

US EPA ARCHIVE DOCUMENT

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**Florida; Marine Sanitation Device Standard for Destin Harbor (aka Old Pass Lagoon) Within the State**

On October 9, 1987 [52 FR 37839], notice was published that the State of Florida has petitioned the Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, to determine that adequate facilities for the safe and sanitary removal and treatment of sewage from all vessels are reasonably available for the waters of Destin Harbor. The petition was filed pursuant to section 312(f) (3) of Pub. L. 92-500.

Section 312(f) (3) states:

After the effective date of the initial standards and regulations promulgated under this section, if any State determines that the protection and enhancement of the quality of some or all of the waters within such State require environmental protection, such State may completely prohibit the discharge from all vessels of any sewage, whether treated or not, into such waters except that no such prohibition shall apply until the Administrator determines that adequate facilities for the safe and sanitary removal and treatment of sewage from all vessels are reasonably available for such water to which such prohibition would apply.

The information submitted to me by the State of Florida certified that there are five pumpout facilities available to service vessels in Destin Harbor.

Pumpout Facility No. 1 is located on the dock of the East Pass Towers Yacht Club and will accommodate vessels with a draft of eight feet. This facility is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. seven days a week and has a \$2.00 fee per pumpout. Pumpout Facility No. 2 is on the dock at the Waterview Towers and will accommodate vessels with a draft of eight feet. This facility is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day except Sunday and has a \$2.00 fee per pumpout. Pumpout Facility No. 3 is on the dock at the Destin Harbor Resort and accommodates vessels with 10 foot drafts. The facility is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day except Sunday. There is

no charge per pumpout at this facility. Pumpout Facility No. 4 is on the dock at the Sandestin Yacht Club and accommodates vessels with 15 foot drafts. The facility is open from 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. seven days a week. There is no charge per pumpout at this facility. Pumpout Facility No. 5 is on the dock at the Dolphin Point Condominium, and accommodates vessels with a draft of six feet. The facility is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day except Sunday. The pumpout service at this facility is free. All five pumpout facilities discharge into the city sewage system.

Vessel usage of Destin Harbor includes 125 charter fishing vessels, 21 commercial fishing vessels and 190 recreational boats for a total of 336 vessels. The channel depth into Destin Harbor is currently 12 feet; therefore, the City is certifying that all vessels can be accommodated by the five pumpout facilities.

There were no comments received by the Agency on the merits of the petition prior to the deadline for receipt of comments.

Following and examination of the petition and its supporting information, and the fact that no comments on the petition were received prior to the closing date stated in the October 9, 1987, Federal Register notice, I have determined that adequate facilities for the safe and sanitary removal and treatment of sewage from all vessels are reasonably available for the waters of Destin Harbor, within the State of Florida. This determination is made pursuant to section 312(f) (3) of the Pub. L. 92-500.

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Acting Regional Administrator  
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