain of Custody Form and Procedures. Chain of custody refers to the methodology of documenting the tracking of specified materials or substances for the purpose of maintaining control and accountability from initial collection to final disposition of all such materials or substances and providing for accountability at each stage in handling, testing, storing and reporting of the test results.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) The design of the chain of custody forms shall meet the following requirements:

1. through 2. No change.

3. A section which indicates the temperature of urine specimens taken within 4 minutes of collection. This shall not be required for chain-of-custody forms for blood, oral fluid, or hair specimens.

4. through 8. No change.

(e) No change.

(f) The form shall also contain the following list of over-the-counter and prescription drugs which could alter or affect a test result. Due to the large number of obscure brand names and constant marketing of new products, this list, as follows, is not intended to be all-inclusive.

Alcohol	All liquid medications containing ethyl alcohol (ethanol). Please read the label for alcohol content. As an example, Vick's Nyquil is 25% (50 proof) ethyl alcohol, Comtrex is 20% (40 proof), Contact Severe Cold Formula Night Strength is 25% (50 proof) and Listerine is 26.9% (54 proof).
Amphetamines	Obetrol, Biphetamine, Desoxyn, Dexedrine, Didrex, Ionamine, Fastin.
Cannabinoids	Marinol (Dronabinol, THC).
Cocaine	Cocaine HCl topical solution (Roxanne).

Phencyclidine	Not legal by prescription.
Methaqualone	Not legal by prescription.
<u>Opioids</u> <u>Opiates</u>	Paregoric, Parepectolin, Donnagel PG, Morphine, Tylenol with Codeine, Empirin with Codeine, APAP with Codeine, Aspirin with Codeine, Robitussin AC, Guiatuss AC, Novahistine DH, Novahistine Expectorant, Dilaudid (Hydromorphone), M-S Contin and Roxanol (morphine sulfate), Percodan, Vicodin, Tussi-organidin, etc.
Barbiturates	Phenobarbital, Tuinal, Amytal, Nembutal, Seconal, Lotusate, Fiorinal, Fioricet, Esgic, Butisol, Mebaral, Butabarbital, Butalbital, Phrenilin, Triad, etc.
Benzodiazepines	Ativan, Azene, Clonopin, Dalmane, Diazepam, Librium, Xanax, Serax, Tranxene, Valium, Verstran, Halcion, Paxipam, Restoril, Centrax.
Methadone	Dolophine, Metadose.
Propoxyphene	Darvocet, Darvon N, Dolene, etc.

(g) through (i) No change.

(3) Security Procedures and Specimen Collection. Collection site security and specimen collection security are the responsibility of the collector through contract with the licensed laboratory. Security procedures shall provide for the designated collection site to be secure including the providing of privacy for the donor and the integrity of the specimen.

(a) through (b) No change.

(c) Integrity and Identity of Specimen. The collection site person shall take precautions to ensure that a specimen not be adulterated or diluted during the collection procedure and that information on the collection bottle and on the chain of custody form can identify the individual from whom the specimen was collected. The following minimum precautions shall be taken to ensure that unadulterated specimens are obtained and correctly identified.

1. To prevent specimen contamination at the collection site:

a. No change.

b. For oral fluid specimens, there shall be no source of water or other fluids in the area where collection occurs. All sources of water shall be controlled by the collector.

2. through 5. No change.

6. For urine specimens, the The individual shall be instructed to wash and dry his or her hands prior to urination. After washing hands, the individual shall remain in the presence of the collection site person and shall not have access to any water fountain, faucet, soap dispenser, cleaning agent or any other materials which could be used to adulterate the specimen.

The individual may provide his or her urine specimen in a stall or otherwise partitioned enclosure that allows for individual privacy. The collection site person shall remain in the restroom or area, but outside the stall or partitioned enclosure.

7. For oral fluid specimens, the individual must remain in the presence of the collector and shall not have access to any water fountain, faucet, or any other materials which could be used to adulterate the specimen. The individual may provide his or her urine specimen in a stall or otherwise partitioned enclosure that allows for individual privacy. The collection site person shall remain in the restroom or area, but outside the stall or partitioned enclosure.

a. The collector shall inspect the individual's oral cavity to ensure that it is free of any items that could impede or interfere with the collection of an oral fluid specimen (e.g., candy, gum, food, tobacco, abnormally colored saliva) or could be used to adulterate, substitute, or dilute the specimen. If an item is present that appears to have been brought to the collection site with the intent to adulterate, substitute, or dilute the specimen, or if the individual refuses to remove an item, this is considered a refusal to test and the collector must stop the collection and report the refusal to test.

b. If the individual has abnormally colored saliva or claims to have dry mouth, the collector can give the individual up to 4 ounces of water to rinse the oral cavity with. The collector must wait 10 minutes before collecting the specimen. If the individual refuses to rinse, this is a refusal to test.

c. If the individual is unable to provide an adequate specimen within 15 minutes of using the collection device, the collector can give the individual up to 8 ounces of water and wait an additional 10 minutes before collecting the specimen.

d. A period of 1 hour must be provided or until the individual has provided a sufficient oral fluid specimen. If the individual needs more time before attempting to provide an oral fluid specimen, the individual is not required to drink any fluids during the 1 hour wait time. The collector must inform the individual that the individual must remain at the collection site in an area designated by the collector during the wait period.

8. Upon receiving the specimen from the individual, the collection site person shall determine that:

a. through b. No change.

c. Oral fluid specimens contain at least 1 milliliter (mL) of undiluted (neat) oral fluid for each specimen.

c. renumbered d. No change.

9. through 14. No change.

15. The collection site person shall place securely on the specimen tube, or container an identification label containing the donor's specimen number, which matches the specimen number on the chain of custody form, and the date.

16. The employee (donor) and the collector shall initial the identification label on the specimen bottle, tube, or container

for the purpose of certifying that it is the specimen collected from the donor.

17. through 21. No change.

22. This rule chapter does not prohibit the use of split samples provided that such samples are collected in the same manner as required in accordance with the provisions of the Mandatory Guidelines for Federal Workplace Drug Testing Programs, Mandatory Guidelines using Urine, or Mandatory Guidelines using Oral Fluid as defined in Rule subsection 59A-24.003(7), F.A.C.

Rulemaking Authority 112.0455(13)(a), 440.102(10) F.S. Law Implemented 112.0455, 440.102 F.S. History—New 3-15-90, Amended 6-28-91, Formerly 10E-18.005, Amended 5-1-96, 3-11-98, 3-29-00, 5-9-18.

59A-24.006 Drug Testing Laboratories – Standards and Licensure.

Laboratories shall be licensed by the agency in accordance with Sections 112.0455, 440.102, and Chapter 408, Part II, F.S., and this rule chapter in order to collect or analyze specimens for an employer's drug testing program.

(1) Laboratory Personnel.

(a) Qualifications of Director. The laboratory shall have a qualified director to assume professional, technical, educational, and administrative responsibilities for the laboratory's drug testing. The director shall meet one of the following requirements:

1. No change.

2. Holds a doctoral degree from an accredited institution with Chemistry, Toxicology or Pharmacology as a major subject of study; and has had at least four years of experience in forensic analytical toxicology; and shall be licensed as a director under Chapter 483, Part I IV, F.S., in the specialty of clinical chemistry, if the laboratory is located in the State of Florida.

(b) No change.

(c) Certifying Scientists. The laboratory shall have a qualified individual who serves as certifying scientist. This individual reviews all pertinent data and quality control results in order to attest to the validity of the laboratory's test reports. A laboratory may designate more than one person to perform this function.

1. The certifying scientist(s) shall have a minimum of 2 years experience in forensic analytical toxicology and be qualified as a director or licensed as a supervisor under the provisions of Chapter 483, Part I IV, F.S., in the specialty of clinical chemistry if the laboratory is located in the State of Florida.

2. The laboratory director is permitted to designate technical personnel to certify results that are negative on the initial screening test. These individuals shall be technologists

licensed in the specialty of clinical chemistry in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 483, Part I IV, F.S., if the laboratory is located in the State of Florida.

(d) Laboratory Operation and Supervision.

1. The laboratory's drug testing facility shall have an individual(s) responsible for day-to-day operation of the laboratory and the supervision of the technical analysts. This individual(s) shall be licensed as a laboratory supervisor in the specialty of clinical chemistry or qualified as a director in accordance with Chapter 483, Part I IV, F.S., in the specialty of clinical chemistry if the laboratory is located in the State of Florida; and,

2. No change.

(e) Technical and Non-Technical Personnel.

1. Technical personnel shall have the training and skills to conduct forensic toxicology testing and shall be licensed in accordance with Chapter 483, Part I IV, F.S., if the laboratory is located in the State of Florida. Documentation of such training and skills shall be maintained by the laboratory and available upon request by the agency.

2. No change.

(f) No change.

(2) through (3) No change.

(4) Specimen Security and Analysis Procedures.

(a) through (b) No change.

(c) Short-Term Refrigerated Storage. Urine, ~~or~~ blood, or oral fluid specimens that do not receive an initial test within 72 hours of arrival at the laboratory shall be placed in locked, secure refrigerated units. Temperatures of these units shall not exceed 6 degrees Celsius. Emergency power equipment shall be available and used in case of power failure.

(d) No change.

(e) Initial Test. The initial screen for all drugs using urine or oral fluid shall be an immunoassay except that the initial test for alcohol shall be an enzyme oxidation methodology.

1. Levels on initially screened urine specimens which are equal to or exceed the drug cutoff levels published in Subpart C, Section 3.4 of the Mandatory Guidelines Using Urine following shall be considered to be presumptively positive and submitted for confirmation testing.‡

Amphetamines	1,000 ng/mL
Cannabinoids (11-nor Delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol 9-carboxylic acid)	50 ng/mL
Cocaine (benzoyleccgonine)	300 ng/mL
Phencyclidine	25 ng/mL
Methaqualone	300 ng/mL
Opiates	2,000 ng/mL
Barbiturates	300 ng/mL
Benzodiazepines	300 ng/mL
Methadone	300 ng/mL

Propoxyphene	300 ng/mL
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2. The only specimen for alcohol testing shall be blood and the initially initially screened specimen shall be considered presumptively positive and submitted for confirmation testing if the level is equal to or exceeds 0.04 g/dL.

