



# Proposed Modification to Fort De Soto Swim Zones

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# Introduction

## Fort De Soto Swim Zones

- **Established by Ordinance**
  - **Sec. 103-106**
  - **Sec. 103-107**
- **Authority provided under F.S. § 327.46(1)(b)3.a.**
- **A combination of Vessel Exclusion and Combustion Motor Exclusion Zones**



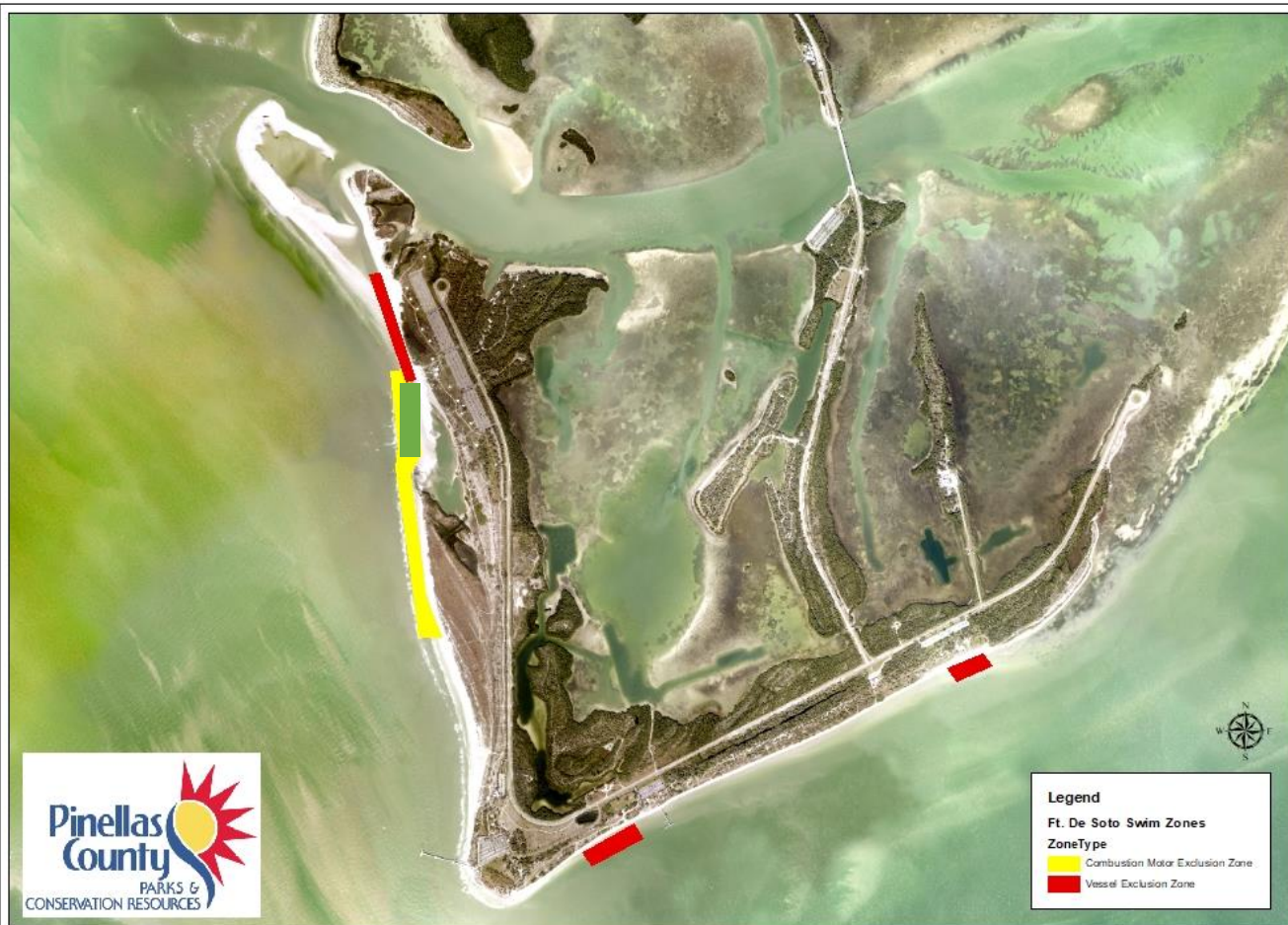
# Current Swim Zones

- 2008 ordinance defining zones
- Adopted to minimize safety concerns between beach visitors and vessels



## Ordinance 08-66

- North Beach East
- North Beach West
- East Beach
- Dog Beach



Current Swim Zones - Ft. De Soto Park

# Environmental Challenges

## Ebb Shoal (Outback Key)

- Formed along North Beach extending south behind North Beach Swim Center
- Formation has modified the shoreline and created a lagoon
- Beaches and water access continue to shift due to environmental factors



# Shared Use Concerns

- **Formation of the Ebb Shoal has created an attractive nuisance**
- **Swimmers and watercraft using the same non-designated areas**
- **Windsurfing and Ultralight destination**



# Video



# Proposed Modifications

- Repeal North Beach East
- Establish a New Vessel Exclusion Zone







## Proposed Aquatic Regulatory Zones in Fort De Soto County Park



Pinellas County, Florida  
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Appendix A to  
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