

Pilot Program for Regulation of Mooring Vessels Outside of Public Mooring Fields

327.4105



Pilot Program Timeline

Charges to the Commission:

- Select all participants prior to July 1, 2011.
 - **History**
- Provide consultation and technical assistance.
 - **Current**
- Coordinate review of any proposed ordinance.
 - **Thru early 2012**
- Commission approves ordinances before they are enforceable.
 - **November 2011 and February 2012**



Review of Ordinances

Pilot Ordinances:

- Shall be consistent with the goals of the pilot program.
- Shall only apply to vessels outside authorized mooring fields.
- Shall be reviewed by DEP, USCG, FIND or WCIND, and organizations representing vessel owners or operators.
- Shall take effect and become enforceable only after approval by the commission.
- Shall expire with the pilot program on July 1, 2014 and shall be inoperable and unenforceable thereafter.



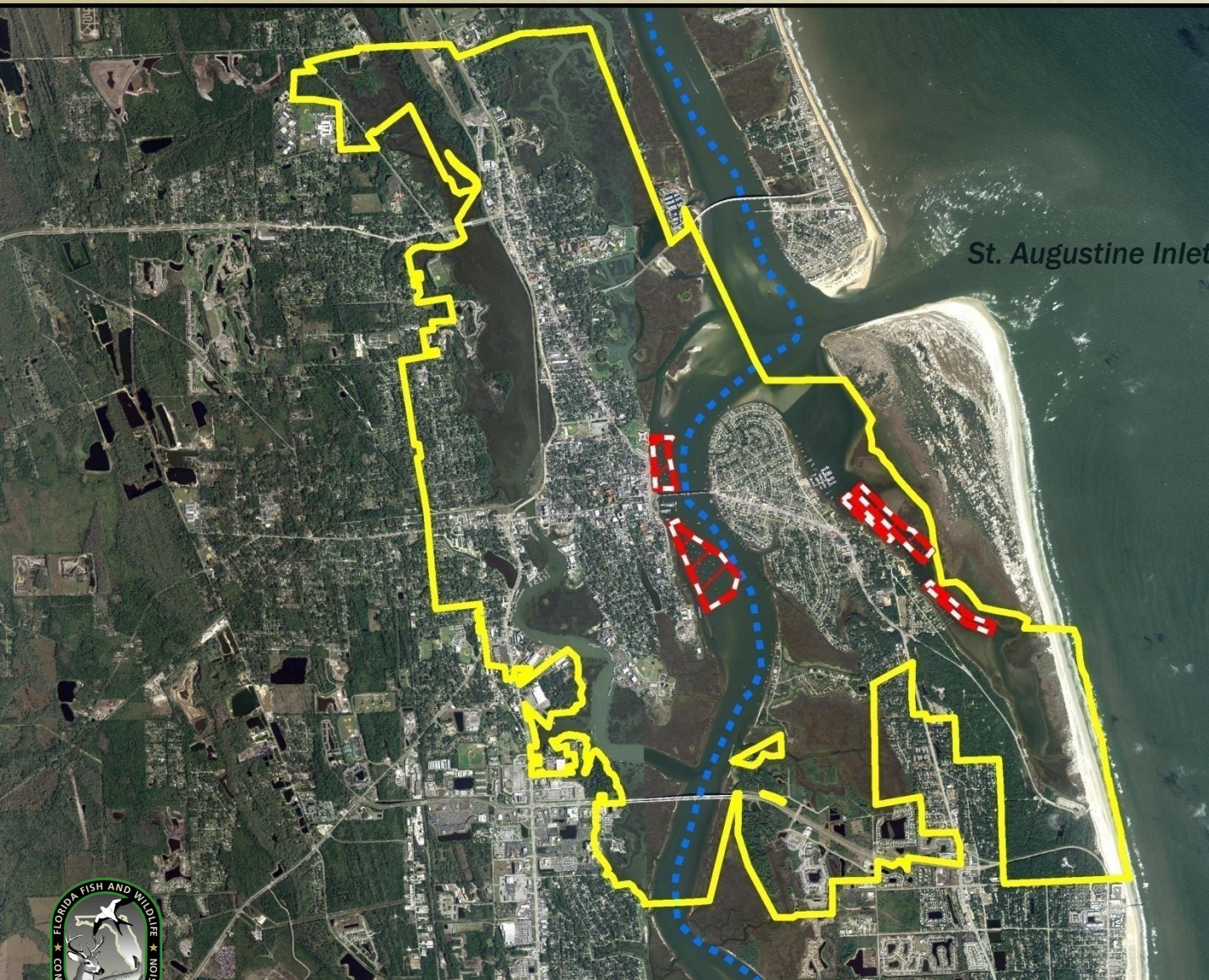
St. Augustine's Timeline

*Revised Estimated Time-line

May 26 th	Workshop
June 30 th	Workshop #2
July	Produce Ordinance
July 25 th	Draft Ordinance to FWC Staff
August 8 th	Brought before the City Commission (1st Reading)
August 22 nd	Brought to City Commission meeting (2nd Reading)
September 1 st	Sent to FWC Commission for review
November 16-17	Presented to FWC Commission for approval
January 2012	Ordinance in place



