

	FGCU POLICY 3.018	Responsible Unit: Campus Police
	Fishing on Campus	

A. POLICY STATEMENT

Consistent with Florida Gulf Coast University’s mission, the University promotes environmental sustainability. An environmental conscience balanced with economic and social aspirations is a guiding University principle.

B. REASON FOR POLICY

This Policy provides the guidelines for fishing on the Florida Gulf Coast University Premises.

C. APPLICABILITY AND/OR ACCOUNTABILITY

This Policy is applicable to all students, faculty, and staff (“University Community”).

D. DEFINITION OF TERMS

1. *Catch and Release*: A technique of conservation, catch, and release is the fishing practice whereby the fish are caught, unhooked, and returned to the water without causing significant injury.
2. *Leave No Trace*: A technique of conservation, Leave No Trace fishing requires participants to ensure that the lake area being utilized is left in the same condition as it was found.
3. *University Premises*: All land, buildings, facilities, and other properties owned, used, leased, operated by, or in the possession of the University or one of its direct support organizations.

E. PROCEDURES

1. Persons Authorized to Fish on University Premises
 - a. Only University Community members may fish on University Premises and must have a valid Florida Fishing License (unless exempt by state law) and a current FGCU identification card on their person when fishing.
 - b. University Community members will fish at their own risk.

2. Areas Authorized for Fishing

- a. Fishing is permitted on North Lake, the body of water immediately north of University North Lake Village Housing area and the two lakes located behind Sugden Welcome Center.
- b. University Community members may fish in authorized areas from dawn to dusk each day.
- c. No vessels are permitted on North Lake that are not owned by the University.

3. Fish and Wildlife

- a. “Leave No Trace” and “Catch and Release” principles must be utilized. Notwithstanding, University Community members may catch and remove invasive fish species that are listed on the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission website for non-native species.
- b. Except for bait being used for fishing purposes, no wildlife may be fed.
- c. Do not harm any of the wildlife.
- d. Venomous snakes and other wildlife may be present in or around the lakes.
- e. The lakes have posted alligator signs to alert the University Community and members of the public of the possible presence of alligators.

4. A student found to be in violation of this Policy may be subject to discipline under FGCU Regulation 4.002, Student Code of Conduct and Student Conduct Review Process, and may be cited by University Police. An employee found to be in violation of this Policy may be cited by University Police and may be subject to discipline under FGCU Regulation 5.016, Disciplinary Actions, or as may be provided in the collective bargaining agreement. Any other person found to be in violation of this Policy may be cited by University Police and subject to removal from University Premises. A violation of this University Policy or state fish and wildlife laws or regulations may also be referred to a law enforcement agency for investigation.

Related Information

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Website

Specific Authority

BOG Regulation 1.001, University Board of Trustees Powers and Duties

History of Policy

New 04/22/09; Amended 12/10/19

APPROVED:

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