



# Marine Animal Conditions

## Construction Environmental Fact Sheet

Construction projects that have work in or near coastal or intercostal water ways must ensure that all marine animals are properly protected by following regulations from permitting agencies and FDOT's standard specifications.

### MANATEES

- All vessels must have an "Idle Speed/No Wake" sign when in 4ft or less of water
- Project board must have Manatee signs must be at least 8 ½ by 11 inches
- Monitor turbidity barriers for trapped manatees
- Manatee observers required
- All work must stop if a Manatee comes within **50ft** of operations
- Work can not resume until the Manatee
  - Moves beyond the **50ft** radius
  - Manatee has not reappeared for 30 minutes
    - It is against the law to harm, harass, or kill a manatee and you can be charge with civil and criminal penalties
      - Do NOT harass or heard Manatee away from project area
  - If a Manatee is hit or injured – **REPORT IT**
  - Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) Hotline



**1-888-404-3922**

### SEA TURTLES AND SMALLTOOTH SAWFISH

- All vessels must have an "Idle Speed/No Wake" sign when in 4ft or less of water
- Monitor turbidity barriers for trapped animals
- It is against the law to harm, harass, or kill sea turtle or Smalltooth Sawfish and you can be charge with civil and criminal penalties
- Stop all operation mechanical construction equipment if a sea turtle or Smalltooth Sawfish comes with in **150ft** radius of equipment
- Work can not resume until the animal leave the **150ft** radius of its own volition
- If a Sea Turtle or Smalltooth Sawfish is hit or injured – **REPORT IT**
- National Marine Fisheries Service's Protected Resources Division

**727-824-5312**

