

# St. Lucie River Estuary Water Quality Report

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For sample results related to bacteria levels go to:

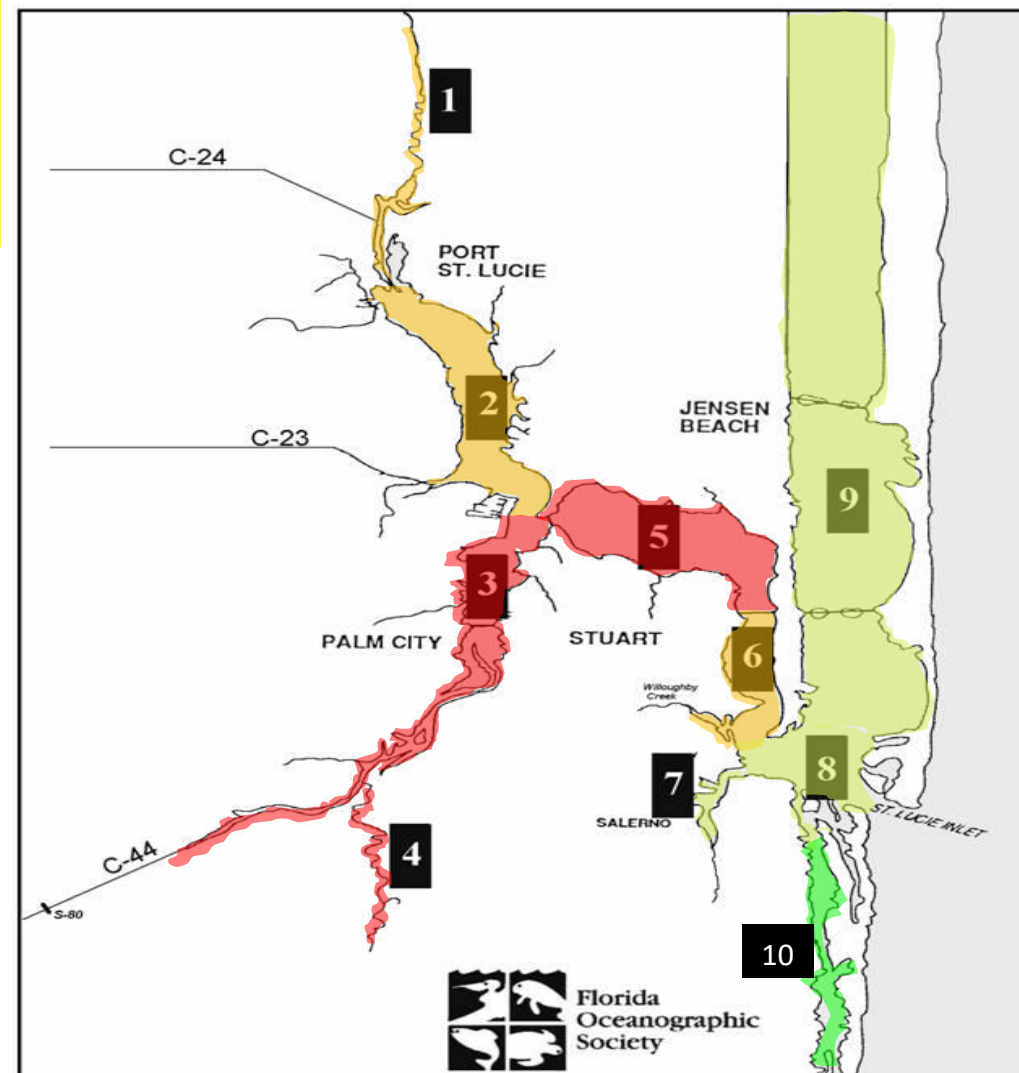
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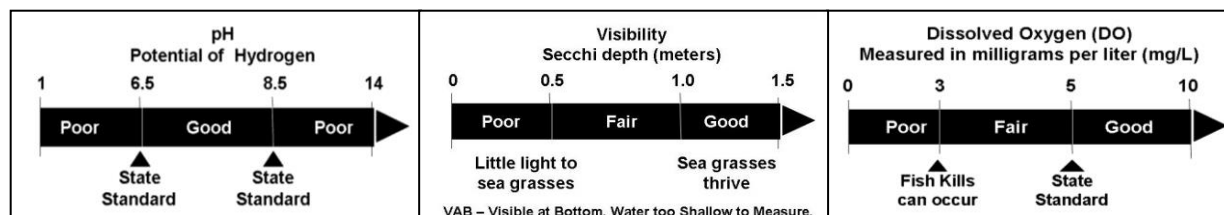
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|----------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| Overall Grade: | <b>67%</b> | <b>D+</b> | <b>POOR</b> |
|----------------|------------|-----------|-------------|

