LAKEWATCH Report for Alligator Harbor-1 in Franklin County Estuary and Estuary Segment: Apalachicola Bay and Alligator Harbor Alligator Harbor Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

Introduction for Estuaries

This report summarizes data collected on systems that have been part of the LAKEWATCH program. Data are from the period of record for individual systems. The first part of this summary lists background data for each system, the second part lists the long-term data averages and ranges and the final part are trend plots for nutrients, chlorophyll, and Secchi depth. Plots were only made for systems with five or more years of data.

The near shore Florida coastline is separated into estuary and estuary segments within the estuary. Deeper coastal waters are separated into coastal nutrient regions and coastal nutrient segments within the regions. Numeric nutrient criteria are established for all estuary segments, including criteria for total nitrogen, total phosphorus, and chlorophyll a. For open ocean coastal waters, numeric criteria are established for chlorophyll a, that is derived from satellite remote sensing techniques. For those locations without defined segments there are narrative nutrient criteria (e.g., Florida Keys Halo Zone).

The maps defining individual estuaries and coastal segments can be found at the following link: https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-05420

The individual nutrient criteria can be found at the following link: https://www.flrules.org/gateway/RuleNo.asp?title=SURFACE%20WATER%20QUALITY%20STAND ARDS&ID=62-302.532

Base File Data for Estuaries: Definitions:

- **County**: Name of county adjacent to the system.
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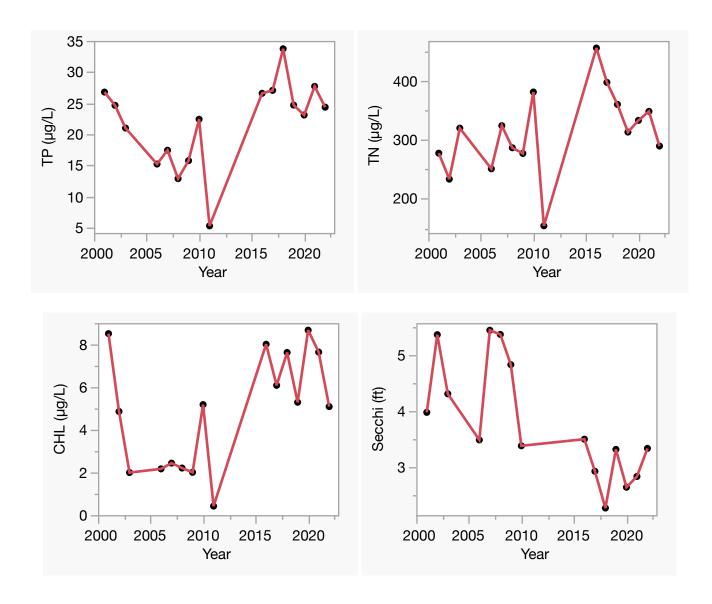
County	Franklin
Name	Alligator Harbor-1
GNIS Number	308389
Water Body Type	Estuary
Period of Record (years, range)	16 (2001 to 2022)
Latitude	29.9217
Longitude	-84.4158

- Total Phosphorus (µg/L): Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
- Total Nitrogen (µg/L): Nutrient needed for aquatic plant/algae growth but only limiting when nitrogen to phosphorus ratios are generally less than 10 (by mass).
- Chlorophyll-uncorrected (μ g/L): Chlorophyll concentrations are used to measure relative abundances of open water algae.
- Secchi (ft), Secchi (m): Secchi measurements are estimates of water clarity.
- Color (Pt-Co Units): LAKEWATCH measures true color, which is the color of the water after particles have been filtered out.
- Specific Conductance (μS/cm@25°C), Salinity (ppt): Measurement of the ability of water to conduct electricity and can be used to estimate the amount of dissolved materials in water.

Table 2. Long-term trophic state data collected monthly by LAKEWATCH volunteers and color and specific conductance/salinity (collected quarterly).

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum	Grand Geometric Mean
	Annual Geometric Means	(Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	5 - 34	20 (16)
Total Nitrogen (μg/L)	154 - 456	304 (16)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	0 - 9	4 (16)
Secchi (ft)	2.3 - 5.4	3.7 (15)
Secchi (m)	0.7 - 1.7	1.1 (15)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	3 - 39	8 (16)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	16432 - 49993	37179 (16)
Salinity (ppt)	10 - 31	23 (16)

Figure 2. Alligator Harbor-1 trend plots of year by average. The R^2 value indicates the strength of the relations (ranges from 0.0 to 1.0; higher the R^2 the stronger the relation) and the p value indicates if the relation is significant (p < 0.05 is significant). Total phosphorus (TP No Trend, R^2 = 0.14, p = 0.15), total nitrogen (TN No Trend, R^2 = 0.18, p = 0.10), chlorophyll (CHL No Trend, R^2 = 0.21, p = 0.08) and Secchi depth (Secchi Decreasing, R^2 = 0.52, p = 0.00).



LAKEWATCH Report for Alligator Harbor-2 in Franklin County Estuary and Estuary Segment: Apalachicola Bay and Alligator Harbor Alligator Harbor Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

Introduction for Estuaries

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The maps defining individual estuaries and coastal segments can be found at the following link: https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-05420

The individual nutrient criteria can be found at the following link: https://www.flrules.org/gateway/RuleNo.asp?title=SURFACE%20WATER%20QUALITY%20STAND ARDS&ID=62-302.532

Base File Data for Estuaries: Definitions:

- **County**: Name of county adjacent to the system.
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- Water Body Type: Four different types of systems; lakes, estuaries, river/streams and springs.
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- Latitude and Longitude: Coordinates identifying the exact location of station 1 for each system.

