

Anchoring and Mooring Pilot Program Questionnaire

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Thank you for your interest in being a part of the Anchoring and Mooring Pilot Program.

This questionnaire is designed to gather data on existing conditions for those municipalities/counties with permitted mooring fields, as well as those who are engaged in the permitting process and whose mooring fields are permitted in time to participate in the project.

If your municipality/county expects to have a permitted mooring field on or before March 1, 2011, please also use this questionnaire and answer as many questions as are applicable at the time of preparing the questionnaire. You will be asked to respond more fully, if necessary, after the mooring field is permitted.

In order to be considered for the anchoring and mooring pilot program, the required information should be provided to FWC by the following dates:

- *LETTER OF INTEREST RECEIVED BY:* **NOVEMBER 13, 2009**
  - *DATA COLLECTION BEGINS:* **MARCH 1, 2010**
  - *COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRE & FIRST 12 MONTHS OF DATA COLLECTION RECEIVED BY:* **MARCH 1, 2011**
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**A. DEFINITIONS:**

1. "Abandoned Vessel" – A vessel that does not have an identifiable owner and that has been disposed on public property in a wrecked, inoperative, or partially dismantled condition or has no apparent intrinsic value to the rightful owner. The term also includes derelict vessels as defined.
2. "Boating Facility" – A marina, mooring field, or special anchorage area. Special anchorage areas are listed in 33 C.F.R. Part 110, subpart A.
3. "Boating Infrastructure" – The fundamental facilities, systems, services, and installations serving the needs of the resident and transient boating communities within a country or municipality.
4. "Derelict Vessel" – Any vessel that is left, stored, or abandoned:
  - a. In a wrecked, junked, or substantially dismantled condition upon any public waters of this state.
  - b. At any port in this state without the consent of the agency having jurisdiction thereof.
  - c. Docked or grounded at or beached upon the property of another without the consent of the owner of the property.
5. "Live-aboard vessel" means:
  - (a) Any vessel used solely as a residence and not for navigation;
  - (b) Any vessel represented as a place of business or a professional or other commercial enterprise; or
  - (c) Any vessel for which a declaration of domicile has been filed pursuant to s. 222.17.

A commercial fishing boat is expressly excluded from the term "live-aboard vessel."
6. "Marina" – A licensed commercial facility which provides secured public moorings or dry storage for vessels on a leased basis.
7. "Mooring" –
  - a. The act of securing a vessel so that it remains in a particular place by attaching it with ropes or cables to a permanently fixed object such as a dock, a wharf, a piling, the shore, or a mooring buoy.
  - b. The permanently fixed object to which a vessel is secured.

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8. "Mooring Buoy" – A buoy serving as a permanently installed fixed mooring point. Mooring buoys are cylindrical or spherical; they are white with a blue horizontal stripe midway between the buoy's top and its waterline. Mooring buoys must meet the requirements of 33 C.F.R. § 62.35, Fla. Admin. Code R. 68D-23.109(8), and the United States Coast Guard Aids to Navigation – Technical Manual (COMDTINST M16500.3A).
9. "Mooring Field" – An area of water set aside for the mooring of vessels to mooring buoys. To be a mooring field, the area of water must have delineated boundaries that are marked with permitted uniform waterway markers and must have permitted mooring buoys installed in a planned array. In planning the buoy array, the following must be among the factors taken into consideration: vessel lengths and swing radii; vessel drafts and available water depths; vessel sizes, weights, and wind-loading characteristics; buoy sizes and types; anchor sizes and types; and holding characteristics of the bottom.
10. "NOAA Chartlet" – An 8.5 inch by 11 inch excerpt from a navigation chart published by the National Ocean Service of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The chart excerpt may be reproduced by color photocopy of printed charts or by printout from digital navigation charts, and may be enlarged or reduced in scale as necessary.
11. "Non-motor Powered Vessel" – A vessel that is equipped with neither motor nor sail and is designed to move only by being towed or manually propelled. (This term does not include vessels with missing or inoperable motors or sails.)
12. "Stored Vessel" – A vessel anchored or moored on waters of the state.
13. "Zone of Impact" – The area of a water body influenced by the placement of a mooring field and/or ordinance regulating anchoring.

