

Board of County Commissioners

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Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

November 4, 2025

620 South Meridian Street
Tallahassee, Florida
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(850) 488-4676

Re: Derelict Vessel Grant Application – November 2025 Indian River County Derelict Vessel Removal

The Indian River County Board of County Commissioners intends to have one derelict vessel removed from the waters of the state, the vessel and vessel parts transported to an approved landfill facility and the vessel destroyed. The County has received a Derelict Vessel Removal Authorization Letter for the vessel from The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC).

The selected contractor will use FWC Best Management Practices for Derelict Vessel Removal. These include protective measures and equipment to prevent erosion and pollution during removal.

The County is applying for the FWC Derelict Vessel Rapid Removal Grant for 100% reimbursement of the Contractor (Outlaw Maritime LLC) amount in the total of \$33,995.00. Indian River County, Lagoon Division will oversee the November 2025 Indian River County Derelict Vessel Removal project while in coordination with FWC Law Enforcement.

Sincerely,

Melissa Meisenburg
Lagoon Resources Manager
Indian River County Natural Resources
Lagoon Division
(772) 226-1651

PROJECT SUMMARY

November 2025 Indian River County Derelict Vessel Removal

As of October 15, 2025, one Authorization Letter has been issued for Derelict Vessel (DVs) removal within the boundaries of Indian River County. Indian River County, Lagoon Division is coordinating the removal efforts for the vessel. The County is seeking a FWC Rapid Removal Derelict Vessel Grant for full reimbursement of the contracted amount for this project.

A licensed and insured contractor (Outlaw Maritime LLC) will be utilized by the County to properly and safely remove the DV adhering to the best management practices. A Scope of Work has been developed by County Staff to guide the Contractor in the removal.

The County will provide Lagoon Division Staff to observe and photographically record the removal process. Photographs documenting the removal process will be incorporated into the final report. Local FWC Law Enforcement will also be offered to observe the removal process. Upon completion, Staff will inspect the removal locations to ensure all debris has been removed.

BUDGET

The following table is the cost to remove the DV provided from Outlaw Maritime LLC. The quoted price includes sea turtle nest observation during the removal process.

MAP ID	Case Number	Cost to Remove
1	FWC24ON0092116	\$33,995.00
TOTAL		\$33,995.00

SCOPE OF WORK

The County sought a removal quote from Outlaw Maritime LLC to provide removal of the derelict vessel (DVs) from the waters of the state, transport the vessel and vessel parts to an approved landfill facility and destroy the vessel. The contractor will use Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Best Management Practices for Derelict Vessel Removal. This includes protective measures and equipment to prevent erosion and pollution during the removal process. Attached you will find maps and details of the DVs authorized for removal by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Law Enforcement.

Derelict Vessel Removal Background

Derelict vessels are navigational hazards to boaters, negatively impact the environment and are aesthetic nuisances. Typically, these vessels are found grounded on the edges of active waterways where they may have physical impacts on benthic and shoreline communities. However, the impact of these vessels is not limited to their immediate location. If left unattended, the influences of winds and tides continue to push the boats, causing greater impact as they become more deeply mired in the environment. Early extraction of these vessels will avoid and minimize the environmental impacts. In addition to the physical impacts resulting from the movement of these vessels through the environment, there are long term effects caused by their continued degradation and decay in the marine environment. These vessels may be constructed of various materials, such as wood, steel, aluminum, or fiberglass; each having varying

degrees of resilience and can remain in the marine environment for extended periods of time. With the progression of time, the environmental impacts increase because of the shading from the hull and displacement of live bottom and emergent vegetative communities resulting from the expansion of the debris field as the vessel disintegrates. The impacts resulting from the removal of these vessels during any stage is less than the impacts caused by the long-term presence of the vessel in the marine environment. Therefore, early detection and removal of abandoned and derelict vessels is the best means of minimizing the individual or cumulative impacts on the environment.

Derelict Vessel Removal (FDEP) Permit Exemption

An Exemption under Florida Administrative Code Chapter 62-330-051(5)(g) by The Florida Department of Environmental Protection, has been established for the removal of derelict vessels. Based on the presumption the extraction of these vessels from the marine environment will cause only minimal environmental impacts and in turn avoid the long-term impacts resulting from the degradation of the vessel at its current location. The environmental impacts are ameliorated by the application of the best management practices referenced below.