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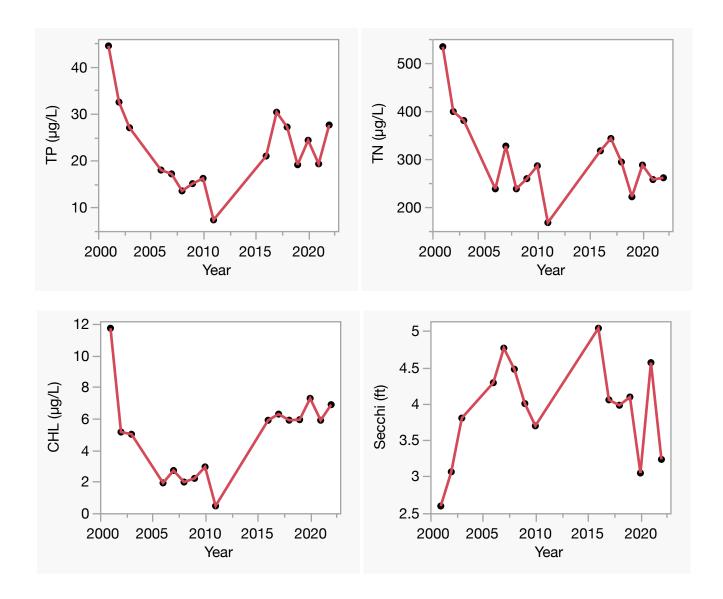
County	Franklin
Name	Alligator Harbor-2
GNIS Number	308389
Water Body Type	Estuary
Period of Record (years, range)	16 (2001 to 2022)
Latitude	29.9197
Longitude	-84.4418

- Total Phosphorus (µg/L): Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
- Total Nitrogen (µg/L): Nutrient needed for aquatic plant/algae growth but only limiting when nitrogen to phosphorus ratios are generally less than 10 (by mass).
- Chlorophyll-uncorrected (μ g/L): Chlorophyll concentrations are used to measure relative abundances of open water algae.
- Secchi (ft), Secchi (m): Secchi measurements are estimates of water clarity.
- Color (Pt-Co Units): LAKEWATCH measures true color, which is the color of the water after particles have been filtered out.
- Specific Conductance (μS/cm@25°C), Salinity (ppt): Measurement of the ability of water to conduct electricity and can be used to estimate the amount of dissolved materials in water.

Table 2. Long-term trophic state data collected monthly by LAKEWATCH volunteers and color and specific conductance/salinity (collected quarterly).

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum	Grand Geometric Mean
	Annual Geometric Means	(Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	7 - 44	21 (16)
Total Nitrogen (μg/L)	167 - 534	290 (16)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	0 - 12	4 (16)
Secchi (ft)	2.6 - 5.0	3.9 (15)
Secchi (m)	0.8 - 1.5	1.2 (15)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	3 - 26	8 (16)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	25495 - 49304	39251 (16)
Salinity (ppt)	16 - 31	24 (16)

Figure 2. Alligator Harbor-2 trend plots of year by average. The R^2 value indicates the strength of the relations (ranges from 0.0 to 1.0; higher the R^2 the stronger the relation) and the p value indicates if the relation is significant (p < 0.05 is significant). Total phosphorus (TP No Trend, R^2 = 0.03, p = 0.51), total nitrogen (TN Decreasing, R^2 = 0.26, p = 0.04), chlorophyll (CHL No Trend, R^2 = 0.03, p = 0.53) and Secchi depth (Secchi No Trend, R^2 = 0.04, p = 0.47).



LAKEWATCH Report for Alligator Harbor-3 in Franklin County Estuary and Estuary Segment: Apalachicola Bay and Alligator Harbor Alligator Harbor Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

Introduction for Estuaries

This report summarizes data collected on systems that have been part of the LAKEWATCH program. Data are from the period of record for individual systems. The first part of this summary lists background data for each system, the second part lists the long-term data averages and ranges and the final part are trend plots for nutrients, chlorophyll, and Secchi depth. Plots were only made for systems with five or more years of data.

The near shore Florida coastline is separated into estuary and estuary segments within the estuary. Deeper coastal waters are separated into coastal nutrient regions and coastal nutrient segments within the regions. Numeric nutrient criteria are established for all estuary segments, including criteria for total nitrogen, total phosphorus, and chlorophyll a. For open ocean coastal waters, numeric criteria are established for chlorophyll a, that is derived from satellite remote sensing techniques. For those locations without defined segments there are narrative nutrient criteria (e.g., Florida Keys Halo Zone).

The maps defining individual estuaries and coastal segments can be found at the following link: https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-05420

The individual nutrient criteria can be found at the following link: https://www.flrules.org/gateway/RuleNo.asp?title=SURFACE%20WATER%20QUALITY%20STAND ARDS&ID=62-302.532

Base File Data for Estuaries: Definitions:

- **County**: Name of county adjacent to the system.
- Name: System name that LAKEWATCH uses for the station.
- **GNIS Number**: Number created by USGS's Geographic Names Information System.
- Water Body Type: Four different types of systems; lakes, estuaries, river/streams and springs.
- Period of Record (years): Number of years a system has been in the LAKEWATCH program.
- Latitude and Longitude: Coordinates identifying the exact location of station 1 for each system.