City of St. Augustine



Atlantic Ocean

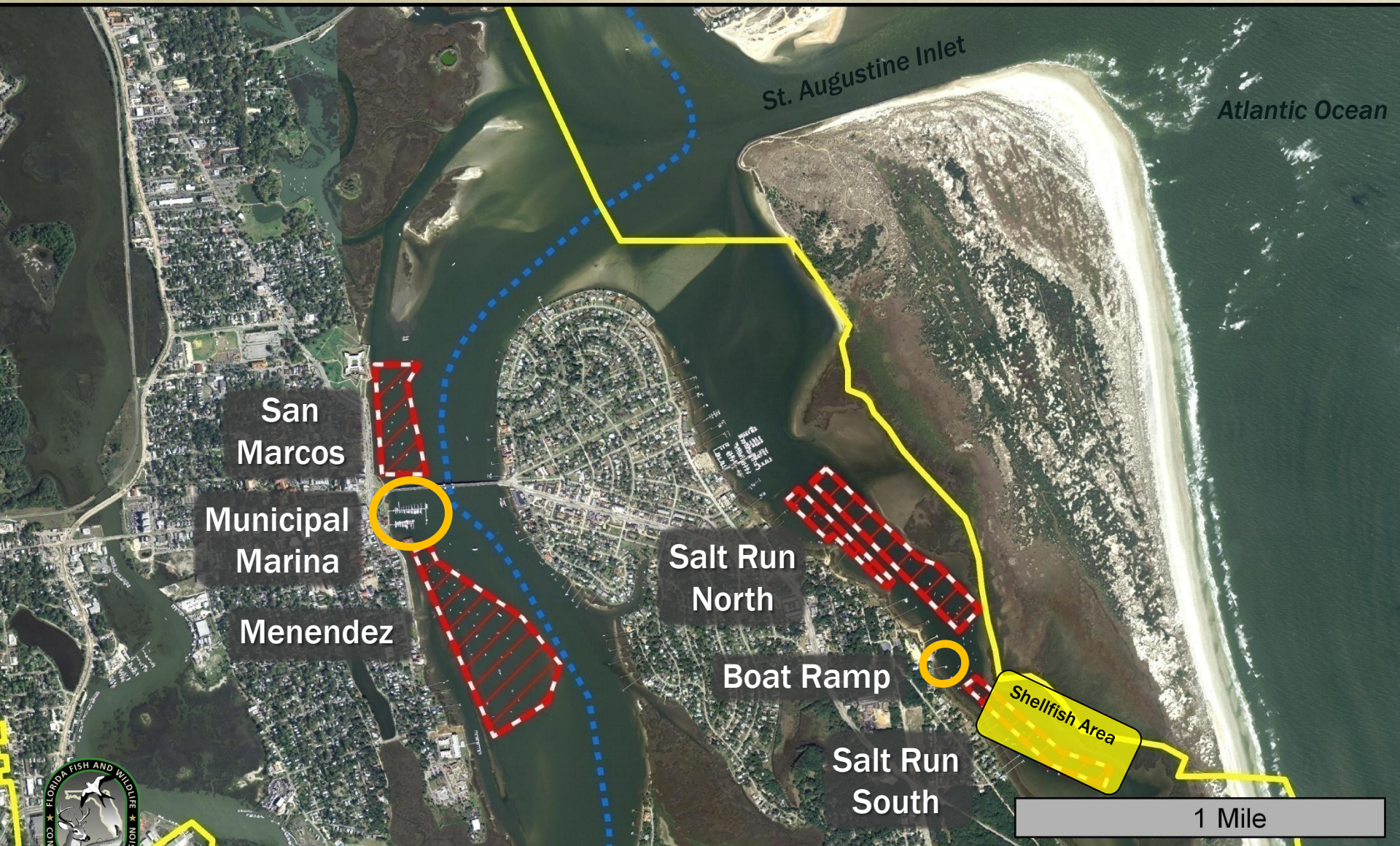
St. Augustine Inlet

1 Mile



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City of St. Augustine



“Sec. 7-93. Regulation of mooring fields for anchorage of vessels.

(j) *Anchorage areas.* Vessels may anchor in anchorage areas located outside designated mooring fields subject to the following regulations:

(1) The vessel operator must remove all ground tackle upon leaving the anchorage.

(2) No vessel shall anchor at any location closer than fifty (50) feet from the defined boundaries of the channel located in the San Sebastian River.

(3) No vessel shall anchor at any location closer than one hundred (100) feet from the marked boundaries of an established mooring field.



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(4) No vessel shall anchor at any location closer than five hundred (500) feet from the marked boundaries of the shell fish harvesting area located in the southern end of Salt Run between dusk and dawn. Dusk and dawn are defined respectively to include the times beginning thirty (30) minutes after the official time of sunset and ending thirty (30) minutes prior to the official time of sunrise.



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(5) No vessel shall anchor at any location closer than fifty (50) feet from any marine structure such as public docks, private docks, public seawalls, private seawalls, marker buoys, boat ramps and dolphins. This prohibition does not include mooring balls and crab traps.



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(6) No vessel occupied by persons shall anchor at any location within the municipal boundaries of the City but outside of a designated mooring field for more than ten (10) days. After midnight of the tenth day, the vessel shall be required to relocate to a mooring field or to a location outside the municipal boundaries of the City.



