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Khoa Nguyen
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3500 Financial Plaza, Suite 400
Tallahassee, Florida 32312

Re: State Specifications Office
Section:007
Proposed Specification: **SP0070104-9 Legal Requirements and Responsibility to the Public – Laws to be Observed – Compliance with Federal Endangered Species Act and other Wildlife Regulations (Seagrass Beds).**

Dear Mr. Nguyen:

We are submitting, for your approval, two copies of the above referenced Special Provision.

The changes are proposed by Erica Christiansen to instruct contractors to avoid impacting seagrass beds during in-water work.

Please review and transmit your comments, if any, within two weeks. Comments should be sent via email to dan.hurtado@dot.state.fl.us.

If you have any questions relating to this specification change, please call me at 414-4130.

Sincerely,

Signature on file

Dan Hurtado, P.E.
State Specifications Engineer

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Attachment

cc: Florida Transportation Builders' Assoc.
State Construction Engineer

Used when called for by the District Environmental Permit Office (Seagrass Beds)

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS AND RESPONSIBILITY TO THE PUBLIC – LAWS TO BE OBSERVED – COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT AND OTHER WILDLIFE REGULATIONS (SEAGRASS BEDS)

(REV 10-3-18)

SUBARTICLE 7-1.4 is expanded by the following new Subarticle:

7-1.4.1 Additional Requirements for Seagrass Beds: The Department has determined that seagrass beds are located within or nearby the project area. The approximate location of the seagrass beds is provided in the Plans.

Do not place material or equipment, including barge anchorage and turbidity barriers, over or within seagrass beds to prevent shading and scour impacts.

Avoid seagrasses whenever possible and operate at no wake speeds when transiting areas containing seagrass beds. Maintain a minimum one-foot vessel clearance over seagrass beds.