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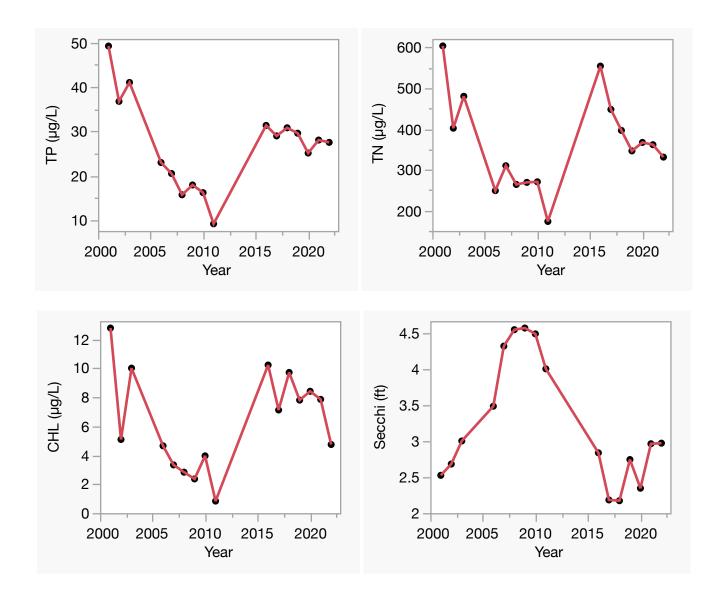
County	Franklin
Name	Alligator Harbor-3
GNIS Number	308389
Water Body Type	Estuary
Period of Record (years, range)	16 (2001 to 2022)
Latitude	29.9193
Longitude	-84.4052

- Total Phosphorus (µg/L): Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
- Total Nitrogen (µg/L): Nutrient needed for aquatic plant/algae growth but only limiting when nitrogen to phosphorus ratios are generally less than 10 (by mass).
- Chlorophyll-uncorrected (μ g/L): Chlorophyll concentrations are used to measure relative abundances of open water algae.
- Secchi (ft), Secchi (m): Secchi measurements are estimates of water clarity.
- Color (Pt-Co Units): LAKEWATCH measures true color, which is the color of the water after particles have been filtered out.
- Specific Conductance (μS/cm@25°C), Salinity (ppt): Measurement of the ability of water to conduct electricity and can be used to estimate the amount of dissolved materials in water.

Table 2. Long-term trophic state data collected monthly by LAKEWATCH volunteers and color and specific conductance/salinity (collected quarterly).

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum	Grand Geometric Mean
	Annual Geometric Means	(Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	9 - 49	25 (16)
Total Nitrogen (μg/L)	173 - 603	347 (16)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	1 - 13	5 (16)
Secchi (ft)	2.2 - 4.6	3.1 (16)
Secchi (m)	0.7 - 1.4	1.0 (16)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	2 - 24	8 (16)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	22450 - 49304	38047 (16)
Salinity (ppt)	14 - 31	24 (16)

Figure 2. Alligator Harbor-3 trend plots of year by average. The R^2 value indicates the strength of the relations (ranges from 0.0 to 1.0; higher the R^2 the stronger the relation) and the p value indicates if the relation is significant (p < 0.05 is significant). Total phosphorus (TP No Trend, $R^2 = 0.05$, p = 0.43), total nitrogen (TN No Trend, $R^2 = 0.01$, p = 0.74), chlorophyll (CHL No Trend, $R^2 = 0.01$, p = 0.73) and Secchi depth (Secchi No Trend, $R^2 = 0.12$, p = 0.18).



LAKEWATCH Report for Alligator Harbor-4 in Franklin County Estuary and Estuary Segment: Apalachicola Bay and Alligator Harbor Alligator Harbor Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

Introduction for Estuaries

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The near shore Florida coastline is separated into estuary and estuary segments within the estuary. Deeper coastal waters are separated into coastal nutrient regions and coastal nutrient segments within the regions. Numeric nutrient criteria are established for all estuary segments, including criteria for total nitrogen, total phosphorus, and chlorophyll a. For open ocean coastal waters, numeric criteria are established for chlorophyll a, that is derived from satellite remote sensing techniques. For those locations without defined segments there are narrative nutrient criteria (e.g., Florida Keys Halo Zone).

The maps defining individual estuaries and coastal segments can be found at the following link: https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-05420

The individual nutrient criteria can be found at the following link: https://www.flrules.org/gateway/RuleNo.asp?title=SURFACE%20WATER%20QUALITY%20STAND ARDS&ID=62-302.532

Base File Data for Estuaries: Definitions:

- **County**: Name of county adjacent to the system.
- Name: System name that LAKEWATCH uses for the station.
- GNIS Number: Number created by USGS's Geographic Names Information System.
- Water Body Type: Four different types of systems; lakes, estuaries, river/streams and springs.
- Period of Record (years): Number of years a system has been in the LAKEWATCH program.
- Latitude and Longitude: Coordinates identifying the exact location of station 1 for each system.

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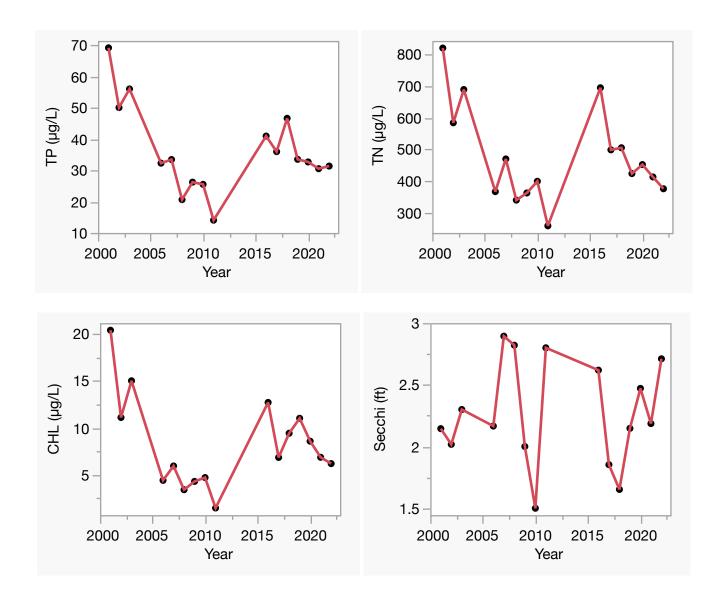
County	Franklin
Name	Alligator Harbor-4
GNIS Number	308389
Water Body Type	Estuary
Period of Record (years, range)	16 (2001 to 2022)
Latitude	29.9040
Longitude	-84.3715