Florida Administrative Code Chapter 62-330-051(5)(g)

(g) The removal of derelict vessels, as defined in Section 823.11(1), F.S., by federal, state, and local agencies, provided:

1. The derelict vessel case has been completed as specified in Section 705.103, F.S., and has been entered into the Statewide Derelict Vessel Database maintained by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission;
2. All work is done in a manner that, to the greatest practicable extent, avoids additional dredging or filling, grounding or dragging of vessels, and damage to submerged resources such as seagrass beds, oyster beds, coral communities, mangroves, other wetlands, and live bottom; and
3. An absorbent blanket or boom shall be immediately deployed on the surface of the water around the derelict vessel if fuel, oil, or other free-floating pollutants are observed during the work

General Derelict Vessel Removal and Environmental Protection Best Management Practices

The following best management practices (BMPs) will be employed by the marine contractor during the removal of the derelict vessels. The BMPs will be incorporated into the contract for the vessel removal project. The marine contractor will be required to show proof of their ability to meet the BMP requirements with their contingency of equipment, staff and expertise in the removal of derelict vessels.

Compliance with these BMP's will be monitored by the County and by local Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission law enforcement officers. These BMPs are as follows:

a) All Work Is to Meet the Following Requirements:

1. Operations are to be limited to daylight hours.
2. Operations are to be staged from an upland area.

3. All work is to be performed in a manner that avoids and/or minimizes impacts to live bottom and other resource areas (e.g., seagrass beds, oyster beds, wetlands, mangroves, and other sensitive habitats) while approaching, working in, and leaving the derelict vessel site.
 4. All work shall avoid impacts on manatees, sea turtles, and other species listed by the state and federal government as threatened or protected.
 5. The Contractor will remove all contaminants and pollutants including fuels, batteries, paints, solvents, black/grey water, and engines from the derelict or otherwise authorized vessel prior to or immediately after vessel extraction from the water, whichever option is best to prevent environmental impacts. Any contaminant or pollutant found to be contained within a derelict or other authorized vessel as well as the used absorbent mats/socks shall be removed by the Contractor, placed in an approved container, and disposed of properly. The placement of an absorbent mats/socks on the surface of the water within the turbidity barrier around the derelict or other authorized vessel is required where free floating product (gas/oil) is observed and under vessels placed on land.
 6. The Contractor is to provide appropriate BMPs approved by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for erosion control and turbidity protection while each derelict vessel is being removed. In areas of low to moderate currents, a Type II floating turbidity barrier will be installed within a ten (10) foot radius of the vessel being removed prior to starting any removal activities. The turbidity barrier shall be anchored to the bottom of the waterway.
 7. The Contractor is to provide appropriate BMPs for erosion control and turbidity prevention around the vessels/barges being used to remove the derelict vessel and around the perimeter of any upland staging site where necessary.
 8. The Contractor is to monitor turbidity levels throughout removal work.
 9. In an effort to reduce turbidity, a crane, winch and/or approved alternate method is to be used to raise the derelict or other authorized vessel from the water if available.
 10. The Contractor will assess turbidity levels and allow them to return to an acceptable level similar to pre-project condition prior to removal of turbidity measures.
 11. The dragging of vessels is to be avoided both on and offshore. All vessels/barges used in vessel removal shall continually monitor water depths to avoid running aground.
 12. The Contractor will load derelict vessels onto a barge and/or flatbed truck (or similar) for proper disposal.
 13. The Contractor is to photo-document all removals as described in SOW Section 6 with pictures taken before, during and after removal. The Contractor will provide a monthly written report of all removal activities.
- b) For Derelict Vessels That Are Floating or Lightly Aground:**
1. The vessel is to be pumped out as needed and extracted (floated out) during high water.
 2. Following extraction, the vessel is to be towed from the grounded location to a boat ramp or other removal point while avoiding and/or minimizing impacts to live bottom areas.
- c) For Derelict Vessels That Are Hard Aground:**
1. The vessel is to be approached using shallow draft vessels.
 2. The vessel is to be extracted using a crane from a shallow draft deck barge, by hand using the best available tools, or similar approach to minimize impacts to the site and surrounding areas.
- d) For Derelict Vessels Sunken in Shallow Water:**
- a) Install and inflate flotation bags as needed.

- b) Lift the vessel with barge mounted crane or similar equipment.

A pre-construction meeting will be held between the County and the Contractor prior to the implantation of the removal process.



FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Derelict Vessel Removal Grant Application

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Derelict Vessel Removal Grant Application Number:	Date Received:
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I. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant:			
a) Federal Employer ID No.:			
b) Project Manager Name:		c) Project Manager Title:	
d) Mailing Address			
e) City/State/ZIP			
f) Shipping Address			
g) City/State ZIP			
h) Telephone			
i) FAX			
j) Email			
k) District Numbers:			
l) State House			
m) State Senate			

II. PROJECT SUMMARY

a) Project Title	
b) Project Goal(s):	
c) Project Cost (Total):	

d) Grant Amount Requested:

e) Project Type(s): Bulk Derelict Vessel Grant (See Section V of guidelines for eligibility and restrictions. Rapid Removal Derelict Vessel Grant (See Section VI of guidelines for eligibility and restrictions).

Brief Project Summary (including the total number of derelict vessels that you are requesting be removed as part of this project). (Note that a detailed Project Summary/Scope of Work is required as an attachment to this application.

III. JUSTIFICATION FOR RAPID REMOVAL GRANT REQUEST VS. BULK DERELICT VESSEL GRANT REQUEST

Describe how the vessel to be removed meets the rapid removal criteria listed in Section VI of the Derelict Vessel Removal Grant guidelines using specific conditions which demonstrate it is in danger of imminent sinking, breaking apart, or is a critical danger to public safety or the environment.

IV. PROJECTED OUTCOMES

- a. How many total derelict vessels are there in the project's jurisdiction? What percentage of the total derelict vessels located within the project's jurisdiction will be removed by this project? (Limited to those listed in the Statewide Derelict Vessel Database).

V. BUDGET

Has a detailed cost estimate/proposal been developed for this derelict vessel removal project? If yes, attach a copy of application.

YES

NO

VI. OTHER SOURCE OF FUNDS (STATUS)

- | | | | | |
|----|------------------|-------------|---------|------------------------|
| a. | Federal | State/Local | Loan | Agency: |
| b. | Grant Name: | | | Amount: |
| c. | Approval Status: | Approved | Pending | Intend to Apply, Date: |

VII. LAW ENFORCEMENT CASE DATE

(Include a line for each derelict vessel that you are requesting be removed as a part of this project)

	AGENCY	AGENCY CASE NUMBER	VESSEL REGISTRATION	VESSEL MAKE	VESSEL LENGTH	VESSEL REMOVAL QUOTE
1						
2						
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13						
						TOTAL

VIII. APPLICATION ATTACHMENTS CHECKLIST

For mailed applications, include a copy on electronic media with paper copy or you may email entire application to:
DVGrant@MyFWC.com

Inc. Required Attachments

- Cover Letter: A brief letter explaining overview of project and responsible parties involved.
- Application: One (1) application with original signature from authorized individual.
- Project Proposal: a detailed description of the project as described in the application instructions.
- Delegation of Authority: Formal documentation to show that the person signing the application has the authority to apply for, administer and commit the governing body or not-for-profit organization to the grant project on behalf of the applicant.
- Detailed Cost Estimate: Cost estimate in the form of a formal bid, written quote from proposed vendor or a detailed cost estimate for the project elements. One (1) tabbed section for each vessel removal requested to include the Derelict Vessel Data Sheet (Attachment "A").

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

Application is hereby made for the activities described herein. I certify that I am familiar with the information contained in the application, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, this information is true, complete, and accurate. I further certify that I possess the authority (see grant guidelines Section IV, 4.4) to sign on behalf of the Applicant and that the Applicant has the ability to undertake the proposed activities in compliance with the FWC Derelict Vessel Removal Grant Program Guidelines.

I also certify that the applicant's governing body is aware of and has authorized the project manager as the official representative of the applicant to act in connection with this application and subsequent project, as well as to provide additional information as may be required. By my signature below, the applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws in conjunction with this proposal and the resulting project if approved.

Print/Type Name: _____ Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF

_____ personally, appeared before me this _____ day of _____

20__ who subscribed and swore to the above instrument in my presence.

Notary Public Name: _____ My commission expires: _____

NOTE: Instruction and further information regarding this application and the FWC Derelict Vessel Removal Grant Program can be found in the Program's Guidelines document or by contacting the Program Administrator at: Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Boating and Waterways Section, Derelict Vessel Program, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1600 or call (850) 488-5600

Attachment A

(Submit one (1) sheet for each vessel requested in grant application)

Derelict Vessel Data Sheet

Law Enforcement Case Number:

County of Vessel's Location:

Has the vessel's owner or responsible party been charged with a violation of either Section 823.11, F.S. or Section 376.15, F.S.?

