

	Florida Gulf Coast University Policy Manual	Policy: 3.018 Approved: 4/22/09
	Title Fishing on Campus	Responsible Executive: Vice President for Administrative Services and Finance Responsible Office: Campus Police

POLICY STATEMENT

Consistent with Florida Gulf Coast University's mission, the University promotes environmental sustainability. An environmental conscious balanced with economic and social aspirations is a guiding University principle. Limiting the areas on campus which may be utilized for fishing ensures the University is responsibly caring for and preserving its natural resources, as well as ensures public safety.

REASON FOR POLICY

This policy provides the guidelines for fishing on the Florida Gulf Coast University Campus.

DEFINITION OF TERMS

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.

Leave No Trace. A principle 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.

PROCEDURES

- Only University students and personnel may fish on campus.
- Fishing is restricted to North Lake, the body of water immediately north of University Housing. No other bodies of water on the University campus may be used for fishing purposes.
- All persons fishing in North Lake must have a valid Florida Fishing License (unless exempt by state law) and obtain a free fishing access card from Outdoor Recreation.

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- Only catch and release fishing is permitted.
 - “Leave no trace” principles must be utilized.
 - No vessels are permitted on North Lake that are not owned by the University.
 - Except for bait being used for fishing purposes, no wildlife may be fed.

**POLICY
AMENDMENTS**

None

HISTORY

New: 04/22/09

APPENDICES

None

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