- Total Phosphorus (µg/L): Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
- Total Nitrogen (µg/L): Nutrient needed for aquatic plant/algae growth but only limiting when nitrogen to phosphorus ratios are generally less than 10 (by mass).
- Chlorophyll-uncorrected (μ g/L): Chlorophyll concentrations are used to measure relative abundances of open water algae.
- Secchi (ft), Secchi (m): Secchi measurements are estimates of water clarity.
- Color (Pt-Co Units): LAKEWATCH measures true color, which is the color of the water after particles have been filtered out.
- Specific Conductance (μS/cm@25°C), Salinity (ppt): Measurement of the ability of water to conduct electricity and can be used to estimate the amount of dissolved materials in water.

Table 2. Long-term trophic state data collected monthly by LAKEWATCH volunteers and color and specific conductance/salinity (collected quarterly).

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum	Grand Geometric Mean
	Annual Geometric Means	(Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	14 - 69	34 (16)
Total Nitrogen (μg/L)	258 - 822	458 (16)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	1 - 20	7 (16)
Secchi (ft)	1.5 - 2.9	2.2 (16)
Secchi (m)	0.5 - 0.9	0.7 (16)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	3 - 16	9 (16)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	31464 - 48581	39072 (16)
Salinity (ppt)	19 - 30	24 (16)

Figure 2. Alligator Harbor-4 trend plots of year by average. The R^2 value indicates the strength of the relations (ranges from 0.0 to 1.0; higher the R^2 the stronger the relation) and the p value indicates if the relation is significant (p < 0.05 is significant). Total phosphorus (TP No Trend, R^2 = 0.15, p = 0.14), total nitrogen (TN No Trend, R^2 = 0.13, p = 0.17), chlorophyll (CHL No Trend, R^2 = 0.07, p = 0.33) and Secchi depth (Secchi No Trend, R^2 = 0.00, p = 0.95).



LAKEWATCH Report for Alligator Harbor-5 in Franklin County Estuary and Estuary Segment: Apalachicola Bay and Alligator Harbor Alligator Harbor Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

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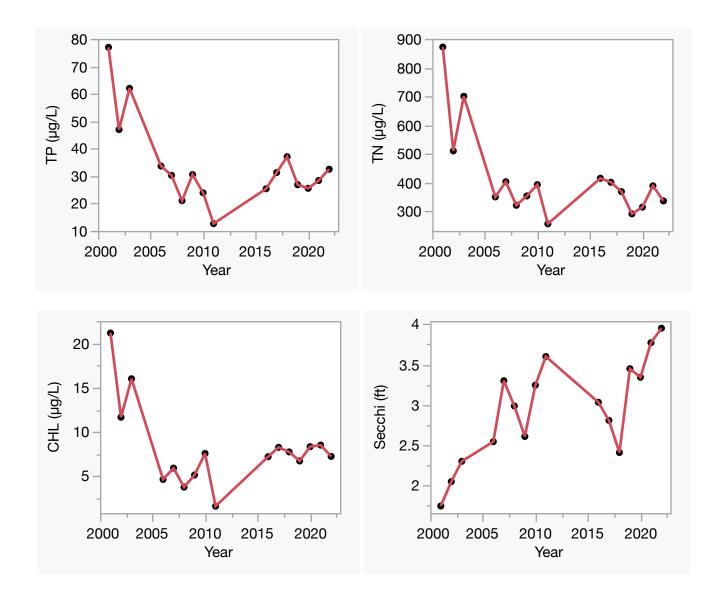
County	Franklin
Name	Alligator Harbor-5
GNIS Number	308389
Water Body Type	Estuary
Period of Record (years, range)	16 (2001 to 2022)
Latitude	29.9063
Longitude	-84.4180

- Total Phosphorus (µg/L): Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
- Total Nitrogen (µg/L): Nutrient needed for aquatic plant/algae growth but only limiting when nitrogen to phosphorus ratios are generally less than 10 (by mass).
- Chlorophyll-uncorrected (μ g/L): Chlorophyll concentrations are used to measure relative abundances of open water algae.
- Secchi (ft), Secchi (m): Secchi measurements are estimates of water clarity.
- Color (Pt-Co Units): LAKEWATCH measures true color, which is the color of the water after particles have been filtered out.
- Specific Conductance (μS/cm@25°C), Salinity (ppt): Measurement of the ability of water to conduct electricity and can be used to estimate the amount of dissolved materials in water.

Table 2. Long-term trophic state data collected monthly by LAKEWATCH volunteers and color and specific conductance/salinity (collected quarterly).