If the vessel's owner or responsible party has not been charged with a violation of Section 823.11, F.S. or section 376.15, F.S., did law enforcement request that the State Attorney file charges directly?

Describe the vessel's location: (example: Vessel is in shallow water within mangroves at boat ramp.

Vessel Coordinates: (Degrees-Decimal Minutes)

(N)

(W)

Has law enforcement officer issued a Letter of Removal Authorization:

Vessel Color:

Vessel Length:

Vessel Registration:

Investigating Agency:

Photo of Vessel: (include photos as attachment in this tab)

Select Removal Type:

Are there pollutants on the vessel requiring removal?

Is the vessel located in or above seagrass or coral?

Vessel Removal Cost (Include contractors written quote for the vessel)

Contractor's Name:

Contractor's Address:

Contractor's Phone



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10/09/2025

FWC BOATING AND WATERWAYS
620 S MERIDIAN STREET
TALLAHASSEE FL 32399

RE: Derelict Vessel Case Number FWC24ON0092116

Dear FWC BOATING AND WATERWAYS

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) has investigated the vessel described below and determined the vessel is abandoned and derelict as defined in sections 705.103 and 823.11, Florida Statutes. FWC has posted notice on the vessel and attempted to locate an owner, but no owner could be identified. FWC provided notice to the last known owner/custodian of the vessel and afforded him/her an opportunity or a hearing compliant with fundamental procedural due process. Your Company or Agency is now authorized to remove from the waters of this State, destroy, and dispose of the following vessel on behalf of the FWC or convert the vessel into an artificial reef in compliance with all local, state, and federal laws:

Vessel Make: SEA RAY BOATS INC.

Vessel Model: CUDDY CABIN

Vessel Length: 27

Vessel Hull Identification Number: SERT5601I394

Vessel Registration Number: FL1099RP

Vessel Color: WHITE

Vessel Location Latitude/Longitude: 27.56754667 -80.32654667

Vessel Location Description: Vero Beach and the Atlantic Ocean.

Please photograph the removal, destruction, and disposal of the vessel and email the images to the email address provided below after the removal, destruction, and disposal is complete. If you will be unable to take or provide the necessary images, please contact me in advance so an FWC officer can attend and document the vessel removal, destruction, and disposal. Please also notify me of the total cost incurred for the removal, destruction, and disposal of this vessel. If an owner or party who is otherwise responsible for leaving the vessel upon the waters of the State in a derelict condition can be identified, FWC will send a demand letter on your behalf seeking to recover your costs.

This letter only authorizes the removal of the vessel listed above from the waters of this State, and the destruction and disposal of the vessel identified above or the reefing of the vessel in compliance with all local, state, and federal laws. Any other use of the vessel is not authorized. This letter does not authorize the removal, destruction, or disposal of any vessels other than the vessel identified above.

Once you have informed me the vessel has been removed, destroyed, and disposed of and I have photographic documentation of the removal, destruction, and disposal FWC will request the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles cancel the title and registration for the vessel.

Please contact me if you have any other questions.

Sincerely,

Officer Spec. Richard Marroquin

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
Division of Law Enforcement
1A Max Brewer Memorial Parkway
Titusville, FL 32796

Work: 321-616-6128
Email: richard.marroquin@myfwc.com
Enclosures

QUOTE

Outlaw Maritime LLC
7673 Lakeview Dr
West Melbourne, FL 32904
772-480-2975
outlawmaritimellc@gmail.com

Indian River County

Date 08/15/2025

PROJECT TITLE: Beached Boat Oceanside Vero Beach

QUOTE NUMBER: 10152025

Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Cost
Remove and dispose 28' Searay FL 1099 RP Half buried on Vero Beach north of Round Island Park	1	\$29,500.00	\$29,500.00
Subtotal			\$29,500.00
Remove and dispose 28' Searay FL 1099 RP Half Turtle Permit coordinator Ecological Associates Fees for Coordination.			\$4495.00
Total			33,995.00

Please contact me with any and all questions you may have. Thank You. **\$33,995.00**

Kevin Miller

Case #: FWC24ON0092116

Reg. #: FL1099RP

27' Sea Ray Cabin Cuddy

Location: 27.56754667, -80.32654667

Southern Indian River County on the beach.



Pervious photo of the vessel after someone began digging around it.



