

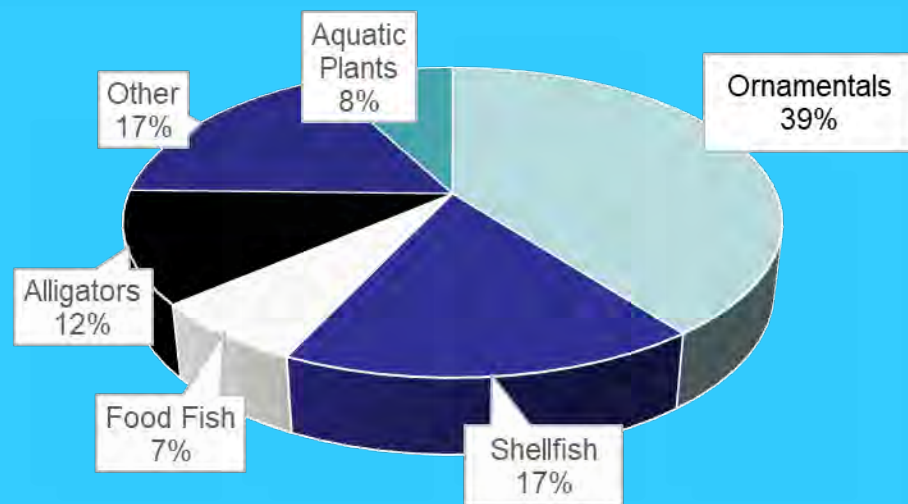
# Aquaculture Leasing Program





# Florida's Aquaculture Industry

- 2018 sales: \$71.6 million
- ~1000 Aquaculture Certificates of Registration
- ~800 species in production



# Division of Aquaculture Programs



Aquaculture  
Certificate of  
Registration  
and Best  
Management  
Practices



Shellfish  
Harvesting  
Area  
Classification



Sovereignty  
Submerged  
Land Leasing



Shellfish  
Processing  
Facility  
Certification



# Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission



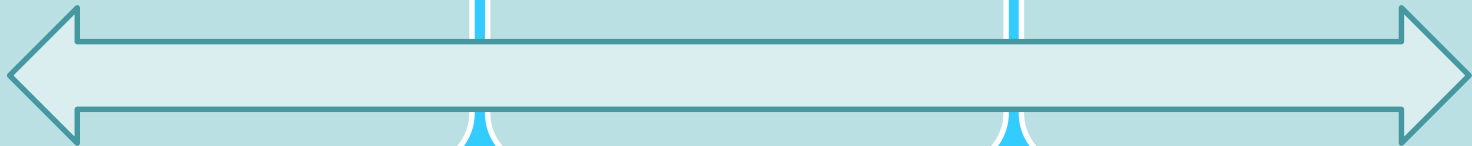
Sets season,  
size & bag  
limits



Enforces oyster  
regulations



Issues shellfish  
endorsement  
for commercial  
harvest





Leases	Number	Acreage
Total as of 1/31/2020	779	2,817
Aquaculture (Shellfish)	712	1,556
Inperpetuity	47	929.5
Live Rock	9	14.2
Management Agreements	7	314
Water Column	181	356.3
Docks	4	3.3



# Aquaculture Lease Maps

Florida Aquaculture Use Zones and Individual Lease Areas

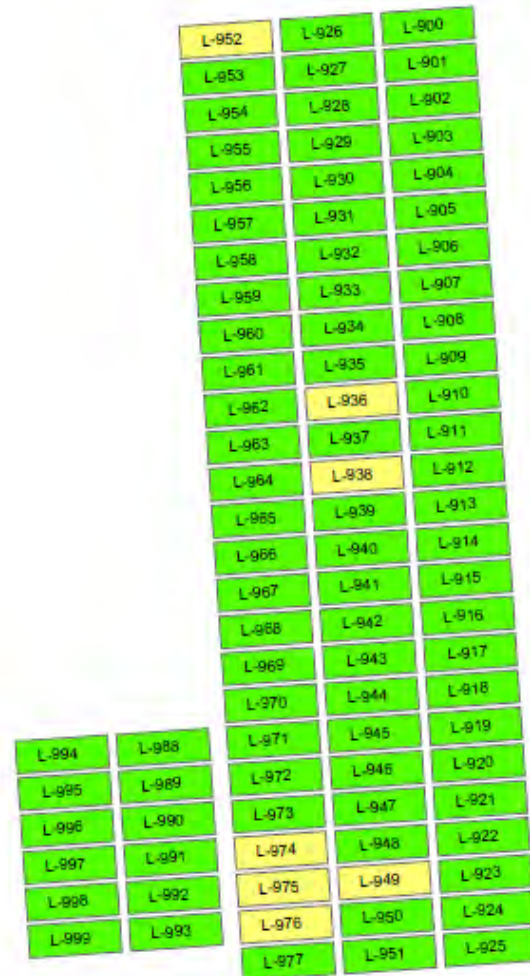


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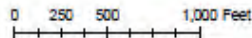


