

Section 7 Elevating Trash Receptacles

Purpose

Trash receptacles are considered as an attractive nuisance to AIBM as they will forage in or burrow under the receptacles. Furthermore, AIBM and their predators have been documented foraging in trash receptacles on the beach. The potential exists for AIBM to get trapped in or crushed by the receptacle. As well, attracting both AIBM and their predators to the same location may cause an increase in predation of the AIBM. Elevating trash cans may reduce the potential negative impacts on the AIBM of entrapment, crushing or predation resulting in positive conservation benefits for AIBM.

Applicable ITP Condition(s) - G.2.b.

- b. Elevating Trash Receptacles. “By May 1 of the first full nesting season following the issuance date of this Permit, the Permittee shall locate all County-placed trash receptacles within the Plan Area on elevated posts at the seaward boundary of the Conservation Zone throughout the Plan Area, except from the north jetty of St. Augustine Inlet south and west to the Tolomato River (commonly known as Porpoise Point area) where the trash receptacle posts and associated Conservation Zone signage shall be no closer than 30 feet from vegetated dunes or coastal structures.”

HCP Performance During 2012

Implementation: County trash receptacles located on Anastasia Island and north of the St. Augustine Inlet extending north to Ponte Vedra beach are elevated on posts in the locations as mentioned in the Condition above. High use areas have been installed with a combination system of both a trash can and a recycling can elevated on one post. Conservation Zone (CZ) signs are installed on the wooden post between the cans and are maintained throughout the season.

Assessment: No AIBM were reported by trash contractors or the recycling crew during 2012 while conducting regular trash pick up and maintenance, however, AIBM tracks were observed near the post.

The existing trash can system (Object 8) continues to be a successful method to decrease the amount of trash left on the beach. This system has been extended for use near all public walkovers, some private and more highly used walkovers, and most of the beach front parks where AIBM have historically been documented or are suspected to have populations. Those parks include Spyglass parking area, Crescent Beach Park, Frank Butler Park East, Gloria Avenue parking, and Pope Road beach access parking lot which is located directly adjacent to the entrance of Anastasia State Park where substantial AIBM habitat has been documented. In addition, all trash cans that were located on the ground at each beach access ramp on Anastasia Island have been removed to discourage AIBM from entering outside of their habitat boundaries and possibly into residential and disturbed areas.

Object 8. Trash/Recycling Bins



Program Improvements: No program improvements are scheduled at this time.