3. Levels on initially screened undiluted (neat) oral fluid specimens which are equal to or exceed the drug cutoff levels published in Subpart C, Section 3.4 in the Mandatory Guidelines Using Oral Fluid shall be considered to be presumptively positive and submitted for confirmation testing.

2. renumbered 4. No change.

3. renumbered 5. No change.

(f) Confirmation Test. All specimens identified as presumptively positive on the initial test shall be confirmed using mass spectrometry/mass spectrometry (MS/MS) or gas chromatography/mass spectrometry (GC/MS), except that alcohol will be confirmed using gas chromatography. All confirmations shall be done by quantitative analysis.

1. Levels on confirmation testing for urine specimens which are equal to or exceed the drug cutoff levels published in Subpart C, Section 3.4 of the Mandatory Guidelines Using Urine following shall be reported as positive.[‡]

Amphetamines (amphetamine, methamphetamine) [†]	500 ng/mL
Cannabinoids (11-nor Delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol-9-carboxylic acid)	15 ng/mL
Cocaine (benzoylegonine)	150 ng/mL
Phencyclidine	25 ng/mL
Methaqualone Opiates	150 ng/mL
Codeine	2000 ng/mL
Morphine	2000 ng/mL
6-Acetylmorphine [‡]	10 ng/mL
Barbiturates	150 ng/mL
Benzodiazepines	150 ng/mL
Methadone	150 ng/mL
Propoxyphene	150 ng/mL

[†]A laboratory shall not report a specimen positive for methamphetamine only. The specimen must contain amphetamine at a concentration equal to or greater than 200 ng/mL by the confirmation test. If this criterion is not met, the specimen shall be reported as negative for methamphetamine.

[‡]Tests for 6-Acetylmorphine when the morphine concentration exceeds 2000 ng/mL.

2. The alcohol level on confirmation testing for blood which is equal to or exceeds 0.04 g/dL shall be reported as positive.

3. Levels on confirmation testing for oral fluid specimens which are equal to or exceed the drug cutoff levels published in Subpart C, Section 3.4 of the Mandatory Guidelines Using Oral

Fluid shall be reported as positive.

4.2. Levels for hair specimens on confirmation testing which are equal to or exceed the following shall be reported as positive:

Marijuana Metabolites	1 pg/10 mg of hair
Cocaine	5 ng/10 mg of hair
Opiate/synthetic narcotics and metabolites	5 ng/10 mg of hair
Phencyclidine	3 ng/10 mg of hair
Amphetamines	5 ng/10 mg of hair

5. The urine and oral fluid drug and biomarker test analytes and cutoff levels for initial and confirmatory drug and biomarker tests, published in the Federal Register are available at <https://www.samhsa.gov/workplace>.

(g) Reporting Results.

1. No change.

2. The following criteria shall be used when reporting drug testing results for urine, blood, oral fluid and hair specimens.

a. Specimens that test negative as specified in subparagraph 59A-24.006(4)(e)1. and 2., F.A.C., on the initial test shall be reported as negative. If an employer wishes to retest a negative specimen under the provisions of Section 112.0455(9)(a), F.S., such testing is authorized to be conducted only once and must be requested no more than 7 working days from the time the original negative test result was reported to the employer by the MRO. Hair specimens may be re-collected only once to perform repeat confirmation testing under the provisions of Section 112.0455(9)(a), F.S.

b. Specimens that test positive as specified in subparagraph 59A-24.006(4)(e)1., F.A.C., on initial immunoassay tests, but test negative as specified in paragraph 59A-24.006(4)(f), F.A.C., on confirmation shall be reported as negative.

c. through d. No change.

3. through 7. No change.

(h) Storage of Specimens. Drug testing laboratories shall retain and place all confirmed positive urine and oral fluid specimens in locked, secured long-term frozen storage (-20° - 15° degrees Celsius or less) and confirmed positive blood specimens in locked, secured long-term refrigerated storage (2-8° degrees Celsius) for a minimum of 210 days. Within this 210 day period an employer, employee, job applicant, or MRO is permitted to request in writing that the laboratory retain the specimen for an additional period of time. If no such request is received, the laboratory is permitted to discard the specimen after 210 days of storage. When notified in writing, the laboratory shall be required to maintain any specimens under

legal challenge until such challenge is resolved. To maintain applicable storage temperatures for stored specimens, emergency power equipment shall be available and used in the case of power failure. After the required retention time has passed, laboratories are permitted to either discard the specimens or pool all or part of these specimens for use in the laboratory's internal quality control program.

1. through 2. No change.

3. Urine and oral fluid specimens that test negative shall be stored in locked, secured refrigerated (2-8° degrees Celsius) or frozen storage (-20° -45° degrees Celsius or less). Blood specimens that test negative shall be stored in locked, secured, refrigerated storage (2-8° degrees Celsius). These specimens shall be retained for no less than 7 working days after the test result has been reported to the employer by the MRO. After the required retention time has passed, laboratories are permitted to either discard the specimens or pool all or part of these specimens for use in the laboratory's internal quality control program.

4. through 5. No change.

(i) No change.

(5) through (6) No change.

(7) Inspections. The agency shall conduct announced or unannounced inspections of the laboratory at any reasonable time for the purpose of determining compliance with this rule chapter. The right of entry and inspection shall also be extended to any collection sites under contract with the laboratory. Inspections shall document the overall quality of the laboratory setting for the purpose of licensure to conduct drug free workplace testing. Inspection reports shall also contain any requirements of the laboratory to correct deficiencies noted during the inspections.

(a) No change.

(b) Laboratories certified by the United States federal Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to participate in Federal Workplace Drug Testing Programs shall submit an inspection report of the HHS National Laboratory Certification Program and Federal Department of Health and Human Services Federal Workplace Drug Testing Programs performed within the previous 24 months in lieu of the required on-site inspection. In addition, such laboratories certified by the Federal Department of Health and Human Services Federal Workplace Drug Testing Programs shall:

1. Maintain a policy to conduct the testing of all specimens authorized under Section 112.0455, F.S., in the same manner as required for those drugs included under the Mandatory Guidelines for Federal Workplace Drug Testing Programs, Mandatory Guidelines using Urine, and Mandatory Guidelines using Oral Fluid. This policy must be in writing and contained in the laboratory's policy and procedure manual.

2. through 3. No change.

(c) No change.

(8) through (9) No change.

(10) Quality Assurance and Quality Control. Quality assurance and quality control for hair analyses shall be conducted in accordance with Section 112.0455(13)(b)4., F.S.

(a) No change.

(b) Laboratory Quality Control Requirements for Initial and Confirmation Tests. At a minimum, each analytical run of specimens for an initial or confirmation test shall include the following quality control samples:

1. No change.

2. Urine and oral fluid specimens fortified with known standards; and,

3. through 4. No change.

(11) Proficiency Testing. Proficiency testing is required as a continuing assessment of laboratory performance necessary to maintain continued licensure.

(a) General Considerations.

1. No change.

2. Proficiency testing specimens are permitted to consist of negative specimens as specified in subparagraphs 59A-24.006(4)(e)1. and 3., F.A.C. subparagraph 59A-24.006(4)(e)1., F.A.C., and positive specimens, as specified in paragraph 59A-24.006(4)(f), F.A.C.

3. through 7. No change.

(b) No change.

(12) No change.

(13) Licensure

(a) Laboratories seeking licensure or requesting a change of licensure information must complete and submit an application for initial, change of ownership, renewal licensure or change during the licensure period on the forms referenced in subsection 59A-35.060(1), F.A.C. Licensure application form, Health Care Licensing Application, Drug Free Workplace Laboratory, AHCA Form 3170 5001 July 2014, which is hereby incorporated by reference. This form is available at https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref_05425 or <http://ahca.myflorida.com/HQAlicensurereforms> and from the Agency for Health Care Administration, 2727 Mahan Drive, MS #32, Tallahassee, Florida 32308. The application forms are available online at <https://ahca.myflorida.com/health-quality-assurance/hqa-applications-for-licensure> or, for online initial, renewal or change during the licensure period submissions, at: <https://apps.ahca.myflorida.com/SingleSignOnPortal/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fSingleSignOnPortal>.

(b) Initial, change of ownership, and biennial licensure renewal fees shall be \$16,435 and shall be made payable to the Agency for Health Care Administration.

(14) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 112.0455(13)(a), 408.819, 440.102(10) FS.

Law Implemented 112.0455(12), (13), 408.805, 408.806, 408.813, 408.814, 408.815, 408.816, 440.102 FS. History—New 3-15-90, Amended 6-28-91, Formerly 10E-18.006, Amended 5-1-96, 12-5-96, 3-11-98, 3-29-00, 5-25-10, 6-16-15.

59A-24.008 Review of Test Results.

Prior to the transmission of test results to the employer, both positive and negative test results shall be reviewed and verified by a medical review officer (MRO) qualified under subsection 59A-24.008(1), F.A.C. The MRO is permitted to use a language interpreter to assist in communicating the results of drug tests with employees and job applicants. Such language interpreters are subject to the confidentiality provisions of Section 112.0455(11), F.S. After the results have been reviewed and verified by the MRO, the test result is reported to the employer.

(1) Qualifications of Medical Review Officers.

(a) No change.

(b) The MRO shall have knowledge of substance abuse disorders, laboratory testing procedures, chain of custody procedures, collection procedures, and have the appropriate knowledge regarding pharmacology and toxicology of illicit drugs and medical training to interpret and evaluate an individual's drug test result together with the individual's medical history or any other biomedical information.