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(7) No vessel unoccupied by persons shall anchor at any location within the municipal boundaries of the City but outside of a designated mooring field unless the vessel gets underway on at least two (2) occasions during each calendar year during the months of February and August using its own propulsion system and travels to the City marina.

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(7) a. At the marina, marina staff will verify the ability of the vessel to get underway and will collect and verify contact information for the owner and/or authorized representative of the owner of the vessel for use in emergency and storm events.

b. Upon satisfactory completion of the annual demonstration of the ability to get underway and of the collection of the required contact information, the marina staff shall issue and apply to the vessel a medallion certifying completion.

c. The issuance of a medallion shall not be considered proof that between the date of issuance and the one year anniversary of the date of issuance the vessel remains seaworthy and able to get underway.

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“Sec. 7-93. Regulation of mooring fields for anchorage of vessels.

(r) *Enforcement.* Pursuant to the authority of Section 327.70, Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time, the provisions of this Section 7-93 shall be enforced by the Division of Law Enforcement of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and its officers, the Sheriff of St. Johns County and his or her deputies and the Chief of Police of the City of St. Augustine and his or her deputies.

(s) *Penalties.* Offenses under this section shall be punishable as provided in Section 327.72, Florida Statutes, or as provided in section 1-8 of this Code.”



Pilot Program Future

Review of Ordinances

Approval Process

Enforcement and Data collection

Legislative Report



That is all for now.

