

FWC Protected Marine Species Observer Information Form

2019

Instructions

Some Permits and Final Orders issued by the State of Florida require that individuals obtain verification from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) for adequate experience as an observer on in-water activities. This is to ensure no adverse impacts occur to protected marine species (such as manatees, sea turtles, dolphins, whales, etc.). When this verification is required, this Form and supporting documents must be submitted to the FWC at ImperiledSpecies@myfwc.com.

To request FWC review, the following information must be submitted:

- A fully completed *FWC Protected Marine Species Observer Information Form* (Observer Form)
- A narrative for the specific project that the observer is requesting FWC review, including but not limited to:
 - State of Florida permit number.
 - Project name.
 - Project location.
 - Dates the project is to begin and end.
- Supporting documentation for the past observational experience listed in the Observer Form, for each project listed:
 - State of Florida permit number.
 - Project name.
 - Project location.
 - Dates the individual acted as an observer for the project.
 - Copies of the observer's logs that include the observer requesting approval.
 - Type of equipment used during the project.

NOTE:

1. Multiple observer forms for a single project or event should be submitted at the same time under a cover letter describing the work/activity being proposed.
2. Forms that do not include all the requested information cannot be evaluated and will be returned without approval.
3. FWC verification of an individual's qualifications is project-specific, not individual specific. If an individual has been verified for a past project, that individual still needs to be verified by FWC for other projects. Verification of prior projects does not guarantee approval for future projects. All observers are required to have prior on-the-job observation experience during previous in-water activities where the activities were similar in nature to the current project.

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Observation Experience

Provide most recent experience first. Additional pages can be added if needed.

Observer Contact Information		
Full Name:		
Home Address:		
Company Name:		
Company Address:		
Phone Number(s):	Email:	
Information for proposed project being requested for review by FWC:		
Project Permit Number:	Project Name and Location:	
Education		
Degree:	Major:	Year:
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Additional Notes:		

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Permit number:	County:
Project location (waterway):	
Date project work occurred (mm/yy):	
Types of equipment used (barges, dredges, etc.): <input type="checkbox"/> Barges/work boats (number and widths/lengths) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Dredges (hydraulic, clamshell, hopper, etc.) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Pile drivers <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
Types of activities performed: <input type="checkbox"/> Dredging/Filling <input type="checkbox"/> Installation of in-water structures <input type="checkbox"/> Blasting <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
Position during observation: <input type="checkbox"/> Land-based <input type="checkbox"/> Boat-based	<input type="checkbox"/> Aerial <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
Were protected marine animals seen in the project vicinity? Indicate species and the total number seen.	
Actions taken for species protection:	
Description of any incidents that occurred (injuries, deaths, reporting found carcasses, etc.)	
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