The Regional Waterway Management System

- 4 Counties
- Population ~ 1.6 million
- 12% of Florida’s registered boats
- ~1,500 miles of boating access channels
MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

Among

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Florida Sea Grant College Program
and
West Coast Inland Navigation District

Relating to

A REGIONAL WATERWAY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
DATA AND INFORMATION NEEDS

- Field inventories to get the locations and attributes of boats, signs, and channel depths

- Spatial data on sea grass, mangroves, & management units (aquatic preserves)
CHARACTERIZE THE VESSEL TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

✅ Boat Accessibility
- Not Restricted
- Somewhat Restricted
- Restricted
- Severely Restricted
- Blocked

✅ Channel Restrictions
- Not Restricted
- Somewhat Restricted
- Restricted
- Severely Restricted
- Blocked
GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Ensure safe, environmentally sustainable access to water

• Fit channel maintenance to boat draft needs
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- Minimize impacts on bay habitats
Delineate the Public Transportation System

All Navigation Channels

Public Navigation Channels

Serves:
- Ramp
- Marina
- Boatyard
- Restaurant
Florida Administrative Rule
Chapter 62-341.490

Noticed General Permit with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection
THE ADVANTAGES: A COUNTY PERSPECTIVE

• Science based management
• Greater regulatory certainty
• Streamlined process
• Lower pre/post-construction costs
• Defined public expectations
First Boat Ride!

Thank You