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 quality monitoring, visit <u>www.floridaocean.org/water-</u> guality



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Reporting Week: October 14 2021 to October 20 2021 Weekly Water Quality Report Week ending October 20, 2021 SCORE GRADE **STATUS** HABITAT HEALTH Habitat Health Overall Grade: C (74%) 74% **SATISFACTORY** С **OVERALL GRADE** Dissolved Water # of Secchi Salinity Score Grade pН Zone Location Temp. Oxygen Status ort St Lucie Visibility (m) Reports (ppt) (°C) (mg/L)Jensen Beach Winding North 2 4.2 71% 0.6 1 3 22 7.4 С Fork Satisfactory Fair Fair Fair 77% 8 1.2 5.2 2 North Fork 3 27 7.9 North Rive Satisfactory Good Poor Good Shores 3 71% 0.5 4.7 5 3 South Fork 4 24 7.8 Satisfactory Poor Good Fair d Harb Winding South 0.6 0 2.5 56% 4 7.4 4 27 Fork Fair Poor Poor Destructive 0.7 15 5.1 66% Golden Gate 5 Wide Middle River 3 26 7.7 D Fair Poor Good Poor Narrow Middle 1.1 19 6.0 77% 2 7.9 6 27 C River Good Poor Good Satisfactory 1.2 4.7 71% 14 7.8 7 Manatee Pocket 4 26 Satisfactory Good Poor Fair 29 81% 1.3 4.5 10 8 Inlet Area 3 26 8.2 в Good Good Fair Fair **Indian River** 32 5.6 87% 1.0 9 5 25 8.2 в Lagoon Good Fair Good Good Habitat Health Grading Reference Intracoastal 29 81% 1.3 3.5 IDEAL GOOD SATISFACTORY POOR 10 2 26 7.8 R F (50 - 59) Waterway South B (80 - 89) C (70 - 79) D (60 - 69) A (90 - 100) Good Good Fair Fair Salinity Dissolved Oxygen Visibility Measured in parts per thousand (ppt) Measured in milligrams per liter (mg/L) Secchi Depth (m) Fair Good Zone Poor 0.5 10 0 1.0 1.5 5 3 1&4 1 - 2 or 8 - 15 2 - 8 < 1 or > 15 2&3 < 10 10 - 15 or > 25 15 - 25 Fair Good Fair Good Poor Poor 5 < 15 15 - 20 > 20 Little light to 20 - 25 6 < 20 > 25 Seagrasses thrive seagrasses 20 - 27.5 7 < 20 > 27.5 Fish kills can occur State Standard 8.9.&10 < 25 25 - 30 > 30

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).