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Flagler County to remove derelict vessel August 29, Moody Boat Launch closed for the day

August 23, 2019 – The Moody Boat Launch, located near Betty Steflik Preserve on the eastern side of the Intracoastal Waterway and south of State Road 100, will be closed on Thursday, August 29, when Flagler County removes a derelict vessel that has been there since June.

The boat first had to be designated a derelict vessel, and then Flagler County had to get approval from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and the Florida Inland Navigation District to have the \$9,520 estimated expenses reimbursed, which happened Friday.

“We have been coordinating with their (FWC) staff with the goal of having the boat removed before Labor Day weekend,” said Public Lands and Natural Resources Manager Tim Telfer.

Flagler County contracted with the Sea Tow company to remove and destroy the boat, but other Flagler County Departments, such as Road and Bridge and Parks and Recreation, are assisting Land Management with signage and equipment to ensure a smooth operation and that necessary cleanup occurs.

Physical signs will be placed at the Moody Boat Launch on the afternoon of August 28.

“I know fishermen start early,” Telfer said. “This will hopefully stop someone from launching at dawn and becoming trapped on the water when the ramps are closed for removal.”

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