

MANATEE ENTANGLING GEAR ZONES

Entangling gear is line or net gear that is not allowed for recreational or commercial harvest in Florida such as:

- Longlines.
- Block or drum lines.
- Nets that exceed 500 square feet of mesh area, exceed 2" stretched mesh size, or are made of monofilament or multistrand monofilament. Examples of such nets are gill nets, oversized seines or trawls, trammel nets, and pound nets.

Exemptions may be requested to use such gear in Manatee Entangling Gear Zones (for research purposes only) through the Special Activity License application process.

The following areas are closed to the use of entangling gear for the specified time periods. All associated waterways off of the described waterways are also closed unless otherwise stated.

Brevard County

Indian River, west of the ICW from the NASA Causeway (SR 405) south to the Bennett Causeway (SR 528): **Nov. 1 – Mar. 31**

Banana River, within the area adjacent to the Canaveral Water Treatment Plant regulated as a manatee protection Idle Speed zone: **All Year**

Banana River, south of the Pineda Causeway (SR 404), including associated canals: **All Year**

Eau Gallie River, Crane Creek, and Turkey Creek: **All Year**

C-54 Canal, west of its intersection with the North Prong to the water control structure: **All Year**

Broward County

South Fork of the New River: **All Year**

Port Everglades Power Plant Canal west of its confluence with the ICW: **All Year**

Citrus County

Crystal River, Salt River, Kings Bay: **All Year**

Homosassa River: **Nov. 1 – Mar. 31**

All effluent and barge canals of the **Progress Energy power plant:** **Nov. 1 – Mar. 31**

Collier County

Henderson Creek, east and north from SR 951: **All Year**

Faka Union Canal, from Faka Union Bay to SR 41: **All Year**

Hillsborough County

Tampa Electric Big Bend Power Plant, within the area regulated by the FWC or USFWS in the general vicinity of the discharge canal:

Nov. 1 – Mar. 31

Port Sutton Power Plant, within the area regulated by the USFWS in the vicinity of the discharge canal: **Nov. 1 – Mar. 31**

Indian River County

Indian River, west of the ICW from the Merrill Barber Bridge (SR 60) to the 17th Street Bridge: **Nov. 1 – Mar. 31**

Lee County

Matlacha Pass, including the canal network of Matlacha Isles: **All Year**

Caloosahatchee River and Orange River, north and east of the I-75 Bridge to the Franklin Locks, including all of the Orange River:

Nov. 1 – Mar. 31

Mullock Creek and Ten Mile Canal: **Nov. 1 – Mar. 31**

Manatee County

Terra Ceia Bay, within the area regulated by the FWC as a shore-to-shore Slow Speed zone northeast of Snead Cut: **All Year**

Miami-Dade County

Virginia Key, Black Creek Canal, and Fisher Island, within the areas regulated by the FWC as manatee safe haven zones (i.e., No Entry or Motorboats Prohibited): **All Year**

Biscayne Canal, Little River and Coral Gable Canal, within the areas regulated by the FWC as manatee safe haven zones (i.e., No Entry or Motorboats Prohibited): **Nov. 1 – Mar. 31**

Palm Beach County

Riviera Beach Power Plant, within the area west of the ICW that is regulated by the FWC as a manatee safe haven or Idle Speed zone:

Nov. 1 – Mar. 31

Pasco County

Progress Energy Power Plant discharge canal: **Nov. 1 – Mar. 31**

Pinellas County

Bartow Power Plant area, from the south end of Weedon Island, to marker 29, to the power plant Channel, and north to marker #1 at the Gandy Bridge: **Nov. 1 – Mar. 31**

Sarasota County

Pansy Bayou and City Island area, within the area north of John Ringling Blvd. and south of City Island regulated by the FWC as a manatee safe haven or Slow Speed zone: **All Year**

Salt Creek area, from the confluence of the Myakka River to the weir at the Warm Mineral Springs Community Center: **Nov. 1 – Mar. 31**

St. Lucie County

Harbor Branch Canal, within the area regulated by the FWC as a manatee safe haven or Idle Speed zone: **All Year**

Fort Pierce area, west of the ICW between the North Beach Causeway and the South Beach Causeway, including Taylor Creek and Belcher Canal:
All Year

Fort Pierce area, west of the ICW from the South Beach Causeway to Channel Marker 189: **Nov. 1 – Mar. 31**

Volusia County

Blue Spring area, from Channel Marker 63 south to Channel Marker 81 on the main stem and oxbow of the St. Johns River including Blue Spring run:
Nov. 1 – Mar. 31

DeLeon Springs State Park, within the park boundaries:
Nov. 1 – Mar. 31

Tomoka River, within the area regulated as a manatee protection Idle Speed zone adjacent to the state park and all waters upstream of this area including Strickland and Dodson creeks:
Apr. 1 – Oct. 31