Weekly Water Quality Report

Data on water quality to assess habitat health in the St. Lucie Estuary and southern Indian River Lagoon is collected and provided by the Florida Oceanographic Society's Water Quality Understanding Estuary System Trends (WaterQUEST) program. For more information, past reports, or to support our water guality monitoring, visit www.floridaocean.org/water quality

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Reporting Week: July 22 2021 to July 28 2021 Weekly Water Quality Report Week ending July 28, 2021 **STATUS** SCORE GRADE HABITAT HEALTH Habitat Health Overall Grade: B (84%) 84% GOOD B **OVERALL GRADE** Water Dissolved # of Secchi Salinity Score Grade pН Zone Location Temp. Oxygen Status Visibility (m) Reports (ppt) (°C) (mg/L)Winding North 1 0 Fork Data Not Available 4 61% 0.7 4.0 2 **North Fork** 3 27 7.6 D Poor Fair Poor Fair 8 81% 0.7 4.7 River 3 South Fork 4 30 7.9 R Shores Fair Good Fair Good Winding South 0.6 4 5.6 87% 4 2 7.6 R 32 Fork Fair Good Good Good Harbo 0.7 15 4.3 71% 7.9 5 Wide Middle River 4 31 C Fair Fair Fair Satisfactory Palm City Narrow Middle Golder 0 Gate 6 River Data Not Available 1.3 29 4.6 92% 2 7 **Manatee Pocket** 32 8.1 Good Good Fair Ideal 34 97% 1.6 5.6 8 **Inlet Area** 3 30 8.3 Good Good Ideal Good Α **Indian River** 32 92% 1.2 4.5 North 9 5 28 8.0 Lagoon Ideal Good Good Fair **Habitat Health Grading Reference** Intracoastal 34 92% 1.5 3.9 IDEAL GOOD SATISFACTORY POOR 10 3 31 7.8 Waterway South B (80 - 89) C (70 - 79) D (60 - 69) F (50 - 59) A (90 - 100) Good Good Fair Ideal Salinity Dissolved Oxygen Visibility Measured in parts per thousand (ppt) Measured in milligrams per liter (mg/L) Secchi Depth (m) Fair Zone Poor 10 0.5 1.0 1.5 5 0 3 1&4 1 - 2 or 8 - 15 < 1 or > 15 2&3 < 10 10 - 15 or > 25 Fair Good Fair Good Poor Poor 5 < 15 15 - 20 Little light to 20 - 25 6 < 20 Seagrasses thrive

Disclaimer: The data above indicates changes in water quality parameters to evaluate habitat health. This map is not to be used to indicate current bacteria levels, nutrient levels, or the presence of harmful algae blooms. For up to date information on bacteria levels, visit the Florida Health Beaches Program (http://www.floridahealth.gov/environmental-health/beach-water-quality/). For up to date information on nutrients levels, visit ORCA Kilroy (http://api.kilroydata.org/public/) or HBOI LOBO (http://fau.loboviz.com/). For up to date information about algae blooms, visit the Florida DEP's algae bloom dashboard (https://floridadep.gov/algalbloom)

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