(c) through (e) No change.

(2) Responsibilities of Medical Review Officer. The MRO shall evaluate the drug test result(s), which is reported out by the laboratory, to verify by checking the chain of custody form that the specimen was collected, transported, and analyzed under proper procedures, as specified in these rules, and to determine if any alternative medical explanations caused a positive test result. This determination could include conducting a medical interview with the individual, review of the individual's medical history, or the review of any other relevant bio-medical factors. The MRO shall review all medical records made available by the tested individual. The MRO shall not consider the results of samples that are not obtained or processed in accordance with these rules.

(a) No change.

(b) Positive Results. To verify that a positive test result was properly analyzed and handled according to these rules, the MRO shall:

1. through 2. No change.

3. Ensure that the donor's ~~donors~~ specimen identification number on Copy 2 of the laboratory test report and on Copy 4 of the chain of custody form which was sent to the MRO by the collection site accurately identifies the donor with the positive test result;

4. through 10. No change.

(3) No change.

(4) Verification for Opioids ~~Opiates~~. Before a positive test

for opioids ~~opiates~~ is verified, the MRO shall determine that there is clinical evidence in addition to the urine, blood, oral fluid or hair test, of illegal use of any opium, opiate, or opium derivative (e.g., morphine/codeine). This requirement does not apply if the GC/MS confirmation test for opioids ~~opiates~~ confirms the presence of 6-monoacetylmorphine.

(5) through (10) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 112.0455(13)(a) FS. Law Implemented 112.0455 FS. History—New 6-28-91, Formerly 10E-18.008, Amended 5-1-96, 3-11-98, 2-3-05.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Kelli Fillyaw

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Shevaun L. Harris

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: October 29, 2025

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: July 31, 2025

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

64B4-3.001 Application for Licensure for Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling Applicants

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The proposed rule amendment updates the rule and incorporates the application on form DH-MQA 1174, Application for Licensure as a Clinical Social Worker, Marriage & Family Therapist or Mental Health Counselor by Examination. The proposed rule change updates the application to implement s. 491.018, Florida Statutes, the Professional Counselors Licensure Compact.

SUMMARY: The changes incorporate an updated Application which is a part of the implementation of s. 491.018, F.S., the Professional Counselors Licensure Compact.

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: 491.004(5), 491.005, FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 456.013, 456.0635, 491.005, 491.0065, 491.017 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 K. Irving, Executive Director, Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling, 4052 Bald Cypress Way Bin C-08, Tallahassee, FL 32399-3258, telephone: (850)488-0595, or by electronic mail – Ashleigh.Irving@flhealth.gov

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

64B4-3.001 Application for Licensure for Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling Applicants.

Every applicant for licensure by examination as a clinical social worker, marriage and family therapist or mental health counselor shall submit to the Board a completed application on Form DH-MQA 1174, Application for Licensure as a Clinical Social Worker, Marriage & Family Therapist or Mental Health Counselor by Examination (Revised 12/2025 ~~5/2025~~), hereby adopted and incorporated by reference, which can be obtained from <http://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-1907848555>, or the web at <http://www.floridasmentalhealthprofessions.gov/resources>.

The application shall be accompanied with the application fee and the initial licensure fee. An application for licensure by examination shall be accompanied with the application fee and the initial active status license fee specified in Rule 64B4-4.002, F.A.C.

Rulemaking Authority 491.004(5), 491.005, FS. Law Implemented 456.013, 456.0635, 491.005, 491.0065, 491.017 FS. History—New 7-6-88, Amended 1-28-91, 11-3-92, Formerly 21CC-3.001, 61F4-3.001, Amended 11-13-96, Formerly 59P-3.001, Amended 6-8-09, 2-24-10, 4-4-13, 5-12-16, 9-1-16, 8-7-18, 3-18-19, 3-9-21, 3-27-23, 7-10-24, 3-23-25, 11-3-25.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: December 12, 2025

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: January 2, 2026

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Marine Fisheries

RULE NOS.: RULE TITLES:

68B-37.002 Definitions

68B-37.003 Size Limits for Recreational and Commercial Harvest; Whole Condition Requirement

68B-37.004 Regional Recreational Bag Limits; Bag Limit for Captain and Crew on For-hire Trips; Commercial Bag, Vessel, and Landing Limits

68B-37.005 Seasons

68B-37.007 Purchase and Sale Prohibitions

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of this rulemaking is to develop a new holistic management approach for spotted seatrout that incorporates multiple metrics to evaluate the fishery on a smaller regional scale and tailor management strategies to local concerns and needs. The effect of this rulemaking would create additional regions that would allow for local conditions to be taken into consideration in setting recreational and commercial bag limits, size limits, seasons, and other harvest regulations.

SUMMARY: The proposed management approach for spotted seatrout is the next step in Florida's transition to holistic management of its most popular inshore fisheries, following redfish in 2022 and snook in 2024. Under this approach, the state would be divided into nine management regions. Each region would be evaluated using six management metrics, and the regional evaluations would then be used to inform commercial and recreational harvest regulations. This approach provides additional insight for management and more flexibility to address localized concerns. In order to implement this holistic approach, the proposed rules would establish nine management regions for spotted seatrout and set recreational and commercial bag limits, size limits, seasons, and other harvest regulations for each region.

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

A HEARING WILL BE HELD AT THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:

DATE AND TIME: During the Commission's regular meeting February 4 - 5, 2026, 8:30 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. each day

PLACE: Donald L. Tucker Civic Center, 505 W Pensacola St, Tallahassee, FL 32301

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, (850)487-0554, or Jessica.McCawley@MyFWC.com

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

68B-37.002 Definitions.

As used in Chapter 68B-37, F.A.C.:

(1) "Big Bend Region" means all Florida Waters and adjacent federal waters of the Gulf of America lying east of 84°20.800' 85°13.76' West Longitude in Franklin Gulf County and north of a line running due east and due west from the westernmost point of Fred Howard Park Causeway (28°09.350'N 28°9.35'N, 82°48.398'W), and all waters of Pinellas Indian Lagoon in Gulf County north of 28°09.350' North Latitude, all waters of Alachua, Bradford, Citrus,

Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Hernando, Jefferson, Lafayette, Leon, Levy, Madison, Pasco, Sumter, Suwannee, Taylor, Union, and Wakulla counties, and including all waters of Ochlockonee Bay and the Ochlockonee River, all waters of the Withlacoochee River, and all waters of the Anclote River and its tributaries.

(2) "Charlotte Harbor Region" means all Florida Waters and adjacent federal waters lying south of the Sarasota Bay Region and north of a line extending due west from a point located at 26°15.227'N, 81°49.412'W in Collier County, all waters of Collier County north of 26°15.227' North Latitude, all waters of Manatee and Sarasota counties east and south of the Sarasota Bay Region, all waters of Charlotte, DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Lee, and Polk counties, including all waters and tributaries of the Caloosahatchee, Myakka, and Peace rivers, excluding all waters of Lake Okeechobee. "Central East Region" means all Florida Waters and adjacent federal waters lying south of the southern boundary of the Northeast Region as specified in subsection (3), north of the Palm Beach Broward county line, and north of a line extending due east from a point where the Palm Beach Broward county line meets the Atlantic Ocean (26°19.260'N, 80°04.464'W).

(3) "Indian River Lagoon Region" means all Florida Waters and adjacent federal waters lying south of a line extending due east from a point located at 29°01.755'N, 80°54.160'W in Volusia County and north of the Martin-Palm Beach county line, all waters of Martin, Okeechobee, Osceola, St. Lucie, Indian River, and Brevard counties, all inside waters of Volusia County south of Lytle Avenue/South Causeway (State Road A1A), all waters of Volusia County south of State Road 44 and east of I-95, including all waters of the Kissimmee River, Cypress Lake, Lake Hatchineha, Lake Kissimmee, and Lake Okeechobee, excluding all waters of the Loxahatchee River and its tributaries and all waters of the St. Johns River and its tributaries.

(4) "Northeast Region" means all Florida Waters and adjacent federal waters lying south of the Florida-Georgia border, and north of the Indian River Lagoon Region, all waters of Baker, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Lake, Marion, Nassau, Orange, Putnam, Seminole, and St. Johns counties, all waters of Volusia County north and west of the Indian River Lagoon Region, including all waters of the St. Johns River and its tributaries, excluding all waters of the Withlacoochee River, Kissimmee River, Cypress Lake, Lake Hatchineha, and Lake Kissimmee Flagler Volusia county line, and north of a line extending due east from a point where the Flagler Volusia county line meets the Atlantic Ocean (29°25.632'N, 81°06.150'W).

(4) "South Region" means all Florida Waters and adjacent federal waters lying south of the southern boundary of the Central East Region as specified in subsection (2) and south of

~~the southern boundary of the Big Bend Region in the Gulf of America in Pinellas County, as specified in subsection (1).~~

(5) "Panhandle Region" means all Florida Waters and adjacent federal waters lying east of the Florida-Alabama border and west of the western boundary of the Big Bend Region, all waters of Bay, Calhoun, Escambia, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Liberty, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Walton, and Washington counties, excluding all waters of the Ochlockonee River and Ochlockonee Bay.

(6) "Sarasota Bay Region" means all Florida Waters and adjacent federal waters lying south of the Tampa Bay Region and north of 27°04.727' North Latitude (approximately 0.4 miles north of the Venice Municipal Fishing Pier in Sarasota County), all waters of Manatee County south of State Road 64 and west of 82°22.500' West Longitude, and all waters of Sarasota County west of 82°22.500' West Longitude and north of 27°04.727' North Latitude, including all waters of Palma Sola Bay, Phillippi Creek, Cow Pen Slough Canal, and Curry Creek, excluding all waters and tributaries of the Braden and Manatee rivers.

