

What to know *BEFORE* Hurricane Season

Many marinas on leased state-owned land are damaged or destroyed each year during hurricane season. As a sovereignty submerged lands leaseholder, you may be entitled to **financial relief** from lease fees if you are affected by a **hurricane**. Whenever a hurricane makes landfall in Florida, the Secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection issues an Emergency Final Order for a specific time frame and area. This Emergency Final Order is to help Floridians with the resulting devastation wrought by a hurricane, including providing relief from certain regulatory requirements, and allowing for credits and waivers for certain fees.

If you have any structures that are **damaged** by a **hurricane** and are within a sovereignty submerged lands lease boundary you may be entitled to a **credit on your annual fees**. This credit is based on the percentage of loss of functionality of the total area under lease and only for the duration of the order. It is recommended that you document this destruction with photographs and keep the documents in a safe location.

To receive a **credit on your annual fees** you will need to submit your request in writing via mail, fax or e-mail to:

Department of Environmental Protection
Division of State Lands
Bureau of Public Lands Administration
3900 Commonwealth Blvd., MS 130
Tallahassee, FL 32399
Phone 850-245-2726
Fax 850-245-2761
Susan.Riggs@dep.state.fl.us

The type and amount of **damage** a hurricane causes to structures and activities in, on, or over wetlands and other surface waters will determine whether you need to **contact the Department before performing repairs or restoration, and whether lease fees can be waived**. To locate the Department district office nearest you, please call the number above or go online to: <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/secretary/dist/>. The office can provide you with a copy of the Hurricane Emergency Order, which will describe the work that can be done without notice to the Department, and work that requires a field authorization. You can also access the Emergency Order via the Internet at <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/mainpage/em/default.htm> and clicking on the storm that affected your area.

PLEASE KEEP THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION IN A SAFE LOCATION IN THE EVENT OF A HURRICANE IN YOUR AREA.