FWC24ON0092116

27.56754667, -80.32654667



FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Derelict Vessel Removal Grant Program

Instructions for completing the FWC Derelict Vessel Removal Grant Application

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

PLEASE READ THE DERELICT VESSEL REMOVAL GRANT PROGRAM GUIDELINES BEFORE PROCEEDING TO THE APPLICATION

- Submit one (1) original of the application with attachments.
- Application may be mailed or emailed to FWC for submissions.
- Staple application in upper left-hand corner, or clip with one binder clip. **Do not place in a spiral binder, three-ring binder, or report cover.**
- Place a tabbed divider between each attachment. Each vessel within the overall project will be a separate section of the application. A Separate removal quote must be given for each vessel in the project. A single quote for all vessels will not be acceptable. The total project cost must be given in the application.
- Make all photocopies of attachments on 8 1/2" x 11" paper.

I. APPLICANT INFORMATION

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| a. Applicant: | Enter the name of the governmental entity applying for the grant. |
| b. Federal Employer ID. No.: | Enter the applicant's Federal Employer Identification (FEID) Number. Payment will be sent to the address associated with this FEID number. |
| c. Project Manager Name: Title: | Enter the name and title of the person in charge of the project. All correspondence will be sent to this person. |
| d. Mailing Address: | Enter the mailing address for the Project Manager. All correspondence will be sent to this address. |
| e. Shipping Address: | Enter the physical address for the Project Manager (no post office boxes) for delivery of overnight mail. |
| f. Telephone No.
Fax No.:
Email: | Enter the telephone number, fax number, and email address where the Project Manager may be contacted during regular business hours. |
| g. District Numbers: | Enter the District numbers for the State House and State Senate. |

II. PROJECT SUMMARY

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|--------------------|--|
| a. Project Title: | Enter total project monetary cost, including only the eligible project elements for grant funding. Enter the total funds requested from this program. |
| b. Project Goal(s) | Provide a description of the intended goal(s) of the project in relation to removing derelict vessels from waters of the state to enhance the environment and boater safety. |
| c. Project Cost: | Enter total project monetary cost, including only eligible project elements for grant funding. Enter the total funds requested from this program. |

- d. Project Type(s): Indicate by checking the appropriate box whether this is a Bulk Derelict Vessel Removal Grant application or a Rapid Removal Derelict Vessel Grant Application.
- e. Scope of Work/Detailed Project Summary: Enter project monetary cost, including only the eligible project elements for grant funding. Enter the total funds requested from this program.

III. RAPID REMOVAL PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

Briefly describe why this project is urgent such that it should not be evaluated and funded under the Bulk Derelict Vessel Removal process. Specifically explain how the vessel is in danger of imminent sinking or breaking apart or is a critical danger to public safety or the environment, such that the vessel should be considered for rapid removal.

IV. PROJECT OUTCOMES

- List the number of total derelict vessels that exist in the project's jurisdiction. List percentage of total active derelict vessels that will be removed by completion of this project. (Use the Statewide Derelict Vessel Database as source of total numbers)
- Explain procedures to be used to gauge the effectiveness of the project in order to evaluate contractor's completeness of removal and post environmental damage assessment.

V. BUDGET

- Has a detailed cost estimate been developed for this project? Indicate whether a preliminary or final cost estimate has been developed. If yes, attach a copy of the estimate to the application.

VI. OTHER SOURCE OF FUNDS (Partnerships)

- Funding Source: Check source of funds: Federal grant, State/Local grant or loan.
- Grant Name: Enter name of grant program.
- Approval Status: Enter status of grant/loan application. If "Intending to Apply," enter date of application deadline.

VII. Law Enforcement case date (Include a lien for each derelict vessel that you are requesting be removed as part of this project.)

- Agency: Enter the name of the governmental agency that conducted the derelict vessel investigation.
- Agency Case Number: Enter the investigating agency's case number pertaining to this vessel's law enforcement investigation.
- Vessel Registration: Enter the vessel registration number if one exists.
- Vessel Make: Enter the make of the derelict vessel, if known.
- Vessel Length: Enter the length of the derelict vessel, if known.
- Vessel Removal Quote: Enter the removal cost estimate for this specific vessel.
(Each vessel must have its own removal cost estimate)

VII. APPLICATION ATTACHMENTS

Please place a tabbed divider between each attachment. Submit one (1) original (with original signature) by paper copy via mail, or email the entire application and supporting documentation to DVGrant@MyFWC.com

Completed applications should include: cover letter, application form, delegation of authority, project proposal, contractor quotes, and required attachments as referenced in the Derelict Vessel Grant guidelines.