



Authorizations required for oyster reef restoration projects: State and federal.

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There are numerous activities encompassed by the term “restoration”. With regards to oyster reef restoration, activities may include the following: 1) placement of material to create oyster habitat for aquaculture, non-aquaculture or mitigation purposes; 2) relocation of larvae, spat, juvenile or adult animals; and 3) introduction of cultured animals.

Our presentation will be focusing on the various state and federal licenses or permits required to conduct oyster reef restoration projects, based on the activities necessary for such projects.

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	DACS	DEP	ACOE	FWC
Material placement for aquaculture purposes	XXX		XXX	
Material placement for non-aquaculture purposes		XXX	XXX	
Material placement for mitigation purposes		XXX	XXX	
Introduction, reintroduction or relocation of animals (wild or cultured) in any life stage				XXX

↑ to protect wild stocks

For purposes of oyster reef restoration, activities designed to improve, enlarge or protect oyster reefs in an open shellfish harvesting area are considered aquaculture.

Contact Information

Licensing and Permitting Contacts (any location statewide):

Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS), Division of Aquaculture
1203 Governors Square Boulevard, Fifth Floor, Tallahassee, FL 32301
(850) 488-5471
<http://www.floridaaquaculture.com/>

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), Division of Marine Fisheries
Management, Special Activity License Program
620 South Meridian Street, Mailbox 4B3
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<http://myfwc.com/marine/recreational/sal.htm>

Permitting Contacts (based on project location):

Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), District Office, Environmental Resource Permitting (ERP) Program for all of Florida except the Panhandle area; Wetland Resource Permitting (WRP) Program for the Panhandle area. DEP District Office information may be found at: <http://dep.state.fl.us/secretary/dist/>

Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE), Regulatory Offices. Regulatory Office information may be found at: http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/permit/offices/geographic_alignment.htm