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (μg/L)	13 - 77	31 (16)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	255 - 872	395 (16)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	2 - 21	7 (16)
Secchi (ft)	1.7 - 4.0	2.9 (16)
Secchi (m)	0.5 - 1.2	0.9 (16)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	3 - 21	8 (16)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	18735 - 48581	38030 (16)
Salinity (ppt)	11 - 30	24 (16)

Figure 2. Alligator Harbor-5 trend plots of year by average. The R^2 value indicates the strength of the relations (ranges from 0.0 to 1.0; higher the R^2 the stronger the relation) and the p value indicates if the relation is significant (p < 0.05 is significant). Total phosphorus (TP Decreasing, $R^2 = 0.31$, p = 0.03), total nitrogen (TN Decreasing, $R^2 = 0.37$, p = 0.01), chlorophyll (CHL No Trend, $R^2 = 0.16$, p = 0.13) and Secchi depth (Secchi Increasing, $R^2 = 0.52$, p = 0.00).



LAKEWATCH Report for Alligator Harbor-6 in Franklin County Estuary and Estuary Segment: Apalachicola Bay and Alligator Harbor Alligator Harbor Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

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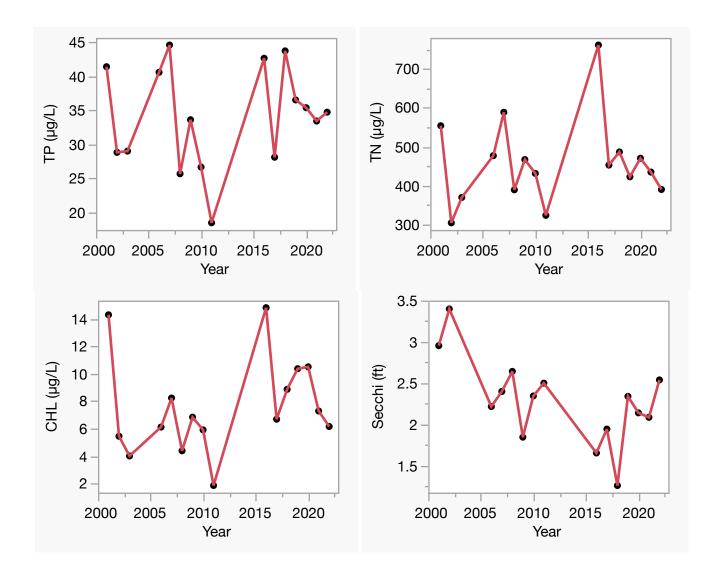
County	Franklin
Name	Alligator Harbor-6
GNIS Number	308389
Water Body Type	Estuary
Period of Record (years, range)	16 (2001 to 2022)
Latitude	29.8982
Longitude	-84.3777

- Total Phosphorus (µg/L): Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
- Total Nitrogen (µg/L): Nutrient needed for aquatic plant/algae growth but only limiting when nitrogen to phosphorus ratios are generally less than 10 (by mass).
- Chlorophyll-uncorrected (μ g/L): Chlorophyll concentrations are used to measure relative abundances of open water algae.
- Secchi (ft), Secchi (m): Secchi measurements are estimates of water clarity.
- Color (Pt-Co Units): LAKEWATCH measures true color, which is the color of the water after particles have been filtered out.
- Specific Conductance (μS/cm@25°C), Salinity (ppt): Measurement of the ability of water to conduct electricity and can be used to estimate the amount of dissolved materials in water.

Table 2. Long-term trophic state data collected monthly by LAKEWATCH volunteers and color and specific conductance/salinity (collected quarterly).

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum	Grand Geometric Mean
	Annual Geometric Means	(Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	18 - 45	33 (16)
Total Nitrogen (μg/L)	305 - 761	447 (16)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	2 - 15	7 (16)
Secchi (ft)	1.3 - 3.4	2.2 (15)
Secchi (m)	0.4 - 1.0	0.7 (15)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	4 - 23	10 (16)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	26870 - 49651	38344 (16)
Salinity (ppt)	17 - 31	24 (16)

Figure 2. Alligator Harbor-6 trend plots of year by average. The R^2 value indicates the strength of the relations (ranges from 0.0 to 1.0; higher the R^2 the stronger the relation) and the p value indicates if the relation is significant (p < 0.05 is significant). Total phosphorus (TP No Trend, $R^2 = 0.01$, p = 0.71), total nitrogen (TN No Trend, $R^2 = 0.01$, p = 0.69), chlorophyll (CHL No Trend, $R^2 = 0.03$, p = 0.51) and Secchi depth (Secchi Decreasing, $R^2 = 0.34$, p = 0.02).



LAKEWATCH Report for Alligator Harbor-7 in Franklin County Estuary and Estuary Segment: Apalachicola Bay and Alligator Harbor Alligator Harbor Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

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The individual nutrient criteria can be found at the following link: https://www.flrules.org/gateway/RuleNo.asp?title=SURFACE%20WATER%20QUALITY%20STAND ARDS&ID=62-302.532

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- **GNIS Number**: Number created by USGS's Geographic Names Information System.
- Water Body Type: Four different types of systems; lakes, estuaries, river/streams and springs.
- Period of Record (years): Number of years a system has been in the LAKEWATCH program.
- Latitude and Longitude: Coordinates identifying the exact location of station 1 for each system.

