

# Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission



Legislative Implementation Report

2024

**Implementation of Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Enacted Legislation**

Section 104, Chapter 2024-228, Laws of Florida

Agency:	Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission		
Contact Person:	Jessica Melkun	Phone number/email:	jessica.melkun@myfwc.com
Chapter Law	2024-256		
Statutory Authority, if applicable	379.40411, F.S.		
Effective Date	July 1, 2024		
Program or Topic	Taking of Bears		
Actions or Steps Taken or Planned to Implement <i>(including any programs started, federal waivers requested, public outreach conducted, feedback or response received from outside the agency, etc.)</i>	All FWC law enforcement officers have been notified via official communications channels regarding the law and the agency's responsibilities as to enforcement. No programmatic changes are necessary.		
Does the agency plan to undertake rulemaking? If so, provide an update on the process, including any protests.	Rulemaking is not necessary to implement any of the requirements within the law. The plain text of the statute is clear, so no clarification is required in rule.		
Does the agency plan to undertake procurement? If so, provide an update on the process.	No		
Does the agency plan to otherwise contract to assist in implementation? If so, provide an update on the process.	No		
Indicate any associated appropriations received.	None		
Describe any expenditures made associated with implementation.	None		
Describe any impediments or delays in implementation, if any are known at this time.	No impediments or delays have been identified.		
Identify and describe any policy changes necessary to ensure timely and effective implementation, if any are known at this time.	No policy changes are necessary.		

**Implementation of Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Enacted Legislation**

Section 104, Chapter 2024-228, Laws of Florida

Agency:	Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission		
Contact Person:	Jessica Melkun	Phone number/email:	jessica.melkun@myfwc.com
Chapter Law	Chapter 2024-174		
Statutory Authority, if applicable	327.4108, F.S.		
Effective Date	July 1, 2024		
Program or Topic	Anchoring Limitation Areas		
Actions or Steps Taken or Planned to Implement <i>(including any programs started, federal waivers requested, public outreach conducted, feedback or response received from outside the agency, etc.)</i>	None		
Does the agency plan to undertake rulemaking? If so, provide an update on the process, including any protests.	No		
Does the agency plan to undertake procurement? If so, provide an update on the process.	No		
Does the agency plan to otherwise contract to assist in implementation? If so, provide an update on the process.	NO		
Indicate any associated appropriations received.	N/A		
Describe any expenditures made associated with implementation.	N/A		
Describe any impediments or delays in implementation, if any are known at this time.	N/A		
Identify and describe any policy changes necessary to ensure timely and effective implementation, if any are known at this time.	N/A		

**Implementation of Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Enacted Legislation**

Section 104, Chapter 2024-228, Laws of Florida

Agency:	Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission		
Contact Person:	Jessica Melkun	Phone number/email:	jessica.melkun@myfwc.com
Chapter Law	Chapter 2024-03, Laws of Florida		
Statutory Authority, if applicable	327.4109(6), F.S.		
Effective Date	January 1, 2024		
Program or Topic	Long Term Stored Vessel Study		
Actions or Steps Taken or Planned to Implement <i>(including any programs started, federal waivers requested, public outreach conducted, feedback or response received from outside the agency, etc.)</i>	<p>This provision of the statute expired on January 1, 2024.</p> <p>FWC contracted with a vendor to conduct the long term stored vessel study (LTSVS) as directed by statute. This study was completed and delivered to FWC in September 2023 and was subsequently delivered as required. Contract vendor conducted public outreach, remote webinar, and solicited public opinion and input as part of the LTSVS.</p>		
Does the agency plan to undertake rulemaking? If so, provide an update on the process, including any protests.	No		
Does the agency plan to undertake procurement? If so, provide an update on the process.	No		
Does the agency plan to otherwise contract to assist in implementation? If so, provide an update on the process.	N/A		
Indicate any associated appropriations received.	None		
Describe any expenditures made associated with implementation.	FWC expended \$669,400 for the LTSVS and associated reports, findings, recommendations, and documents.		
Describe any impediments or delays in implementation, if any are known at this time.	None		
Identify and describe any policy changes necessary to ensure timely and effective implementation, if any are known at this time.	Recommendations were included as part of the LTSVS and presented to the Florida Legislature.		

**Implementation of Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Enacted Legislation**

Section 104, Chapter 2024-228, Laws of Florida

Agency:	Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission		
Contact Person:	Jessica Melkun	Phone number/email:	jessica.melkun@myfwc.com
Chapter Law	Chapter 2024-30, Laws of Florida		
Statutory Authority, if applicable	705.103, F.S.		
Effective Date	July 1, 2024		
Program or Topic	Abandoned Property- Posting of Derelict Vessels		
Actions or Steps Taken or Planned to Implement <i>(including any programs started, federal waivers requested, public outreach conducted, feedback or response received from outside the agency, etc.)</i>	Statutory change was communicated to FWC field personnel by internal communication processes.		
Does the agency plan to undertake rulemaking? If so, provide an update on the process, including any protests.	No		
Does the agency plan to undertake procurement? If so, provide an update on the process.	No		
Does the agency plan to otherwise contract to assist in implementation? If so, provide an update on the process.	No		
Indicate any associated appropriations received.	N/A		
Describe any expenditures made associated with implementation.	N/A		
Describe any impediments or delays in implementation, if any are known at this time.	N/A		
Identify and describe any policy changes necessary to ensure timely and effective implementation, if any are known at this time.	FWC is undergoing review and adoption of an updated Derelict Vessel Standard Operating Procedure Manual to reflect this change.		