

# St. Lucie River Estuary Water Quality Report

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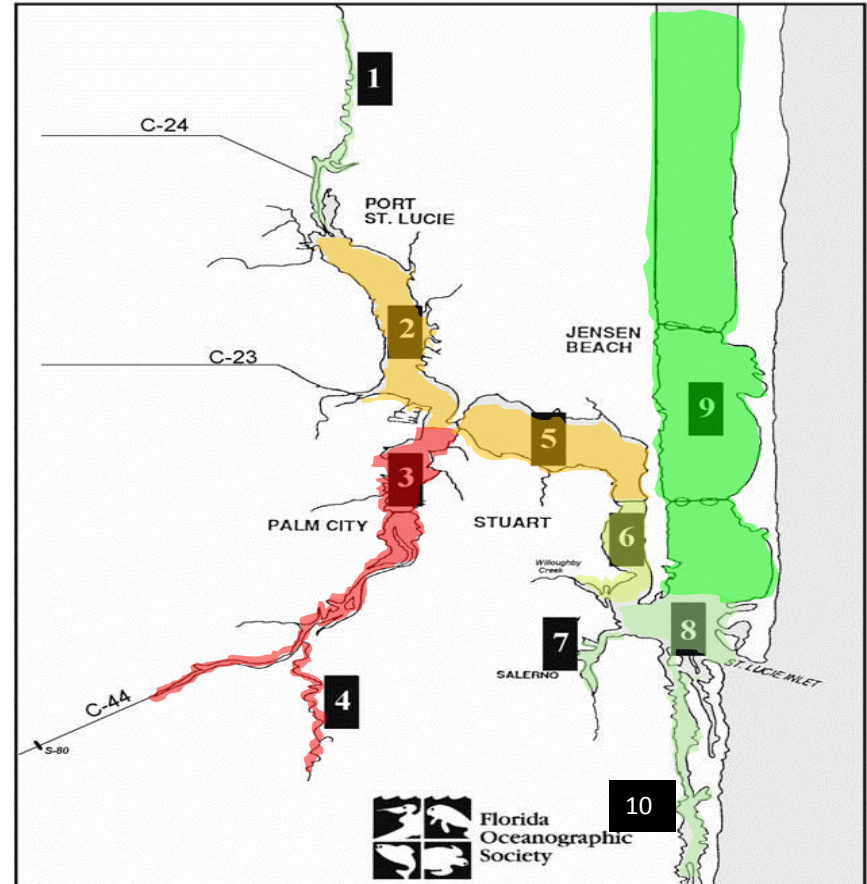
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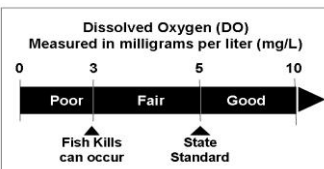
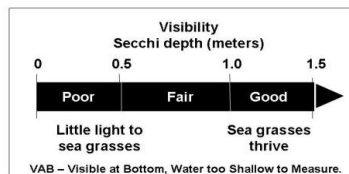
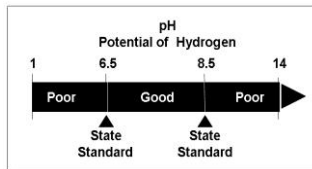
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| Overall Grade: | <b>73%</b> | <b>C</b> | <b>SATISFACTORY</b> |
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| Zone/<br>Location                  | Water<br>Temp.<br>Deg. F | pH  | Visibility<br>(Secchi)<br>Meters | Salinity<br>ppt | Dissolved<br>Oxygen<br>mg/L | Location<br>Score   | Grade |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----|----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|-------|
| 1. Winding<br>North Fork           | 87                       | 7.6 | 0.7<br>Fair                      | 2<br>Good       | 4.0<br>Fair                 | 81%<br>Good         | B     |
| 2. North Fork                      | 80                       | 7.9 | 0.5<br>Fair                      | 1<br>Poor       | 5.3<br>Good                 | 66%<br>Poor         | D     |
| 3. South Fork                      | 88                       | 7.8 | 0.4<br>Poor                      | 3<br>Poor       | 3.7<br>Fair                 | 51%<br>Destructive  | F     |
| 4. Winding<br>South Fork           | 85                       | 7.3 | 0.7<br>Fair                      | 1<br>Poor       | 2.6<br>Poor                 | 56%<br>Destructive  | F     |
| 5. Wide<br>Middle River            | 86                       | 7.9 | 0.8<br>Fair                      | 10<br>Poor      | 4.3<br>Fair                 | 61%<br>Poor         | D     |
| 6. Narrow<br>Middle River          | 88                       | 8.3 | 1.1<br>Good                      | 14<br>Poor      | 4.3<br>Fair                 | 71%<br>Satisfactory | C     |
| 7. Manatee<br>Pocket               | 88                       | 8.2 | 1.1<br>Good                      | 24<br>Fair      | 5.3<br>Good                 | 87%<br>Good         | B     |
| 8. Inlet Area                      | 86                       | 8.4 | 0.9<br>Fair                      | 31<br>Good      | 4.5<br>Fair                 | 81%<br>Good         | B     |
| 9. Indian River<br>Lagoon          | 86                       | 8.3 | 1.0<br>Good                      | 31<br>Good      | 5.0<br>Good                 | 97%<br>Ideal        | A     |
| 10. Intracoastal<br>Waterway South | 91                       | 8.1 | 1.0<br>Fair                      | 33<br>Good      | 4.3<br>Fair                 | 81%<br>Good         | B     |



| Overall Grading |       |              |       |             |
|-----------------|-------|--------------|-------|-------------|
| A               | B     | C            | D     | F           |
| 100-90          | 89-80 | 79-70        | 69-60 | 69-0        |
| 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        |
| 6                      | IRL & Intracoastal W'wy   | > 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.