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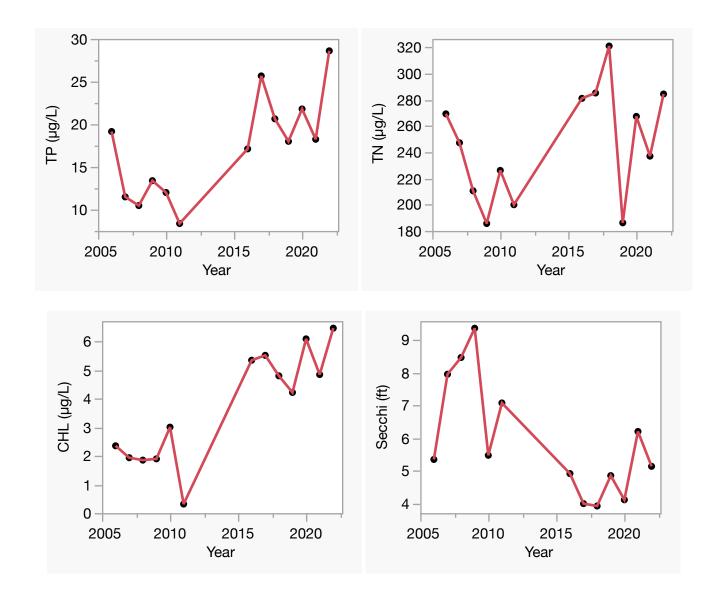
County	Franklin
Name	Alligator Harbor-7
GNIS Number	308389
Water Body Type	Estuary
Period of Record (years, range)	13 (2006 to 2022)
Latitude	29.9257
Longitude	-84.4508

- Total Phosphorus (µg/L): Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
- Total Nitrogen (µg/L): Nutrient needed for aquatic plant/algae growth but only limiting when nitrogen to phosphorus ratios are generally less than 10 (by mass).
- Chlorophyll-uncorrected (μ g/L): Chlorophyll concentrations are used to measure relative abundances of open water algae.
- Secchi (ft), Secchi (m): Secchi measurements are estimates of water clarity.
- Color (Pt-Co Units): LAKEWATCH measures true color, which is the color of the water after particles have been filtered out.
- Specific Conductance (μS/cm@25°C), Salinity (ppt): Measurement of the ability of water to conduct electricity and can be used to estimate the amount of dissolved materials in water.

Table 2. Long-term trophic state data collected monthly by LAKEWATCH volunteers and color and specific conductance/salinity (collected quarterly).

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum	Grand Geometric Mean
	Annual Geometric Means	(Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (μg/L)	8 - 29	16 (13)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	186 - 321	243 (13)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	0 - 6	3 (13)
Secchi (ft)	3.9 - 9.4	5.7 (13)
Secchi (m)	1.2 - 2.9	1.7 (13)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	3 - 13	7 (13)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	30397 - 47000	38991 (13)
Salinity (ppt)	19 - 29	24 (13)

Figure 2. Alligator Harbor-7 trend plots of year by average. The R^2 value indicates the strength of the relations (ranges from 0.0 to 1.0; higher the R^2 the stronger the relation) and the p value indicates if the relation is significant (p < 0.05 is significant). Total phosphorus (TP Increasing, R^2 = 0.51, p = 0.01), total nitrogen (TN No Trend, R^2 = 0.14, p = 0.21), chlorophyll (CHL Increasing, R^2 = 0.74, p = 0.00) and Secchi depth (Secchi Decreasing, R^2 = 0.42, p = 0.02).



LAKEWATCH Report for Apalachicola Bay-1 in Franklin County Estuary and Estuary Segment: Apalachicola Bay and Alligator Harbor Apalachicola Bay Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

Introduction for Estuaries

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The individual nutrient criteria can be found at the following link: https://www.flrules.org/gateway/RuleNo.asp?title=SURFACE%20WATER%20QUALITY%20 STANDARDS&ID=62-302.532

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- Latitude and Longitude: Coordinates identifying the exact location of station 1 for each system.

County	Franklin
Name	Apalachicola Bay-1
GNIS Number	277921
Water Body Type	Estuary
Period of Record (years, range)	2 (2007 to 2008)
Latitude	29.7102
Longitude	-85.0125

- Total Phosphorus (µg/L): Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
- Total Nitrogen (µg/L): Nutrient needed for aquatic plant/algae growth but only limiting when nitrogen to phosphorus ratios are generally less than 10 (by mass).
- Chlorophyll-uncorrected (μ g/L): Chlorophyll concentrations are used to measure relative abundances of open water algae.
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Table 2. Long-term trophic state data collected monthly by LAKEWATCH volunteers and color and specific conductance/salinity (collected quarterly).

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (μg/L)	26 - 36	31 (2)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	381 - 419	400 (2)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	8 - 10	9 (2)
Secchi (ft)	2.2 - 2.3	2.2 (2)
Secchi (m)	0.7 - 0.7	0.7 (2)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	6 - 7	7 (2)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	19000 - 29394	23632 (2)
Salinity (ppt)	12 - 18	15 (2)

LAKEWATCH Report for Apalachicola Bay-2 in Franklin County Estuary and Estuary Segment: Apalachicola Bay and Alligator Harbor Apalachicola Bay Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

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County	Franklin
Name	Apalachicola Bay-2
GNIS Number	277921
Water Body Type	Estuary
Period of Record (years, range)	2 (2007 to 2008)
Latitude	29.6711
Longitude	-84.8707

- Total Phosphorus (µg/L): Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
- Total Nitrogen (µg/L): Nutrient needed for aquatic plant/algae growth but only limiting when nitrogen to phosphorus ratios are generally less than 10 (by mass).
- Chlorophyll-uncorrected (μ g/L): Chlorophyll concentrations are used to measure relative abundances of open water algae.
- Secchi (ft), Secchi (m): Secchi measurements are estimates of water clarity.
- Color (Pt-Co Units): LAKEWATCH measures true color, which is the color of the water after particles have been filtered out.
- Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25°C), Salinity (ppt): Measurement of the ability of water to conduct electricity and can be used to estimate the amount of dissolved materials in water.