(7) "Southeast Region" means all Florida Waters and adjacent federal waters lying south of the Martin-Palm Beach county line and north of the Miami-Dade/Monroe county line, all waters of Broward, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach counties, including all waters of the Loxahatchee River and its tributaries, Hillsboro Canal, Miami Canal, North New River Canal, and West Palm Beach Canal, excluding all waters of Lake Okeechobee and all waters of Everglades National Park.

(8) "Southwest Region" means all Florida Waters and adjacent federal waters lying south of the Charlotte Harbor Region and all Florida Waters and adjacent federal waters lying south of the Southeast Region, all waters of Collier County south of 26°15.227' North Latitude, all waters of Monroe County, and all waters of Everglades National Park.

(5) renumbered (9) No change.

(6) "Western Panhandle Region" means all Florida Waters and adjacent federal waters lying east of the Florida-Alabama border, west of the western boundary of the Big Bend Region as specified in subsection (1), and north of 28°09.35' North Latitude (approximately 1.17 miles south of the Pasco-Pinellas county line).

(10) "Tampa Bay Region" means all Florida Waters and adjacent federal waters lying south of a line extending due east and due west from the westernmost point of Fred Howard Park Causeway in Pinellas County (28°09.350'N, 82°48.398'W) and north of a line extending due west from a point located at 27°29.823'N, 82°42.659'W (the western terminus of State Road 64 in Manatee County), all waters of Manatee County north of State Road 64, and all waters of Pinellas and Hillsborough counties, including all waters and tributaries of the Alafia, Braden, Manatee, and Hillsborough rivers.

excluding all waters of Palma Sola Bay and all waters of the Anclote River and its tributaries.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 2026

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History—New 11-1-89, Amended 1-1-96, 8-1-96, Formerly 46-37.002, Amended 7-1-00, 7-1-06, 2-1-12, 9-1-13, 2-26-20, 4-1-26.

68B-37.003 Size Limits for Recreational and Commercial Harvest; Whole Condition Requirement.

(1) Recreational Minimum and Maximum Size Limits –

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (1)(b), a recreational harvester may not harvest or possess within or without Florida Waters or land a spotted seatrout that does not meet the specified size limits established in this paragraph for each region: Recreational Minimum and Maximum Size Limits –

1. Panhandle Region – No less than 15 inches or greater than 19 inches in total length. Except as provided in subparagraph (1)(a)2., a recreational harvester may not harvest or possess within or without Florida Waters or land a spotted seatrout that is less than 15 inches or greater than 19 inches in total length.

2. Big Bend Region – No less than 15 inches or greater than 19 inches in total length.

3. Tampa Bay Region – No less than 15 inches or greater than 19 inches in total length.

4. Sarasota Bay Region – No less than 15 inches or greater than 19 inches in total length.

5. Charlotte Harbor Region – No less than 15 inches or greater than 19 inches in total length.

6. Southwest Region – No less than 15 inches or greater than 19 inches in total length.

7. Southeast Region – No less than 15 inches or greater than 19 inches in total length.

8. Indian River Lagoon Region – No less than 15 inches or greater than 19 inches in total length.

9. Northeast Region – No less than 15 inches or greater than 19 inches in total length.

(b)2.a. Except as provided in paragraph (1)(c) sub-subparagraphs (1)(a)2.b., a recreational harvester may harvest or and possess, within or without Florida Waters, and land only 1 spotted seatrout per day more than one spotted seatrout per person or per vessel, whichever is less, that is greater than the size limits established in paragraph (1)(a) for each region specified in this paragraph 19 inches in total length. This provision will not be construed to authorize harvest or possession of spotted seatrout of any size in excess of the applicable bag limits.

1. Panhandle Region.

2. Big Bend Region.

3. Tampa Bay Region.

4. Sarasota Bay Region.

5. Charlotte Harbor Region.6. Southwest Region.7. Southeast Region.

~~b. Recreational harvesters aboard a vessel within or without Florida Waters may not collectively harvest or land more than 1 spotted seatrout per day that is greater than 19 inches total length or possess more than 1 spotted seatrout that is greater than 19 inches total length.~~

~~(c) A recreational harvester may not harvest or possess within or without Florida Waters, or land any spotted seatrout greater than the size limits established in paragraph (1)(a) for each region specified in this paragraph:~~

1. Indian River Lagoon Region.2. Northeast Region.(2)(b) Commercial Minimum and Maximum Size Limits –

A commercial harvester may not harvest or possess within or without Florida Waters or land a spotted seatrout that does not meet the specified size limits established in this subsection: is less than 15 inches or greater than 24 inches in total length.

(a) Panhandle Region – No less than 15 inches or greater than 24 inches in total length.

(b) Big Bend Region – No less than 15 inches or greater than 24 inches in total length.

(c) Tampa Bay Region – No less than 15 inches or greater than 24 inches in total length.

(d) Sarasota Bay Region – No less than 15 inches or greater than 24 inches in total length.

(e) Charlotte Harbor Region – No less than 15 inches or greater than 24 inches in total length.

(f) Southwest Region – No less than 15 inches or greater than 24 inches in total length.

(g) Southeast Region – No less than 15 inches or greater than 24 inches in total length.

(h) Indian River Lagoon Region – No less than 15 inches or greater than 24 inches in total length.

(i) Northeast Region – No less than 15 inches or greater than 24 inches in total length.

(2) renumbered (3) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 2026

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History—New 11-1-89, Amended 1-1-96, 8-1-96, Formerly 46-37.003, Amended 7-1-00, 2-1-12, 9-1-13, 2-26-20, 4-1-26.

68B-37.004 Regional Recreational Bag Limits; Bag Limit for Captain and Crew on For-hire Trips; Commercial Bag, Vessel, and Landing Limits.

(1) Recreational Bag Limits – A recreational harvester may not harvest or land per day from within or without Florida Waters of a region or possess at any time more spotted seatrout within a region than the applicable specified bag limit

established in this subsection for each region within the following identified regions:

(a) Western Panhandle Region – Three (3) spotted seatrout.

(b) No change.

(c) Tampa Bay South Region – Three (3) spotted seatrout.

(d) Sarasota Bay Region – Three (3) spotted seatrout.

(e) Charlotte Harbor Region – Three (3) spotted seatrout.

(f) Southwest Region – Three (3) spotted seatrout.

(g) Southeast Region – Three (3) spotted seatrout.

(h) Indian River Lagoon Region – Two (2) spotted seatrout.

(i)(d) Northeast Region – Three (3) Five (5) spotted seatrout.

(e) Central East Region – Two (2) spotted seatrout.

(2) No change.

(3) Commercial Limits –

(a) Bag Limit – A commercial harvester may not harvest or land per day from within or without Florida Waters of a region or possess more spotted seatrout within a region than the applicable bag limit established in this paragraph for each region: or land more than 50 spotted seatrout per day or possess within or without Florida Waters more than 50 spotted seatrout.

1. Panhandle Region – 50 spotted seatrout.

2. Big Bend Region – 50 spotted seatrout.

3. Tampa Bay Region – 50 spotted seatrout.

4. Sarasota Bay Region – 50 spotted seatrout.

5. Charlotte Harbor Region – 50 spotted seatrout.

6. Southwest Region – 50 spotted seatrout.

7. Southeast Region – 50 spotted seatrout.

8. Indian River Lagoon Region – 50 spotted seatrout.

9. Northeast Region – 50 spotted seatrout.

(b) Vessel Limits –

1. Except as provided in subparagraph (3)(b)2., commercial harvesters aboard a vessel may not collectively harvest or land per day from within or without Florida Waters of a region or possess more spotted seatrout within a region than the applicable vessel limit established in this paragraph for each region: or land more than 50 spotted seatrout per day, or possess more than 50 spotted seatrout.

a. Panhandle Region – 50 spotted seatrout.

b. Big Bend Region – 50 spotted seatrout.

c. Tampa Bay Region – 50 spotted seatrout.

d. Sarasota Bay Region – 50 spotted seatrout.

e. Charlotte Harbor Region – 50 spotted seatrout.

f. Southwest Region – 50 spotted seatrout.

g. Southeast Region – 50 spotted seatrout.

h. Indian River Lagoon Region – 50 spotted seatrout.

i. Northeast Region – 50 spotted seatrout.

2. Two or more commercial harvesters aboard a vessel and operating pursuant to two or more valid saltwater products licenses may not collectively harvest or land per day from within or without Florida Waters of a region or possess more

spotted seatrout within a region than the applicable vessel limit established in this paragraph for each region or land more than 100 spotted seatrout per day, or possess more than 100 spotted seatrout within or without Florida Waters. This provision will not be construed to authorize harvest or possession of spotted seatrout in excess of the applicable bag or vessel limits.

- a. Panhandle Region – 100 spotted seatrout.
- b. Big Bend Region – 100 spotted seatrout.
- c. Tampa Bay Region – 100 spotted seatrout.
- d. Sarasota Bay Region – 100 spotted seatrout.
- e. Charlotte Harbor Region – 100 spotted seatrout.
- f. Southwest Region – 100 spotted seatrout.
- g. Southeast Region – 100 spotted seatrout.
- h. Indian River Lagoon Region – 100 spotted seatrout.
- i. Northeast Region – 100 spotted seatrout.

(c) No change.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 2026

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History—New 11-1-89, Amended 1-1-96, 8-1-96, Formerly 46-37.004, Amended 7-1-00, 2-1-12, 9-1-13, 2-26-20, 4-1-26.

68B-37.005 Seasons.

(1) Recreational Closed Seasons –

(a) Except as provided in paragraphs (1)(a) (1)(b) and (1)(b) (1)(e), there is no closed season for the recreational harvest of spotted seatrout.

(a)(b) Western Panhandle Region – A person may not harvest or land a spotted seatrout from within or without Florida Waters waters of the Western Panhandle Region or possess a spotted seatrout in or on Florida Waters waters of the Western Panhandle Region beginning February 1 and continuing through the last day of February each year.

