



## Navarre Beach Marine Sanctuary Committee

Mr. Hunter Walker  
Santa Rosa County Administrator  
6495 Caroline Street  
Milton, FL 32570

Re: Navarre Beach Marine Sanctuary Permit Applications

Dear Mr. Walker,

The Navarre Beach Marine Sanctuary Committee is pleased to provide you with the six state and federal permit applications representing the applications for the required permit authorizing the placement of underwater marine reefs in three sites at Navarre Beach. Two of the sites are located off the northern shore of Navarre Beach, immediately north of Navarre Beach County Park. The third site is located in the Gulf of Mexico immediately south of Navarre Beach County Park. An inventory of the permit applications follows:

1. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers East Sound Side Reef Application Package
2. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers West Sound Side Reef Application Package
3. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Gulf Reef Application Package
4. FL DEP East Sound Side Reef Application Package
5. FL DEP West Sound Side Reef Application Package
6. FL DEP Gulf Reef Application Package

Also enclosed is a copy of Santa Rosa Board of County Commissioner Resolution 2009-13 voicing support for the Navarre Beach Marine Sanctuary and indicating the agreement of the Board of Commissioners to apply for and hold the required permits after receipt of the professionally prepared permit applications from the Navarre Beach Marine Sanctuary Committee.

On Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at the Navarre Visitor Information Center the Marine Sanctuary Committee held a meeting to share information about the reef applications with the public and invite public comment. Below is a summary of the public comment from that meeting.

1. Robert Turpin recommended that the Marine Sanctuary Committee continue to work with the county through the Marine Advisory Committee as necessary during the permit approval process with regard to any local or state regulatory issues that may arise (e.g. marker signage, etc.).

Each of the six application packages requires your signature where indicated by the signature marker. The FL DEP application packages include a check covering the required permit application fee. All six application packages include a pre addressed postage paid envelope you may use to mail the applications to their respective agencies.



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Our consultant, Wetland Science, Inc., is prepared to provide follow on support for any requests for additional information by the FL DEP or the Army Corps. He will monitor the progress of the applications through the approval process as will we at the Navarre Beach Marine Sanctuary Committee.

We anticipate approval of the federal permits to take between eight to fourteen months after they have been received by the Army Corps. Due to this lengthy approval process we request that you please sign and submit the applications as soon as possible.

I would greatly appreciate your confirmation that the permit applications have been signed and submitted.

We look forward to completing the permitting phase of this exciting project to the great benefit of Santa Rosa County.

Best Regards,

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