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**B. MUNICIPALITY/COUNTY CONTACT INFORMATION:**

1. Municipality/County Name:
  
2. Please include copies of all local, state and federal permits
  - a. Florida Department of Environmental Protection Permit
  - b. United States Coast Guard
  - c. United States Army Corps of Engineers
  - d. FWC Uniform Waterway Marker Permit
  
3. Division/Department:
  
4. Address/Phone/E-mail:
  
5. Person responsible for completing this questionnaire:
  - a. Name and Title:
  
6. Contact person responsible for Mooring Field Operation Information (*if different from 5.*):
  - a. Name and Title:
  - b. Address/Phone/E-mail:

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**C. INFORMATION SPECIFIC TO PERMITTED MOORING FIELD:**

1. When was your mooring field created?
  - a. If engaged in the permitting process, when will it be created?
  
2. Why was your mooring field created?
  
3. Provide copies of agenda items and meeting minutes where creation of the mooring field was discussed and/or approved.
  
4. Provide a copy of your operations manual.
  
5. Provide a copy of your tenant rules.
  
6. Provide a copy of ordinance pertaining to use of the mooring field.
  
7. Provide a copy of any anchoring ordinance within your local government's jurisdiction.
  
8. How and by whom are these ordinances enforced?

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**D. INFORMATION SPECIFIC TO MOORING AREAS:**

1. How many moorings do you have currently permitted? How many of these permitted moorings are installed?
  - a. If engaged in permitting process, how many moorings are you applying for a permit?
  - b. When permitted, how many of the moorings do you anticipate installing immediately?

2. Is there sufficient area to expand your current mooring field?

Yes

No

If yes, do you anticipate doing that?

3. What geographic area does your mooring field service?

Attach one or more NOAA chartlets or chart excerpts and indicate the following:

- a. The geographic area the mooring field services.
- b. Your jurisdictional boundaries.
- c. The areas within one (1) mile where vessels anchor outside of your mooring field.
- d. The "zone of impact" of mooring field.
- e. Public or private marinas by name and location within one (1) mile proximity of your mooring field.
- f. Indicate the boundaries of your mooring field.
- g. Does your mooring field support a public or private marina?
- h. Where do boats anchor in your jurisdiction?

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4. What plans have your municipality/county made for accommodating boaters who want to stay in your area when they find your mooring field full?
5. Explain what factors led to your decision to place the mooring field in its current location. Circle all that apply:
- a. Boats already anchored in this location.
  - b. Deter improperly stored, abandoned or derelict vessels.
  - c. Only area available to our local government.
  - d. We have an adjacent upland facility to support the mooring field site.
  - e. To provide a well organized, environmentally sensitive way to serve vessels within your jurisdiction.
  - f. Located close to amenities required by boaters.
  - g. It fits with facilities close to the proposed mooring site.
  - h. Protect the marine environment.
  - i. Protect maritime infrastructure.
  - j. Enhance navigational safety.
  - k. Other (*explain*):
6. When the mooring field was created, what activities were/are occurring and where did the boats anchored there go?

If engaged in the permitting process, where do you believe boats will go? Circle all that apply.

- a. Other jurisdiction (Identify)
- b. Another location in your municipality/county (*identify on NOAA Chartlet*)
- c. Other (identify)
- d. Unknown

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7. Did you or do you believe you will hire any additional employees for the mooring field operation?

Yes                      No

If yes, how many employees?

8. What services are or will be offered on-site by your mooring field? Circle all that apply:

Sewage pump-out at local marina

Mobile sewage pump-out boat

Dinghy dock. What is the capacity of dinghy dock?

