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## SUBMERGED AQUATIC VEGETATION (SAV) SALVAGE PROJECT



### WHAT ELSE SHOULD I KNOW TO PROTECT SAV?

- Be aware of the depth and proximity of SAV when boating. If you see plant material in your prop wash, carefully turn off the engine and move to deeper water.
- Follow directions when applying chemicals to your lawn and garden. Excess chemicals end up in surface and ground water damaging grass beds and other aquatic life.
- Support and participate in activities such as marking, replanting, and mapping SAV beds



## Building a Dock or Pier?

Check to see if submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV) will be impacted by your planned construction.

If SAV is present, Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) staff working on the **SAV Salvage Project** can recover the plant material that would be destroyed when pilings are installed.

## What is the SAV Salvage Project?

- ❖ The SAV Salvage Project is a new program of the FDEP. The goal is to remove vegetation that would be lost during installation of pilings and transplant it to carefully selected receiver sites.
- ❖ The uprooted plants will be placed in areas where they will have the greatest opportunity to succeed.
- ❖ Potential planting locations include areas in Perdido Bay, Big Lagoon, Pensacola Bay and Choctawhatchee Bay.
- ❖ The Project is a partnership between the FDEP and local businesses that have chosen to participate.

- ❖ The project is grant funded through Ocean's Initiative. There is no cost to contractor or public for participation.

## What is SAV?

- ❖ SAV refers to any rooted plant that lives primarily submerged in fresh or marine water. This includes seagrasses as well as submerged plants found in lakes and rivers.

## Why protect SAV?

- ❖ SAV provides a necessary home or foraging ground for nearly all commercial fish and shellfish
- ❖ SAV is an important food source for endangered sea turtles and manatees
- ❖ Seagrass meadows serve as a natural filter by absorbing dissolved contaminants and capturing particles in the water
- ❖ The tight interlocking root system of SAV stabilize the soil and prevents erosion and shifting shorelines

## The following businesses have agreed to partner with us in the SAV salvage project

- ❖ Environmental Services, Inc. 36468 Emerald Coast Parkway, Suite 9101 Destin, Florida 32541 (850) 837-5377
- ❖ Bosso, Dentzau & Imhof, Inc. 1300 W. Government St. Pensacola, FL 32501 (850) 434-1935
- ❖ Dale's Marine Construction 4212 Hwy 90 Pace, FL 32571 (850) 934-6360
- ❖ Debbie Looney & Associates 9491 Cove Avenue Pensacola, FL 32534 (850) 471-2586
- ❖ Deep and Wide Dredging 5460 Gulf Breeze Pkwy Gulf Breeze, FL 32563 (850) 932-0389
- ❖ Pensacola Marine Construction 102 S. F Street Pensacola FL 32503 (850) 458-0027
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