# Pelican Reef Aquaculture Use Zone

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# Aquaculture Lease Maps



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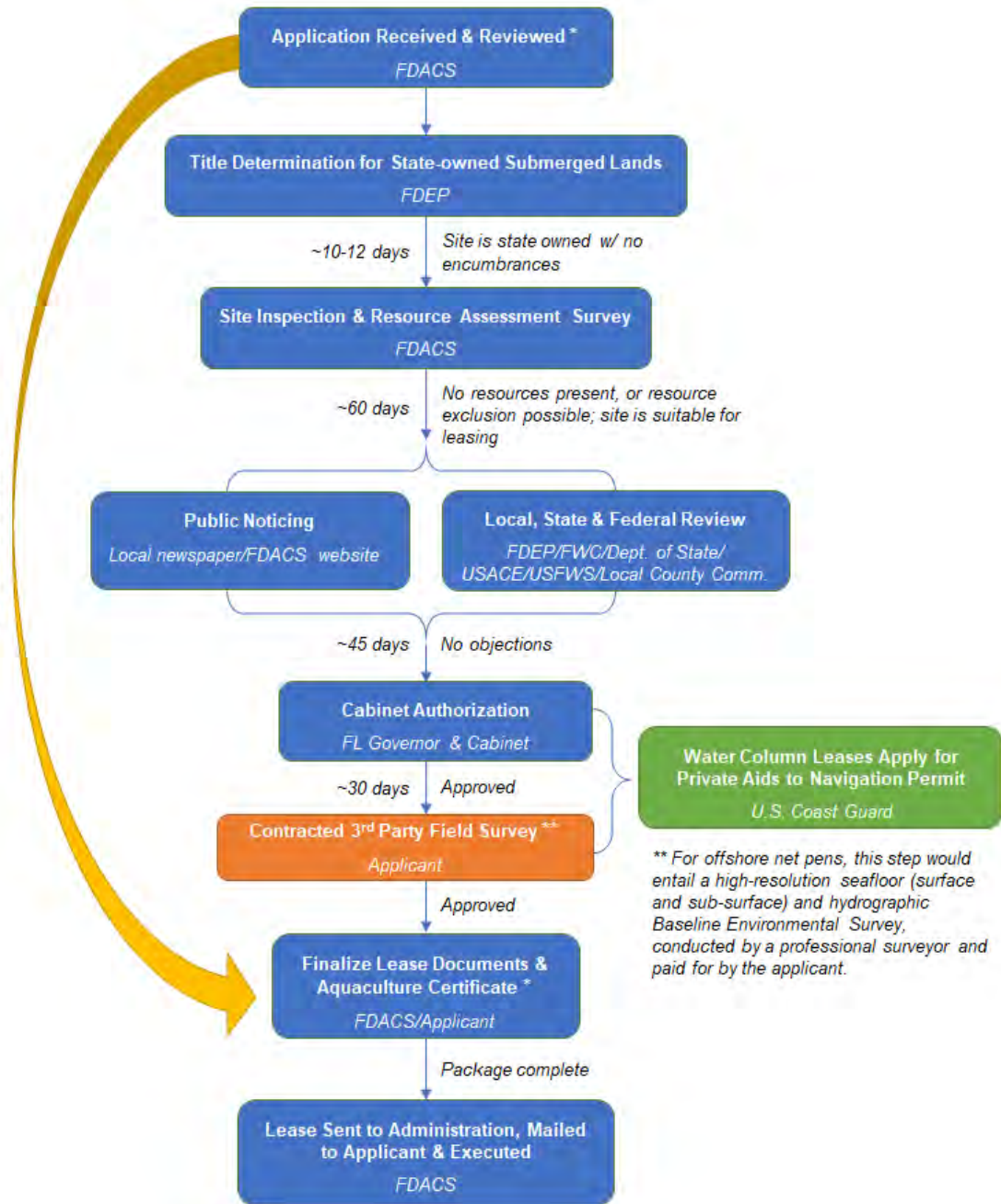


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*\*If a lease application is for an unencumbered parcel in an existing AUZ, the process moves from application to finalizing documents. Intermediate steps are only necessary when a new site is proposed.*





# Aquaculture Use Zone in Franklin County with Existing Leases





# Aquaculture Use Zone in Franklin County



# Preferences

Preference will be given to:

- Applicants that are Franklin County residents.
- Applicants that have attended a pre-application meeting (which will be held in Franklin County to provide an overview of the aquaculture leasing process and requirements).
- Applicants that have not previously held a 10-year renewable submerged land aquaculture lease.
- Applicants that have held a Saltwater Products License (SPL) for at least three of the last five years.
- Applicants that have held an Apalachicola Bay Oyster Harvesting License (ABOHL) for at least three of the last 10 years.



# Lease Rental Fees



Bottom leases-  
\$16.73/acre or  
fraction thereof

Water Column leases-  
\$33.46/acre or  
fraction thereof

Plus \$10.00/acre or  
fraction thereof  
surcharge





# Annual Audits

- 70,000 oysters/acre or 100,000 clams/acre
- Audits request basic information including:
  - amount of seed/stock purchased and harvested
  - copies of seed/stock receipts



# Best Management Practices

- Only native species can be stocked.
- Prohibited to stock oysters from Atlantic Coast in Florida Gulf Coast waters.
- An Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and diagnostic results must be sent to the Division prior to out of state shellfish entering Florida.
- Oyster seed from out of state source must use Florida broodstock in genetic selection program.
- Out of State Source -Triplloid seed derived from a tetraploid crossed with a diploid oyster require the use of broodstock from the Gulf of Mexico.



# Lease Agreement Terms and Conditions

- Lease can not be assigned, transferred or subleased for five years.
- The leaseholder's identification information shall be attached to all culturing structures.





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