

Submerged Aquatic Vegetation Survey Guidelines

Please provide information on the presence of any submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV) at or adjacent to the proposed location of the work. For the initial determination of whether SAV is present or absent, please include the name of the person conducting the inspection, the date of the inspection, and a depiction of the area that was inspected. If any SAV is present, a detailed SAV survey will be required. Detailed SAV surveys can only be performed between June 1 and September 30 of each year.

At a minimum, the surveyed area shall encompass a 50-foot radius around the location of the proposed work. The ensuing report shall depict the locations of all SAV, and shall clearly depict the distribution of the various species of SAV. In addition, the report shall contain the percent cover of each species of SAV, frequency of occurrence of each species of SAV, and the name, mailing address and telephone number of the qualified person performing the survey. Furthermore, if Johnson's seagrass (*Halophila johnsonii*) is observed, the report shall include the shoot density of the Johnson's seagrass. The report should also include a plan view drawing depicting any existing structures and the proposed work in reference to the surveyed area. If the proposed work is a dock or pier and SAV is present, or if the proposed work is a dock or pier and is located in the known range of Johnson's seagrass (in lagoons on Florida's east coast from Sebastian Inlet (Brevard County) south to and including central Biscayne Bay (Miami-Dade County), the dock or pier should be designed in accordance with the joint U.S. Army Corps of Engineers/National Marine Fisheries Service dock construction guidelines (Dock Construction Guidelines in Florida for Docks or Other Minor Structures Constructed in or over Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV), Marsh or Mangrove Habitat - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers/National Marine Fisheries Service - August 2001).