| Zone and Location               | Water Temp. (°F) | pH  | Visibility (Secchi) Meters | Salinity (ppt) | Dissolved Oxygen (mg/L) | Location Score | Grade             |
|---------------------------------|------------------|-----|----------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| 1. Winding North Fork           | 83               | 7.4 | 0.5<br>Poor                | 3<br>Good      | 2.7<br>Poor             | 66%            | D<br>Poor         |
| 2. North Fork                   | 86               | 7.9 | 0.8<br>Fair                | 0<br>Poor      | 5.2<br>Good             | 66%            | D<br>Poor         |
| 3. South Fork                   | 85               | 7.5 | 0.4<br>Poor                | 1<br>Poor      | 3.8<br>Fair             | 51%            | F<br>Destructive  |
| 4. Winding South Fork           | 84               | 7.2 | 0.5<br>Fair                | 0<br>Poor      | 2.7<br>Poor             | 56%            | F<br>Destructive  |
| 5. Wide Middle River            | 87               | 7.9 | 0.5<br>Poor                | 8<br>Poor      | 4.8<br>Fair             | 51%            | F<br>Destructive  |
| 6. Narrow Middle River          | 88               | 8.3 | 0.7<br>Fair                | 17<br>Poor     | 4.1<br>Fair             | 61%            | D<br>Poor         |
| 7. Manatee Pocket               | 86               | 7.6 | 1.1<br>Good                | 13<br>Poor     | 5.9<br>Good             | 77%            | C<br>Satisfactory |
| 8. Inlet Area                   | 90               | 8.0 | 0.7<br>Fair                | 25<br>Fair     | 5.2<br>Good             | 76%            | C<br>Satisfactory |
| 9. Indian River Lagoon          | 86               | 7.8 | 0.8<br>Fair                | 27<br>Fair     | 4.9<br>Fair             | 71%            | C<br>Satisfactory |
| 10. Intracoastal Waterway South | 90               | 7.6 | 1.2<br>Good                | 30<br>Good     | 4.0<br>Fair             | 92%            | A<br>Ideal        |



| Overall Grading |       |              |       |             |
|-----------------|-------|--------------|-------|-------------|
| A               | B     | C            | D     | F           |
| 100-90          | 89-80 | 79-70        | 69-60 | 59-0        |
| IDEAL           | GOOD  | SATISFACTORY | POOR  | DESTRUCTIVE |

| Salinity (ppt) Grading |                             |         |                 |             |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|---------|-----------------|-------------|
| Zones                  | Description                 | GOOD    | FAIR            | POOR        |
| 1 & 4                  | Upper North & South Forks   | 2 - 8   | 1 - 2 or 8 - 15 | < 1 or > 15 |
| 2 & 3                  | Lower North & South Forks   | 15 - 25 | 10 - 15 or > 25 | < 10        |
| 5                      | Wide Middle River           | > 20    | 15 - 20         | < 15        |
| 6                      | Narrow Middle River         | > 25    | 20 - 25         | < 20        |
| 7                      | Manatee Pocket              | > 27.5  | 20 - 27.5       | < 20        |
| 8                      | Inlet                       | > 30    | 25 - 30         | < 25        |
| 9                      | IRL & Intracoastal Waterway | > 30    | 25 - 30         | < 25        |



Comment: The data above may indicate areas of concern in the St. Lucie Estuary. Citizens should call the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) at 871-7662 or the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) 223-2600 to ask about the quality of a specific area and report observations of pollution.