(b)(e) Indian River Lagoon Central East Region – A person may not harvest or land a spotted seatrout from within or without Florida Waters waters of the Indian River Lagoon Central East Region or possess a spotted seatrout in or on Florida Waters waters of the Indian River Lagoon Central East Region beginning November 1 and continuing through December 31 each year.

(2) Commercial Open Seasons – The harvest, landing, and possession of spotted seatrout for commercial purposes shall be limited each year to the period established in this subsection within the following identified regions:

- (a) South Region, Big Bend Region, and Western Panhandle Region – Beginning June 1 and continuing through October 31.
- (b) Big Bend Region – Beginning June 1 and continuing through October 31.
- (c) Tampa Bay Region – Beginning June 1 and continuing through October 31.

(d) Sarasota Bay Region – Beginning June 1 and continuing through October 31.

(e) Charlotte Harbor Region – Beginning June 1 and continuing through October 31.

(f) Southwest Region – Beginning June 1 and continuing through October 31.

(g) Southeast Region – Beginning June 1 and continuing through October 31.

(h)(b) Indian River Lagoon Central East Region – Beginning May 1 and continuing through September 30.

(i)(e) No change.

(3) Commercial Closed Seasons – A commercial harvester may not harvest, possess, or land a spotted seatrout for commercial purposes from within or without Florida Waters of a region during the specified closed seasons for spotted seatrout for each region established in this subsection:

(a) Panhandle Region – Beginning November 1 and continuing through May 31 of the following year.

(b) Big Bend Region – Beginning November 1 and continuing through May 31 of the following year.

(c) Tampa Bay Region – Beginning November 1 and continuing through May 31 of the following year.

(d) Sarasota Bay Region – Beginning November 1 and continuing through May 31 of the following year.

(e) Charlotte Harbor Region – Beginning November 1 and continuing through May 31 of the following year.

(f) Southwest Region – Beginning November 1 and continuing through May 31 of the following year.

(g) Southeast Region – Beginning November 1 and continuing through May 31 of the following year.

(h) Indian River Lagoon Region – Beginning October 1 and continuing through April 30 of the following year.

(i) Northeast Region – Beginning December 1 and continuing through May 31 of the following year.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 2026

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History—New 11-1-89, Amended 1-1-96, Formerly 46-37.005, Amended 2-1-12, 9-1-13, 2-26-20, 4-1-26.

68B-37.007 Purchase and Sale Prohibitions.

Sale of spotted seatrout shall adhere to the following restrictions.

(1) Except as provided in subsection (3), a seafood dealer in a closed region where the commercial spotted seatrout season is closed pursuant to subsection 68B-37.005(3), F.A.C., may only possess or sell spotted seatrout within the first 30 days after the start close of the applicable regional commercial spotted seatrout closed season specified in subsection 68B-37.005(2), F.A.C., provided that such spotted seatrout were legally harvested during the applicable commercial open season specified in subsection 68B-37.005(2), F.A.C. The burden shall

be upon any seafood dealer possessing spotted seatrout to establish the chain of possession from the initial transaction after harvest, by appropriate receipt(s), bill(s) of sale, or bill(s) of lading. Seafood dealers shall maintain the documentation establishing the chain of possession such documentation and promptly produce such documentation same at the request of any duly authorized law enforcement officer.

(2) For purposes of this rule, the following counties are included in the regions:

(a) Panhandle Region includes Bay, Calhoun, Escambia, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Liberty, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Walton, and Washington counties.

(b) Big Bend Region includes Alachua, Bradford, Gilchrist, Citrus, Columbia, Dixie, Hamilton, Hernando, Jefferson, Lafayette, Leon, Levy, Madison, Pasco, Pinellas (north of 28°09.350' North Latitude), Sumter, Suwannee, Taylor, Union, and Wakulla counties.

(c) Tampa Bay Region includes Hillsborough, Manatee (north of State Road 64), and Pinellas (south of 28°09.350' North Latitude) counties.

(d) Sarasota Bay Region includes Manatee County (south of State Road 64 and west of 82°22.500' West Longitude), and Sarasota County (west of 82°22.500' West Longitude and north of 27°04.727' North Latitude).

(e) Charlotte Harbor Region includes Charlotte, Collier (north of 26°15.227' North Latitude), DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Lee, Manatee (south of State Road 64 and east of 82°22.500' West Longitude), Polk, and Sarasota (east of 82°22.500' West Longitude and south of 27°04.727' North Latitude) counties.

(f) Southwest Region includes Collier (south of 26°15.227' North Latitude), Miami-Dade (within the boundary of Everglades National Park), and Monroe counties.

(g) Southeast Region includes Broward, Miami-Dade (excluding Everglades National Park), and Palm Beach counties.

(h) Indian River Lagoon Region includes Brevard, Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, Osceola, St. Lucie, and Volusia (south of Lytle Avenue/South Causeway (State Road A1A), south of State Road 44, and east of I-95) counties.

(i)(a) Northeast Region includes Baker, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Lake, Marion, Nassau, Orange, Putnam, Seminole, and St. Johns and Volusia (north and west of the Indian River Lagoon region, as described in paragraph (2)(h)) counties.

(b) Central East Region includes Brevard, Indian River, Lake, Martin, Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola, Palm Beach, Seminole, St. Lucie, and Volusia counties;

(c) South Region includes Broward, Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Hillsborough, Lee, Manatee, Miami Dade, Monroe, Pinellas, Polk, and Sarasota counties;

(d) Big Bend Region includes Alachua, Bradford, Citrus, Columbia, Dixie, Franklin, Gadsden, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Hernando, Jefferson, Lafayette, Leon, Levy, Liberty, Madison, Marion, Pasco, Sumter, Suwannee, Taylor, Union, and Wakulla counties.

(e) Western Panhandle Region includes Bay, Calhoun, Escambia, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Walton, and Washington counties.

(3) A seafood dealer may import spotted seatrout from outside Florida during the open or closed commercial season. However, the burden shall be upon any person possessing imported spotted seatrout to establish the chain of possession from the initial transaction after harvest, by appropriate receipt(s), bill(s) of sale, or bill(s) of lading, and to show that such spotted seatrout originated from a point outside Florida, and entered the state in interstate commerce. Failure to maintain the documentation establishing the chain of possession such documentation or to promptly produce such documentation same at the request of any duly authorized law enforcement officer shall constitute a violation of this rule.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 2026

Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History—New 9-1-13, Amended 2-26-20, 4-1-26.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Jessica McCawley, Director, Division of Marine Fisheries Management, 620 S. Meridian St., Tallahassee, Florida 32399
NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: November 05, 2025

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: October 22, 2025

Section III Notice of Changes, Corrections and Withdrawals

Section IV Emergency Rules

NOTE: The full text of Emergency Rules that are currently in effect can be viewed by going to <https://flrules.org/Notice/emergencyRules.asp>.

Section V

Petitions and Dispositions Regarding Rule Variance or Waiver

FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

67-48.002 Definitions

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 13, 2026, the Florida Housing Finance Corporation, received a petition for waiver of subsection 67-48.002(96), Florida Administrative Code (7/7/2024) and the 2024 QAP for Lofts at Southbank, Ltd. permitting the requested credit exchange, immediate return of Petitioner's 2025 Housing Credit Allocation, and an immediate allocation of new Housing Credits; and grant a corresponding extension of deadlines relative to those credits.

A copy of the Petition for Variance or Waiver may be obtained by contacting: Ana McGlamory, Corporation Clerk, Florida Housing Finance Corporation, 227 North Bronough Street, Suite 5000, Tallahassee, FL 32301-1329. The Petition has also been posted on Florida Housing's website at floridahousing.org. Florida Housing will accept comments concerning the Petition for 14 days from the date of publication of this notice. To be considered, comments must be received on or before 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on the 14th day after publication of this notice at CorporationClerk@floridahousing.org or Florida Housing Finance Corporation, Attn: Corporation Clerk, 227 North Bronough Street, Suite 5000, Tallahassee, Florida 32301-1329.

FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

67-48.002 Definitions

The Florida Housing Finance Corporation hereby gives notice: On January 13, 2026, the Florida Housing Finance Corporation entered the Order Closing File for the Arbor Ridge Housing Partners, LP's Petition for Waiver of the Qualified Allocation Plan's Requirement for Returning Housing Credit Allocations and subsection 67-48.002(96), Florida Administrative Code (2023). The Petition was filed on November 20, 2025, and notice of receipt of the petition was published on November 21, 2025, in Volume 51, Number 227 of the F.A.R.

A copy of the Order or additional information may be obtained by contacting: Ana McGlamory, Corporation Clerk, Florida Housing Finance Corporation, 227 N. Bronough St., Ste. 5000, Tallahassee, FL 32301-1329.