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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (μg/L)	19 - 20	19 (2)
Total Nitrogen (μg/L)	280 - 308	294 (2)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	3 - 4	4 (2)
Secchi (ft)	3.5 - 4.7	4.1 (2)
Secchi (m)	1.1 - 1.4	1.2 (2)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	4 - 8	6 (2)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	13000 - 26514	18566 (2)
Salinity (ppt)	8 - 16	11 (2)

LAKEWATCH Report for Apalachicola Bay-3 in Franklin County Estuary and Estuary Segment: Apalachicola Bay and Alligator Harbor St. George Sound Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

Introduction for Estuaries

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The individual nutrient criteria can be found at the following link: https://www.flrules.org/gateway/RuleNo.asp?title=SURFACE%20WATER%20QUALITY%20 STANDARDS&ID=62-302.532

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County	Franklin
Name	Apalachicola Bay-3
GNIS Number	277921
Water Body Type	Estuary
Period of Record (years, range)	2 (2007 to 2008)
Latitude	29.6903
Longitude	-84.7999

- Total Phosphorus (µg/L): Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
- Total Nitrogen (µg/L): Nutrient needed for aquatic plant/algae growth but only limiting when nitrogen to phosphorus ratios are generally less than 10 (by mass).
- Chlorophyll-uncorrected (μ g/L): Chlorophyll concentrations are used to measure relative abundances of open water algae.
- Secchi (ft), Secchi (m): Secchi measurements are estimates of water clarity.
- Color (Pt-Co Units): LAKEWATCH measures true color, which is the color of the water after particles have been filtered out.
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Table 2. Long-term trophic state data collected monthly by LAKEWATCH volunteers and color and specific conductance/salinity (collected quarterly).

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (μg/L)	19 - 21	20 (2)
Total Nitrogen (μg/L)	294 - 304	299 (2)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	5 - 5	5 (2)
Secchi (ft)	3.8 - 4.3	4.1 (2)
Secchi (m)	1.2 - 1.3	1.2 (2)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	5 - 8	6 (2)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	25788 - 26000	25894 (2)
Salinity (ppt)	16 - 16	16 (2)

LAKEWATCH Report for Apalachicola Bay-4 in Franklin County Estuary and Estuary Segment: Apalachicola Bay and Alligator Harbor St. George Sound Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

Introduction for Estuaries

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The individual nutrient criteria can be found at the following link: https://www.flrules.org/gateway/RuleNo.asp?title=SURFACE%20WATER%20QUALITY%20 STANDARDS&ID=62-302.532

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- Water Body Type: Four different types of systems; lakes, estuaries, river/streams and springs.
- **Period of Record (years)**: Number of years a system has been in the LAKEWATCH program.
- Latitude and Longitude: Coordinates identifying the exact location of station 1 for each system.

County	Franklin
Name	Apalachicola Bay-4
GNIS Number	277921
Water Body Type	Estuary
Period of Record (years, range)	2 (2007 to 2008)
Latitude	29.7387
Longitude	-84.8731

- Total Phosphorus (µg/L): Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
- Total Nitrogen (µg/L): Nutrient needed for aquatic plant/algae growth but only limiting when nitrogen to phosphorus ratios are generally less than 10 (by mass).
- Chlorophyll-uncorrected (μ g/L): Chlorophyll concentrations are used to measure relative abundances of open water algae.
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Table 2. Long-term trophic state data collected monthly by LAKEWATCH volunteers and color and specific conductance/salinity (collected quarterly).

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (μg/L)	31 - 31	31 (2)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	356 - 393	374 (2)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	4 - 5	4 (2)
Secchi (ft)	2.1 - 2.6	2.4 (2)
Secchi (m)	0.6 - 0.8	0.7 (2)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	5 - 10	7 (2)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	17146 - 36000	24845 (2)
Salinity (ppt)	10 - 22	15 (2)

LAKEWATCH Report for Apalachicola Bay-5 in Franklin County Estuary and Estuary Segment: Apalachicola Bay and Alligator Harbor East Bay Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

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County	Franklin
Name	Apalachicola Bay-5
GNIS Number	277921
Water Body Type	Estuary
Period of Record (years, range)	2 (2007 to 2008)
Latitude	29.7400
Longitude	-84.9040

- Total Phosphorus (µg/L): Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
- Total Nitrogen (µg/L): Nutrient needed for aquatic plant/algae growth but only limiting when nitrogen to phosphorus ratios are generally less than 10 (by mass).
- Chlorophyll-uncorrected (μ g/L): Chlorophyll concentrations are used to measure relative abundances of open water algae.
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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (μg/L)	26 - 28	27 (2)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	347 - 400	373 (2)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	7 - 8	7 (2)
Secchi (ft)	2.1 - 2.5	2.3 (2)
Secchi (m)	0.6 - 0.8	0.7 (2)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	4 - 13	8 (2)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	6910 - 20000	11756 (2)
Salinity (ppt)	4 - 12	7 (2)

LAKEWATCH Report for Turtle Harbor-1 in Franklin County Estuary and Estuary Segment: Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

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County	Franklin
Name	Turtle Harbor-1
GNIS Number	292576
Water Body Type	Estuary
Period of Record (years, range)	2 (2016 to 2017)
Latitude	29.7369
Longitude	-85.0056