On shore restrooms

On shore showers

On shore laundry facilities

Trash collection

Ice

Grocery Store

Restaurant

Fuel Type: Diesel    Gasoline

Boat to ferry vessel occupants between their vessel and shore

Other: (*identify*)

9. What is the nearest distance to shopping and other services from the mooring field?

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10. Is public transportation from the mooring field to shopping and other services readily accessible?

Yes                      No

If yes what type? Circle all that apply:

- a. Bus
- b. Private transportation (*car rental*)
- c. Taxi
- d. Water Taxi
- e. Other (*identify*)

11. Attach a municipality/county street map showing location of the mooring field in relation to off-site amenities.

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**E. MOORING FIELD FEES:**

1. Is there an adjacent upland marina that supports your mooring field?

Yes                  No

2. What is the rate or proposed rate for mooring in your mooring field?

Daily                \$

Weekly             \$

Monthly            \$

Annually           \$

3. Does your local government anticipate increasing these rates?

Yes                  No                  N/A

a. If yes, why?

b. How will the increased rate be determined?

c. What will the new rates be?

4. If you charge a fee, how did you determine the fee for using the mooring field? Circle all that apply:

a. Compared it to cost of building a marina slip.

b. It's what we determined to be its value to the boating public.

c. Other (*identify*)

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**F. LEGISLATIVE GOALS OF THE MOORING PILOT PROGRAM:**

- √ Encourage the establishment of additional public mooring fields,
- √ Develop and test policies and regulatory options that promote the establishment and use of public mooring fields,
- √ Promote public access to the waters of the state,
- √ Enhance navigational safety,
- √ Protect maritime infrastructure,
- √ Protect the marine environment and
- √ Deter improperly stored, abandoned, or derelict vessels.

1. Please help us understand how your participation in this program will further each of these goals. [Use additional sheet if necessary.]

2. Why should the Commission select your site to participate in this mooring pilot program? [Use additional sheet if necessary.]

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**G. CERTIFICATION OF INTEREST:**

By applying for acceptance into this pilot program, the municipality/county acknowledges the statutory requirements to work with FWC to accomplish the goals within this questionnaire.

In addition, the municipality/county understands it must coordinate the review of any proposed ordinance with FWC, associations, or other organizations representing vessel owners and operators, and with all interested stakeholders, the United States Coast Guard, Florida Inland Navigation District and/or the West Coast Inland Navigation District.

The municipality/county agrees to submit required data via electronic mail or facsimile to [anchoring.mooring@myfwc.com](mailto:anchoring.mooring@myfwc.com) same day of each month as required in the application.

**NAME OF INDIVIDUAL COMPLETING QUESTIONNAIRE:**

**SIGNATURE OF INDIVIDUAL COMPLETING QUESTIONNAIRE:**

**AUTHORITY TO COMPLETE QUESTIONNAIRE GIVEN BY:**

**DATE:**

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**H. CHECK LIST OF ATTACHMENTS FOR QUESTIONNAIRE:**

1. State, Federal and Local Permits.
2. Mooring field operational management plan.
3. Mooring field tenant rules and regulations.
4. Mooring field rates.
5. Applicable ordinance(s).
6. NOAA chartlet of area into which mooring field could be expanded.
7. NOAA chartlet for mooring field service area.
8. NOAA chartlet for jurisdictional boundaries of your municipality/county.
9. NOAA chartlet showing the areas served by existing or proposed mooring field.
10. NOAA chartlet showing the area of the proposed new ordinance.
11. NOAA chart for "zone of impact" of mooring field.
12. NOAA chart showing mooring field and marina(s) in the area.
13. Map of municipality showing location of mooring field in relation to on-land amenities.
14. NOAA chartlet showing the area of the proposed new ordinance.
15. NOAA chartlet showing area into which mooring field might/will be expanded.
16. NOAA chartlet showing where boats can anchor in your jurisdiction.
17. NOAA chartlet showing where boats may go if anchoring restrictions were approved.
18. Twelve consecutive month data survey of boats in mooring field (summarized on survey).
19. Twelve consecutive month data survey of anchored boats (summarized on survey).