Section VI

Notice of Meetings, Workshops and Public Hearings

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

The Florida Department of Education announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: February 18, 2026, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., EST

PLACE: Teams

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_Y2E2ZTdhYmItYjcxYi00ZWU1LWI1MGUTMDY5MDc1NzYyY2Zh%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2263bf107b-cb6f-4173-8c1c-1406bb5cb794%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22db149607-4581-4fc6-949f-61bb7935043e%22%7d

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Meeting of Uniform Core Curricula Revision and Two New Teacher Preparation Courses Workgroup

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Marsha.Dixon@fldoe.org

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: Marsha.Dixon@fldoe.org. 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: Marsha.Dixon@fldoe.org

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

The Florida Department of Education announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: The previously noticed meeting on January 15 is CANCELLED. February 12, 2026, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., EST

PLACE: Teams

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_YmZjMTk2NDktMzVhNi000ODA3LWJ1YmEtZTRmNzM5ZGZkYjE3%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2263bf107b-cb6f-4173-8c1c-1406bb5cb794%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22b7e8079c-1179-40ef-9a6c-38763c17f36b%22%7d

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:
Meeting of Florida Educator Accomplished Practices Revision Workgroup

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting:
Tiani.Snelling@fldoe.org

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

State Board of Education

The DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: January 21, 2026, 9:00 a.m., ET

PLACE: Tallahassee State College, 444 Appleyard Dr., Student Union Ballroom, Tallahassee, FL 32304. This meeting will be webcast at <https://thefloridachannel.org>.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: This meeting agenda will consist of the approval of the minutes from November 13, 2025, meeting and updates from President Murdaugh on behalf of the Council of Presidents, update from Superintendent Nolen on behalf of the Florida Association of District School Superintendents, and an update on Madison County School District's Turnaround Plan. Additional items for consideration include action relating to the following: Approval of the 2026-27 Amended Education Operating and Fixed Capital Outlay Budget Request; Request from St. Petersburg College for a Bachelor of Applied Science in Building Construction Technology; Amendment to Rules 6A-1.09401, F.A.C., Student Performance Standards, and 6A-1.09414, F.A.C., Course Requirements – Grades PK-12 Exceptional Student Education; Approval of High Demand Teacher Needs Areas; Amendment to Rule 6A-6.0576, F.A.C., CAPE Industry Certification Funding List; Approval of the General Education Course Review and Reform; Approval of Appointment to the Charter School Review Commission; Amendment to Rule 6A-4.0311, F.A.C., Specialization Requirements for Certification in School Psychology (Grades PK-12) – Specialty Class; New Rule 6-4.0013, F.A.C., Mental Health Assessment Program Functional Assessment Instruments; Amendment to Rule 6A-6.0252, F.A.C., Use of Prescribed Pancreatic Enzyme Supplements; Amendment to Rule 6M-4.610, F.A.C., Statewide Provider Contract for the School Readiness Program;

Amendment to Rule 6M-8.301, F.A.C., Statewide Provider Contract for the Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Program.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: The Department's website at <http://www.fl DOE.org/policy/state-board-of-edu/meetings>.

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: Chris Emerson at (850)245-9601 or Christian.Emerson@fldoe.org. 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).

REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS

North Central Florida Regional Planning Council

The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: January 22, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Hybrid Meeting in-Person at Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, Suwannee Room, 213 Southwest Commerce Boulevard, Lake City, Florida, and via Communications Media Technology.

access via communications media technology in the following format:

DIAL IN NUMBER: Toll free 1(888)585-9008

CONFERENCE CODE: 381 777 570

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: To conduct the regular business of the Clearinghouse Committee of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, 2009 NW 67th Place, Gainesville, Florida 32653-1603.

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 2 business days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: (352)955-2200. 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.

REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS

North Central Florida Regional Planning Council

The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: January 22, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: Hybrid Meeting in-Person at Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, Suwannee Room, 213 Southwest Commerce Boulevard, Lake City, Florida, and via Communications Media Technology.

Meeting access via communications media technology in the following format:

To join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone
<https://meet.goto.com/920075645>

DIAL IN NUMBER: Toll Free: 1(866)899-4679

ACCESS CODE: 920 075 645

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: To conduct the regular business of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, 2009 NW 67th Place, Gainesville, Florida 32653-1603.

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REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS

North Central Florida Regional Planning Council

The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: January 22, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Hybrid Meeting in-Person at Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, Santa Fe Room, 213 Southwest Commerce Boulevard, Lake City, Florida, and via Communications Media Technology.

Meeting access via communications media technology in the following format:

DIAL IN NUMBER: Toll free 1(888)585-9008

CONFERENCE CODE: 568 124 316

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: To conduct the regular business of the Executive Committee of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, 2009 NW 67th Place, Gainesville, Florida 32653-1603.

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agency at least 2 business days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: (352)955-2200. 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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REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS

Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

The TBRPC Stormwater/Infrastructure Workgroup announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: January 28, 2026, 1:00 p.m.

PLACE: Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82186801921?pwd=OEqeev69bmUqJhr2f65DMjaaBbBk77.1>

Meeting ID: 821 8680 1921

Passcode: 486113

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: This Work Group will share knowledge on current stormwater practices, challenges, and solutions. The Work Group may expand its scope to other infrastructure as capacity allows. Private and public sector stakeholders are encouraged to join. A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Meghan Maraia Blancher at meghan@tbrpc.org

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 4 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Meghan Maraia Blancher at meghan@tbrpc.org. 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: Meghan Maraia Blancher at meghan@tbrpc.org

REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS

Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

The TBRPC Stormwater/Infrastructure Workgroup announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: January 28, 2026, 1:00 p.m.

PLACE: Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82186801921?pwd=OEqeev69bmUqJhr2f65DMjaaBbBk77.1>

Meeting ID: 821 8680 1921

Passcode: 486113

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: This Work Group will share knowledge on current stormwater practices, challenges, and solutions. The Work Group may

expand its scope to other infrastructure as capacity allows. Private and public sector stakeholders are encouraged to join. Meeting Materials: <https://tampabayplanning.sharepoint.com/:f/s/Public/IgB9DpZFitU-QKr-1k->

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A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Meghan Maraia Blancher at meghan@tbrpc.org

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For more information, you may contact: Meghan Maraia Blancher at meghan@tbrpc.org

REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS

South Florida Regional Planning Council

The South Florida Regional Planning Council announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, January 21, 2026, 10:00 am.

PLACE: 1 Oakwood Boulevard, Suite 250, Hollywood, FL 33020

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84732699972?pwd=XNhi2NeKYtehqL1t1YX3JNjpvzbSig.l&from=addon>

Meeting ID: 847 3269 9972

Passcode: 799274

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Steering Committee Meeting to assist in the identification and implementation of the region's economic development priorities for the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA).

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Administration at the South Florida Regional Planning Council, 1 Oakwood Boulevard, Suite 250, Hollywood, Florida 33020; (954)924-3653; or sfadmin@sfrpc.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: Administration at the South Florida Regional Planning Council, 1 Oakwood Boulevard, Suite 250, Hollywood, Florida 33020; (954)924-3653; or sfadmin@sfrpc.com. 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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WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS

Northwest Florida Water Management District

The Northwest Florida Water Management District announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: February 11, 2026, 1:10 p.m., Central Time (CT)/2:10 p.m., Eastern Time (ET).

PLACE: Northwest Florida Water Management District's DeFuniak Springs Office, 700 US Highway 331 South, DeFuniak Springs, Florida 32435.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: In accordance with the timeframe set forth in section 120.525, Florida Statutes, a public hearing is hereby noticed within the timeline for the DISTRICT'S 2026 FLORIDA FOREVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT WORK PLAN.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Carol Bert at (850)539-5999, Carol.Bert@nfwwater.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 72 hours before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Carol Bert at (850)539-5999, Carol.Bert@nfwwater.com. 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: Carol Bert at (850)539-5999, Carol.Bert@nfwwater.com

SPACE FLORIDA

The Space Florida announces a telephone conference call to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: January 22, 2026, 10:00 a.m. (EST)

PLACE: Teleconference Call-in Number: (321)234-5533, Conference ID 446 170 57#

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Audit, Accountability, and Governance Committee Meeting

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Terrie Ireland at tireland@spaceflorida.gov or (321)730-5301, Ext: 241

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 2 days before the workshop/meeting by

contacting: Terrie Ireland at tireland@spaceflorida.gov or (321)730-5301, Ext: 241. 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: Terrie Ireland at tireland@spaceflorida.gov or (321)730-5301, Ext: 241

SPACE FLORIDA

The Space Florida announces a telephone conference call to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: January 22, 2026, 3:00 p.m. (EST)

PLACE: (321)234-5533, Conference ID: 386 811 909#

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Investment Committee Meeting

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Terrie Ireland at tireland@spaceflorida.gov or (321)730-5301, Ext: 241

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 2 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Terrie Ireland at tireland@spaceflorida.gov or (321)730-5301, Ext: 241. 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: Terrie Ireland at tireland@spaceflorida.gov or (321)730-5301, Ext: 241

AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION

Medicaid

The Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, January 29, 2026, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: Agency for Health Care Administration, 2727 Mahan Drive, Building 3, Tallahassee, Florida 32308; Registration for virtual option: <https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/11f649f0-1b35-4abf-aa61-78cc9ea08f2b@583c5f19-3b64-4ced-b59e-e8649bdc4aa6>.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The

Agency will hold a public forum to discuss the Florida Medicaid Managed Medical Assistance and Family Planning waivers. The annual Post Award Forum provides stakeholders the opportunity to provide meaningful comments on the progress of the Managed Medical Assistance and Family Planning programs. The programs operate under the authority of an 1115 Research and Demonstration Waiver approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The public will have an opportunity to provide comments during the forum.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: FLMedicaidWaivers@ahca.myflorida.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 7 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: the Agency at (850)412-4003 or by email at FLMedicaidWaivers@ahca.myflorida.com. 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 BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Board of Accountancy

The Florida Board of Accountancy Educational Advisory Committee announces a telephone conference call to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: February 3, 2026, 1:00 p.m.

PLACE: Teleconference

Dial-In-Number: (888)585-9008

Conference Room Number: 624-410-563

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Educational Advisory Committee meets to consider items relating to the education requirements.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Karan Lee, Florida Board of Accountancy, 240 NW 76th Drive, Suite A, Gainesville, Florida 32607

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 2 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Karan Lee. 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: Karan Lee

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**Division of Medical Quality Assurance**

The Department of Health, Board of Psychology announces a telephone conference call to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: March 18, 2026, 8:00 a.m. E.T.

PLACE: Conference Calls: 1(888)585-9008, then enter Conference Room Number 564-341-766 followed by the # sign
GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Probable Cause Panel Meeting for public disciplinary cases.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: The Board of Psychology, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, BIN C-05, Tallahassee, FL 32399-3255, by visiting our website at: <http://floridaspsychology.gov/> or by calling the board office at (850)245-4373.

