



## August 2026

### Last Call for Affidavit Actions!

The deadline for submitting information for determining if Customary Use should be imposed on Perdido Key is August 28, 2026. For instructions on submission, go to [Escambia County Seeking Perdido Key Beach Usage Information with the submission form at Perdido Key Beach Information Form](#). Owners can help defend their private property rights by submitting information to challenge and oppose claims that public use of their beaches has been Ancient, Reasonable Recreational Activity, Uninterrupted, and Free from Dispute – the four criteria for proving Customary Use. Evidence could include private ownership documents and condominium rules, examples of trespassers challenged on your property and law enforcement personnel called to support your property rights. Other evidence could be photos of your family enjoying your private beach and procedures such as wristbands used to identify condominium owners and guests. If you have questions about what information to submit, contact PKA Secretary Charles Krupnick at [charles.krupnick@gmail.com](mailto:charles.krupnick@gmail.com); if you have difficulty uploading material through the County portal, contact PKA Director Lisa Henseler at [lhenseler@yahoo.com](mailto:lhenseler@yahoo.com). You can also express your concerns about Customary Use to Commissioners at the 4:30 PM August 06, 2026 Escambia County Board of Commissioners Public Forum.

### Pat McClellan

Pat McClellan passed away on July 22, 2026. As one of the owners of the Flora-Bama, Pat helped build the 'Bama into the legendary organization it is today. He was also engaged in community issues such as ensuring relatively obscure meetings like the Florida-Alabama TPO were adequately publicized. Pat's home-town friendliness and good humor were always evident and endeared him to all who knew him. A wonderful supporter of Perdido Key, Pat was a PKA member and friend to many in the organization. Perdido Key Area Chamber of Commerce President/CEO Tammy Thurow e-mailed Chamber members encouraging them to "Please keep Sheryl McClellan, the entire McClellan family, and the Flora-Bama family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Pat's leadership, friendship, and unwavering dedication to the Perdido Key Area Chamber of Commerce and our community will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him." A celebration of Pat's life will be held at the Flora-Bama from 3 to 6 PM on August 9, 2026. For more on Pat, see the July 29, 2026 *Pensacola News Journal* article "Flora-Bama mourns the loss of owner Pat McClellan" by Brittany Misencik at <https://www.pnj.com/story/entertainment/dining/2026/07/28/flora-bama-owner-pat-mcclellan-dies/91061424007/>.

### **Bertha Spoils Some Area Beaches**

Tropical Storm Bertha caused relatively little damage to our area but created some mighty surf along the beaches. The turbulence stirred up higher levels of “fecal indicator bacteria” in some estuary and Gulf waters creating several area health advisories. Water quality health advisories were issued for Park West- Sound side, Baby Beach and Quietwater Beach; advisories for “poor” water quality were listed for the Bruce Beach, Bayou Texar and Big Lagoon State Park – East. “Bacteria levels typically drop within a couple of days after a weather event subsides and water quality improves. DOH-Escambia advises against any water-related activities at locations with unacceptable levels due to an increased risk of illness in swimmers.” For more on this issue, see the July 29, 2026 *Pensacola News Journal* article “Tropical Storm Bertha leaves behind health advisories for Pensacola beaches” by Mollye Barrows at <https://www.pnj.com/story/news/local/escambia-county/2026/07/28/tropical-storm-bertha-leads-to-health-advisories-for-pensacola-beaches/91062078007/>.

### **Beach Access #3 Restrooms Removed**

The Beach Access #3 restrooms that had been out of operation were demolished during the week of July 6, 2026. The area was closed from public use for the removal but reopened later in the week. Portable bathrooms will be on the site for the foreseeable future and no plans have been revealed to resurface the parking area.

### **Daylight Time All the Time?!**

The US House of Representatives passed a bill that would make Daylight Savings Time the official American time year round, no more “Spring Forward, Fall Back.” The Bill must still receive Senate approval and be signed by President Trump. For more on this issue, see the July 14, 2026 US House of Representatives Energy & Commerce entry [House Passes Legislation to Make Daylight Saving Time Permanent](#).

### **Naturalist Program Uplands Course**

Florida Sea Grant will offer a 40-hour Uplands Course beginning Wednesday, September 23, 2026 and running each Wednesday until October 28, 2026. Topics include habitats, forests and wildlife. For more information on the course and registration, go to <https://conference.ifas.ufl.edu/fmnp/us26-13inperson.php>. Drawn from Rick O’Connor July 27, 2026 e-mail.

### **Restoring Salt Marsh**

Sea Grant has a series of articles on how to improve the health of our bays and estuaries. To access the latest entry, go to the July 13, 2026 *UF/IFAS* blog [What YOU Can Do the Help Make a Healthier Bay; Part 3 – Restoring Salt Marsh - UF/IFAS Extension Escambia County](#) by Rick O’Connor.

### **Sharks**

Shark Week began on July 26, 2026 and no doubt offers programs featuring fearsome shark predators and recalling the blockbuster movie *Jaws*. But Ocean Conservancy points out in July 27 and 29 e-mails by Chris Robbins and Meredith Moore that sharks need our watchful care: “Sharks have been on this earth for more than 400 million years and survived multiple mass extinction events. But today, many face threats they were never designed to handle:

overfishing, warming oceans, habitat loss and plastic pollution.” Tiger sharks, whale sharks and great whites are among the “iconic species” that are “threatened, vulnerable or endangered.”

### **Florida Wildlife Corridor**

The Florida Wildlife Corridor “is a visionary 18-million-acre network of interconnected lands and waters that affords critical ecosystem services.” 1000 Friends of Florida is offering a series of three free webinars on the Corridor with the first scheduled for Wednesday, September 2, 2026 on the topic “Payment for Ecosystem Services: A Conservation Tool for Florida's Future.” Drawn from July 29, 2026 *1000 Friends of Florida* e-mail.

Blue Angels practice at NAS Pensacola on August 26, 2026

Bands on the Beach at Pensacola Beach every Tuesday 7-9 PM April to October

### **August Calendar**

Aug 1 – Battle of Mobile Bay Commemorative Day at Ft. Gaines on Dauphin Island

Aug 1,8,15,22,29 – Palafox Market in downtown Pensacola

Aug 4-9,18-23 – Pensacola Blue Wahoos at Blue Wahoos Stadium in downtown Pensacola

Aug 6-8 – JCMF Professional Rodeo at 21111 State Highway 181 in Fairhope

Aug 14 – Women Mean Business presentation at Grand Lagoon Yacht Club

Aug 15 – Alabama Live in Concert at the Pensacola Bay Center in downtown Pensacola

Aug 15 – Maxfit Classic at 1250 Miracle Strip Parkway Southeast on Okaloosa Island

Aug 22 – Vince Gill: 50 Years from Home Tour at the Saenger Theatre downtown Pensacola

Aug 22 – Community Safety Day at OWA

Aug 22 – Coastal Tailgate Cook-Off Challenge at The Wharf

Aug 28 – Annual Golf Challenge for Education at Peninsula Golf & Racquet Club

Aug 29 – OWA Summer Games at OWA

The following websites provide additional information about events on our great Gulf Coast:

<https://www.visitpensacola.com/>

<http://mygulfcoastchamber.com/>

<http://www.visitperdido.com/>

<http://mulletwrapper.net/>

<https://myescambia.com/>

<https://www.destinfb.com/>

<http://alabama.travel/festivals-and-events>

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