

Sea Turtle Laws, Regulations and Guidelines

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Laws

Sea turtles are either endangered or threatened (the loggerhead is the only species that has a population high enough to be only threatened in Florida). They are protected under the Federal Endangered Species Act of 1973 and [Florida's Marine Turtle Protection Act \(379.2431, Florida Statutes\)](#).

Florida Statutes ([F.A.C. Rule 68E-1](#)) restrict the take, possession, disturbance, mutilation, destruction, selling, transference, molestation, and harassment of marine turtles, nests or eggs. Protection is also afforded to marine turtle habitat. A specific authorization from Commission staff is required to conduct scientific, conservation, or educational activities that directly involve marine turtles in or collected from Florida, their nests, hatchlings or parts thereof, regardless of applicant's possession of any federal permit.

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) dually review permits for coastal construction under [Chapter 62B, Florida Administrative Code \(F.A.C.\)](#), that affects Marine Turtles.