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 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).

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.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**Division of Medical Quality Assurance**

The Electrolysis Council, under the Board of Medicine announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: April 06, 2026, 02:00 p.m., ET

PLACE: Conference Calls: 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 Electrolysis Council, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin C05, Tallahassee, FL 32399-3255, by calling the council office at (850)245-4373 or by visiting the website: <http://www.floridahealth.gov/licensing-and-regulation/electrolysis/index.html>

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).

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.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**Board of Massage Therapy**

The DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH Board of Massage Therapy announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: January 22, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

PLACE: <https://meet.goto.com/FL-BOMT/pcppublic>

Access Code: 423-972-773 United States (Toll Free): 1(866)899-4679 United States: +1(571)317-3116

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Reconsideration of cases for which a determination of probable cause has already been made.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: <https://floridasmassagetherapy.gov/meeting-information/>

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: mqa.massagetherapy@flhealth.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).

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: mqa.massagetherapy@flhealth.gov

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**Division of Children's Medical Services**

The Child Abuse Death Review Circuit 3 Committee announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATES AND TIMES: February 10, 2026; April 21, 2026; June 16, 2026; September 15, 2026; December 22, 2026, All meetings 10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

PLACE: Florida Department of Health-Suwannee County, 915 Nobles Ferry Road, Live Oak, Florida 32064

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Committee will address administrative issues, review cases, and discuss the CADR Action Plan. A portion of the meeting is required by Section 383.412(3) (a), F.S. to be closed to the public to allow the Committee to discuss information that is confidential and exempt from public meetings and public records. This portion of the meeting will be announced at the meeting.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Kerry.waldron@flhealth.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: Kerry.waldron@flhealth.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: Kerry.waldron@flhealth.gov

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

The Department of Financial Services announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, January 21, 2026, 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time

PLACE: (UPDATE) First District Court of Appeal, 200 Drayton Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32311

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Florida PALM Executive Steering Committee will meet to discuss the status of the Florida PALM Project.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Florida PALM Project website <https://myfloridacfo.com/floridapalm/oversight>.

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: Jenifer Hartsfield at (850)410-9025 or FloridaPALM@myfloridacfo.com. 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: or would like to submit public comment regarding the Florida PALM Executive Steering Committee, please email FloridaPALM@myfloridacfo.com.

SENIOR CONNECTION CENTER, INC.

The Senior Connection Center announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, February 3, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Offices of Senior Connection Center, 8928 Brittany Way, Tampa, FL 33619

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Notice is hereby given that Senior Connection Center's Annual Meeting of the Corporation will be held on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, 10:00 a.m. A meeting of the Board of Directors will immediately follow the Annual Meeting.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Paula Nelson at paula.nelson@sccmail.org or by phone at (813)676-5583

For more information, you may contact: Paula Nelson at paula.nelson@sccmail.org or by phone at (813)676-5583

FLORIDA ATLANTIC RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

The Florida Atlantic Research and Development Authority announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: January 28, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Global Ventures Peter M. Harris Conference Room, 3651 FAU Blvd., Suite 400, Boca Raton, FL 33431 United States

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Regular meeting.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: info@research-park.org

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 2 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: info@research-park.org. 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: info@research-park.org

CARPE DIEM COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS, INC.

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, January 29, 2026, 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. (CST)

PLACE: Virtual (Online): Register at www.nwflroads.com/calendar

In-person: Upward Church, Fellowship Hall, 9859 North Davis Highway, Pensacola

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will hold a hybrid public meeting to present information concerning the U.S. 90 (Davis Highway) at U.S. 90 (Scenic Highway) intersection improvement project in Escambia County. This hybrid public meeting is being held both virtually and in-person to provide interested persons an opportunity to express their views concerning the proposed improvements. Those who are unable to participate virtually may attend the meeting in-person.

Interested persons can visit the project website at www.nwflroads.com/calendar and register for one viewing option (virtual or in-person). The same materials will be presented for each format. If you have any questions or issues registering, please contact Ray Hodges, P.E., Project Manager, at (850)845-0313, or via email at rhodges@moffattnichol.com. Maps, drawings, and other information is available for review online beginning at 12:00 noon (CST), Thursday, January 8, 2026, at www.nwflroads.com/calendar.

Project materials may also be viewed by contacting the Project Manager at the information provided above.

The intent of this project is to resurface all existing travel lanes, auxiliary lanes, median crossovers, and paved shoulders. The roadways will be widened to add an additional left-turn lane in both the westbound and southbound directions. Mast arms and sidewalks will be relocated and upgraded as needed to meet current Americans with Disabilities Act standards.

No additional right of way is required. Bids for construction are scheduled to occur late 2026.

Representatives will be available to discuss proposed improvements, answer questions, and receive comments.

Persons wishing to submit written comments may do so at the meeting or may contact the Project Manager using the information provided above. The deadline to submit official public comments related to this project is Monday, February 9, 2026.

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

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: the Project Manager using the information provided above.

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 Project Manager using the information provided above. 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: For more information, you may contact the Project Manager using the information provided above. You may also contact Ian Satter, FDOT District Three Public Information Director, toll-free at (888)638-0250, ext. 1205, or via email at ian.satter@dot.state.fl.us.

Section VII

Notice of Petitions and Dispositions Regarding Declaratory Statements

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

Finance

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Office of Financial Regulation has declined to rule on the petition for declaratory statement filed by Shona Carcary on October 20, 2025. The following is a summary of the agency's declination of the petition:

On January 13, 2026, a Final Order Denying the Petition was issued. A declaratory statement is not available to Petitioner because Petitioner is seeking an opinion from the Office which involves acts that either occurred in the past, or are now occurring. Based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law the Petition for a declaratory statement is denied. **The original petition was published October 20, 2025 in the Florida Administrative Register Volume 51, Number 204.

A copy of the Order Declining of the Petition for Declaratory Statement 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.

Please refer all comments to: Agency Clerk, Office of Financial Regulation, P.O. Box 8050, Tallahassee, Florida 32314-8050, (850)410-9889, Agency.Clerk@flofr.gov.

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 CITRUS

RFP No. 25-01 Japanese Marketing and Trade Representative
The procurement office is soliciting formal, competitive bids for RFP 25-01. The RFP public opening is scheduled for 1:00 p.m., EST, February 20, 2026, at 605 E. Main Street, Bartow, FL 33830. The Department will post any changes or additional meeting(s) on the Vendor Bid System (VBS) in accordance with Section 287.042(3), F.S., and will not re-advertise any notice in the Florida Administrative Register (FAR). Access the Vendor Information Portal at <https://vendor.myfloridamarketplace.com/>.

DEPARTMENT OF CITRUS

RFP 25-02 South Korean Marketing and Trade Representative
The procurement office is soliciting formal, competitive bids for RFP 25-02. The RFP public opening is scheduled for 2:00 p.m., EST, February 20, 2026, at 605 E. Main Street, Bartow, FL 33830. The Department will post any changes or additional meeting(s) on the Vendor Bid System (VBS) in accordance with Section 287.042(3), F.S., and will not re-advertise any notice in the Florida Administrative Register (FAR). Access the Vendor Information Portal at <https://vendor.myfloridamarketplace.com/>.

REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS

Apalachee Regional Planning Council
RFQ Calhoun County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinator

Request for Letters of Interest and Qualifications For the Community Transportation Coordinator Under the

Transportation Disadvantaged Program In the Service Area of Calhoun County, Florida

The Apalachee Regional Planning Council is seeking qualifications from entities interested in serving as the Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) for Calhoun County, Florida. The selected entity will be recommended to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD). If approved by the CTD, the selected contractor will coordinate the administration and operation of the Calhoun County Transportation Disadvantaged system, as authorized by Chapter 427, Florida Statutes, and more fully described in Rule 41-2, Florida Administrative Code, beginning July 1, 2026.

Interested entities are required to provide the following as proof of qualifications:

- description of organization,
- proposed local organizational chart,
- coordination experience,
- proposed scheduling and routing software to be used,
- description of experience with vehicle acquisition and a list of vehicles to be used (if applicable),
- description of experience with grant applications and administration,
- proof of insurability,
- credit references,
- a current financial statement,
- the company's Federal Employer Identification Number, and
- a statement that the company is registered to do business in Florida.

Interested entities should submit one (1) original and three (3) copies of their expression of interest and qualifications in a sealed envelope to the Apalachee Regional Planning Council, 2507 Callaway Road, Suite 100, Tallahassee, Florida 32303 by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, January 28, 2026. The envelope must be marked, "LETTER OF INTEREST AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR CALHOUN COUNTY CTC." Faxed and emailed responses WILL NOT be accepted. Responses received after the deadline will not be considered and the interested entities will be notified. Only responses to the request for letters of interest will be considered if a request for proposals is issued for the CTC.

Questions should be addressed to: Austin Britt, Transportation Disadvantaged Program Coordinator, Apalachee Regional Planning Council, at the address listed above. The Apalachee Regional Planning Council reserves the right to accept or reject any and all responses in the best interest of the service area and the State.

REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS

Apalachee Regional Planning Council
RFQ Franklin County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinator

Request for Letters of Interest and Qualifications For the Community Transportation Coordinator Under the Transportation Disadvantaged Program In the Service Area of Franklin County, Florida

The Apalachee Regional Planning Council is seeking qualifications from entities interested in serving as the Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) for Franklin County, Florida. The selected entity will be recommended to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD). If approved by the CTD, the selected contractor will coordinate the administration and operation of the Franklin County Transportation Disadvantaged system, as authorized by Chapter 427, Florida Statutes, and more fully described in Rule 41-2, Florida Administrative Code, beginning July 1, 2026.

Interested entities are required to provide the following as proof of qualifications:

- description of organization,
- proposed local organizational chart,
- coordination experience,
- proposed scheduling and routing software to be used,
- description of experience with vehicle acquisition and a list of vehicles to be used (if applicable),
- description of experience with grant applications and administration,
- proof of insurability,
- credit references,
- a current financial statement,
- the company's Federal Employer Identification Number, and
- a statement that the company is registered to do business in Florida.

Interested entities should submit one (1) original and three (3) copies of their expression of interest and qualifications in a sealed envelope to the Apalachee Regional Planning Council, 2507 Callaway Road, Suite 100, Tallahassee, Florida 32303 by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, January 28, 2026. The envelope must be marked, "LETTER OF INTEREST AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY CTC." Faxed and emailed responses WILL NOT be accepted. Responses received after the deadline will not be considered and the interested entities will be notified. Only responses to the request for letters of interest will be considered if a request for proposals is issued for the CTC.

Questions should be addressed to: Austin Britt, Transportation Disadvantaged Program Coordinator, Apalachee Regional Planning Council, at the address listed above. The Apalachee Regional Planning Council reserves the right to accept or reject any and all responses in the best interest of the service area and the State.

REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS

Apalachee Regional Planning Council

RFQ Gulf County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinator Request for Letters of Interest and Qualifications For the Community Transportation Coordinator Under the Transportation Disadvantaged Program In the Service Area of Gulf County, Florida

The Apalachee Regional Planning Council is seeking qualifications from entities interested in serving as the Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) for Gulf County, Florida. The selected entity will be recommended to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD). If approved by the CTD, the selected contractor will coordinate the administration and operation of the Gulf County Transportation Disadvantaged system, as authorized by Chapter 427, Florida Statutes, and more fully described in Rule 41-2, Florida Administrative Code, beginning July 1, 2026.

Interested entities are required to provide the following as proof of qualifications:

- description of organization,
- proposed local organizational chart,
- coordination experience,
- proposed scheduling and routing software to be used,
- description of experience with vehicle acquisition and a list of vehicles to be used (if applicable),
- description of experience with grant applications and administration,
- proof of insurability,
- credit references,
- a current financial statement,
- the company's Federal Employer Identification Number, and
- a statement that the company is registered to do business in Florida.

Interested entities should submit one (1) original and three (3) copies of their expression of interest and qualifications in a sealed envelope to the Apalachee Regional Planning Council, 2507 Callaway Road, Suite 100, Tallahassee, Florida 32303 by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, January 28, 2026. The envelope must be marked, "LETTER OF INTEREST AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR GULF COUNTY CTC." Faxed and emailed responses WILL NOT be accepted. Responses received after the deadline will not be considered and the interested entities will be notified. Only responses to the request for letters of interest will be considered if a request for proposals is issued for the CTC.

Questions should be addressed to: Austin Britt, Transportation Disadvantaged Program Coordinator, Apalachee Regional Planning Council, at the address listed above. The Apalachee Regional Planning Council reserves the right to accept or reject any and all responses in the best interest of the service area and the State.

REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS

Apalachee Regional Planning Council

RFQ Wakulla County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinator

Request for Letters of Interest and Qualifications For the Community Transportation Coordinator Under the Transportation Disadvantaged Program In the Service Area of Wakulla County, Florida

The Apalachee Regional Planning Council is seeking qualifications from entities interested in serving as the Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) for Wakulla County, Florida. The selected entity will be recommended to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD). If approved by the CTD, the selected contractor will coordinate the administration and operation of the Wakulla County Transportation Disadvantaged system, as authorized by Chapter 427, Florida Statutes, and more fully described in Rule 41-2, Florida Administrative Code, beginning July 1, 2026.

Interested entities are required to provide the following as proof of qualifications:

- description of organization,
- proposed local organizational chart,
- coordination experience,
- proposed scheduling and routing software to be used,
- description of experience with vehicle acquisition and a list of vehicles to be used (if applicable),
- description of experience with grant applications and administration,
- proof of insurability,
- credit references,
- a current financial statement,
- the company's Federal Employer Identification Number, and
- a statement that the company is registered to do business in Florida.

Interested entities should submit one (1) original and three (3) copies of their expression of interest and qualifications in a sealed envelope to the Apalachee Regional Planning Council, 2507 Callaway Road, Suite 100, Tallahassee, Florida 32303 by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, January 28, 2026. The envelope must be marked, "LETTER OF INTEREST AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR WAKULLA COUNTY CTC." Faxed and emailed responses WILL NOT be accepted. Responses received after the deadline will not be considered and the interested entities will be notified. Only responses to the request for letters of interest will be considered if a request for proposals is issued for the CTC.

Questions should be addressed to: Austin Britt, Transportation

Disadvantaged Program Coordinator, Apalachee Regional Planning Council, at the address listed above. The Apalachee Regional Planning Council reserves the right to accept or reject any and all responses in the best interest of the service area and the State.

Section XII

Miscellaneous

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Index of Administrative Rules Filed with the Secretary of State Pursuant to subparagraphs 120.55(1)(b)7. – 8., F.S., the below list of rules were filed in the Office of the Secretary of State between 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 7, 2026, and 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 13, 2026.

Rule No.	File Date	Effective Date
5E-1.0012	1/7/2026	1/27/2026
5E-1.002	1/7/2026	1/27/2026
5E-1.003	1/7/2026	1/27/2026
5E-1.007	1/7/2026	1/27/2026
5E-1.008	1/7/2026	1/27/2026
5E-1.009	1/7/2026	1/27/2026
5E-1.012	1/7/2026	1/27/2026
5E-1.014	1/7/2026	1/27/2026
5E-1.023	1/7/2026	1/27/2026
5E-1.025	1/7/2026	1/27/2026
5E-1.026	1/7/2026	1/27/2026
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53ER26-2	1/8/2026	1/12/2026
53ER26-3	1/8/2026	1/12/2026
53ER26-4	1/8/2026	1/12/2026
53ER26-5	1/8/2026	1/12/2026
53ER26-6	1/8/2026	1/12/2026
68B-8.002	1/7/2026	2/1/2026
68B-8.003	1/7/2026	2/1/2026
68B-8.005	1/7/2026	2/1/2026
68B-8.006	1/7/2026	2/1/2026
68B-8.007	1/7/2026	2/1/2026
68B-8.008	1/7/2026	2/1/2026
68B-8.010	1/7/2026	2/1/2026

68B-8.011	1/7/2026	2/1/2026
68B-8.012	1/7/2026	2/1/2026
68B-8.014	1/7/2026	2/1/2026
68D-15.002	1/8/2026	1/28/2026
68D-24.109	1/13/2026	2/2/2026
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
14-10.0043	4/11/2025	**/**/****
60FF1-5.009	7/21/2016	**/**/****
62-42.300	12/31/2025	**/**/****
65C-9.004	3/31/2022	**/**/****
69C-2.004	11/5/2025	**/**/****
69C-2.005	11/5/2025	**/**/****
69C-2.016	11/5/2025	**/**/****
69C-2.022	11/5/2025	**/**/****
69C-2.026	11/5/2025	**/**/****
69C-2.034	11/5/2025	**/**/****
69C-2.035	11/5/2025	**/**/****

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES

Division of Motor Vehicles

Withdrawal Notice of Service Facility of Duval Ford, LLC

Notice of Withdrawal

Notice is hereby given that the publication of Service Facility of Duval Ford, LLC d/b/a Duval Ford, at 7166 Romona Blvd, Florida 32205, as a new point for automobiles manufactured by Ford Motor Company (line-make FORD) franchise dealership service facility in Duval County by Ford Motor Company, published in Volume 52, Issue 7, Page 112 of the Florida Administrative Weekly on January 12, 2026, has been withdrawn.

Misspelled address name.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES

Division of Motor Vehicles

Establishment of a Service Only Facility of Duval Ford, LLC
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 Ford Motor Company, intends to allow the establishment of a Service only facility of Duval Ford LLC, dba Duval Ford

as a Motor Vehicle Service only Facility of automobiles manufactured by Ford Motor Company (line-make FORD) The intended use of the service-only additional place of business location is to conduct commercial service operations, including service warranty work for customers, at 7166 Ramona Blvd, Jacksonville, (Duval County), Florida 32205, on or after February 13, 2026.

The name and address of the dealer operator(s) and principal investor(s) of Duval Ford, LLC are dealer operator(s): Hampton H. Graham, 1616 Cassat Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida 32210; principal investor(s): Hampton H. Graham, 1616 Cassat Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida 32210, Kevin F. Snyder, 1616 Cassat Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida 32210, Alexander McRae Graham, 1616 Cassat Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida 32210, Erika S. Puhalski, 1616 Cassat Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida 32210, Jose Negron, 1616 Cassat Ave, Jacksonville, Florida 32210, Jeffrey S. Curry, 1616 Cassat Ave, Jacksonville, Florida 32210.

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: Will Krill, Ford Motor Company, Tax Department Ford WHQ, Room 612, One American Rd, Dearborn, Michigan 48126.

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.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES

Division of Motor Vehicles

Establishment of Suncoast Motors Inc, line-make JNEN
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 Scootstar, Inc., intends to allow the establishment of

Suncoast Motors Inc, as a dealership for the sale of motorcycles manufactured by Juneng Motorcycle Technology Co Ltd (line-make JNEN) at 853 US 41 BYP S, Venice, (Sarasota County), Florida 34285, on or after February 13, 2026.

The name and address of the dealer operator(s) and principal investor(s) of Suncoast Motors Inc are dealer operator(s): Robert Shapiro, 853 US 41 BYP S, Venice, Florida 34285; principal investor(s): Robert Shapiro, 853 US 41 BYP S, Venice, Florida 34285.

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A copy of such petition or complaint must also be sent by US Mail to: Gene Chang, Scootstar, Inc., 7660 Dean Martin Dr Ste 204, Las Vegas, Nevada 89139.

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.

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.