- Total Phosphorus (µg/L): Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
- Total Nitrogen (µg/L): Nutrient needed for aquatic plant/algae growth but only limiting when nitrogen to phosphorus ratios are generally less than 10 (by mass).
- Chlorophyll-uncorrected (μ g/L): Chlorophyll concentrations are used to measure relative abundances of open water algae.
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- Color (Pt-Co Units): LAKEWATCH measures true color, which is the color of the water after particles have been filtered out.
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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (μg/L)	35 - 40	37 (2)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	430 - 539	482 (2)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	14 - 14	14 (2)
Secchi (ft)	2.0 - 2.2	2.1 (2)
Secchi (m)	0.6 - 0.7	0.6 (2)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	16 - 22	19 (2)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	729 - 2222	1273 (2)
Salinity (ppt)	0 - 4	1 (2)

LAKEWATCH Report for Turtle Harbor-2 in Franklin County Estuary and Estuary Segment: Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

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County	Franklin
Name	Turtle Harbor-2
GNIS Number	292576
Water Body Type	Estuary
Period of Record (years, range)	2 (2016 to 2017)
Latitude	29.7370
Longitude	-85.0046

- Total Phosphorus (µg/L): Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
- Total Nitrogen (µg/L): Nutrient needed for aquatic plant/algae growth but only limiting when nitrogen to phosphorus ratios are generally less than 10 (by mass).
- Chlorophyll-uncorrected (μ g/L): Chlorophyll concentrations are used to measure relative abundances of open water algae.
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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (μg/L)	36 - 37	36 (2)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	468 - 494	481 (2)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	11 - 13	12 (2)
Secchi (ft)	2.0 - 2.6	2.3 (2)
Secchi (m)	0.6 - 0.8	0.7 (2)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	16 - 33	23 (2)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	700 - 1153	898 (2)
Salinity (ppt)	0 - 1	0 (2)

LAKEWATCH Report for Turtle Harbor-3 in Franklin County Estuary and Estuary Segment: Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

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- **Period of Record (years)**: Number of years a system has been in the LAKEWATCH program.
- Latitude and Longitude: Coordinates identifying the exact location of station 1 for each system.

County	Franklin
Name	Turtle Harbor-3
GNIS Number	292576
Water Body Type	Estuary
Period of Record (years, range)	2 (2016 to 2017)
Latitude	29.7370
Longitude	-85.0032

- Total Phosphorus (µg/L): Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
- Total Nitrogen (µg/L): Nutrient needed for aquatic plant/algae growth but only limiting when nitrogen to phosphorus ratios are generally less than 10 (by mass).
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Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (μg/L)	33 - 38	35 (2)
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	459 - 582	517 (2)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	14 - 15	14 (2)
Secchi (ft)	2.2 - 2.3	2.2 (2)
Secchi (m)	0.7 - 0.7	0.7 (2)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	19 - 30	24 (2)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	949 - 1178	1057 (2)
Salinity (ppt)	0 - 1	1 (2)

LAKEWATCH Report for Turtle Harbor-4 in Franklin County Estuary and Estuary Segment: Using Data Downloaded 12/9/2022

Introduction for Estuaries

This report summarizes data collected on systems that have been part of the LAKEWATCH program. Data are from the period of record for individual systems. The first part of this summary lists background data for each system, the second part lists the long-term data averages and ranges and the final part are trend plots for nutrients, chlorophyll, and Secchi depth. Plots were only made for systems with five or more years of data.

The near shore Florida coastline is separated into estuary and estuary segments within the estuary. Deeper coastal waters are separated into coastal nutrient regions and coastal nutrient segments within the regions. Numeric nutrient criteria are established for all estuary segments, including criteria for total nitrogen, total phosphorus, and chlorophyll a. For open ocean coastal waters, numeric criteria are established for chlorophyll a, that is derived from satellite remote sensing techniques. For those locations without defined segments there are narrative nutrient criteria (e.g., Florida Keys Halo Zone).

The maps defining individual estuaries and coastal segments can be found at the following link: https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-05420

The individual nutrient criteria can be found at the following link: https://www.flrules.org/gateway/RuleNo.asp?title=SURFACE%20WATER%20QUALITY%20 STANDARDS&ID=62-302.532

Base File Data for Estuaries: Definitions:

- County: Name of county adjacent to the system.
- Name: System name that LAKEWATCH uses for the station.
- GNIS Number: Number created by USGS's Geographic Names Information System.
- Water Body Type: Four different types of systems; lakes, estuaries, river/streams and springs.
- **Period of Record (years)**: Number of years a system has been in the LAKEWATCH program.
- Latitude and Longitude: Coordinates identifying the exact location of station 1 for each system.

County	Franklin
Name	Turtle Harbor-4
GNIS Number	292576
Water Body Type	Estuary
Period of Record (years, range)	1 (2017 to 2017)
Latitude	29.7370
Longitude	-85.0030

- Total Phosphorus (µg/L): Nutrient most often limiting growth of plant/algae.
- Total Nitrogen (µg/L): Nutrient needed for aquatic plant/algae growth but only limiting when nitrogen to phosphorus ratios are generally less than 10 (by mass).
- Chlorophyll-uncorrected (μ g/L): Chlorophyll concentrations are used to measure relative abundances of open water algae.
- Secchi (ft), Secchi (m): Secchi measurements are estimates of water clarity.
- Color (Pt-Co Units): LAKEWATCH measures true color, which is the color of the water after particles have been filtered out.
- Specific Conductance (μS/cm@25°C), Salinity (ppt): Measurement of the ability of water to conduct electricity and can be used to estimate the amount of dissolved materials in water.

Table 2. Long-term trophic state data collected monthly by LAKEWATCH volunteers and color and specific conductance/salinity (collected quarterly).

Parameter	Minimum and Maximum Annual Geometric Means	Grand Geometric Mean (Sampling years)
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	37 - 37	37 (1)
Total Nitrogen (μg/L)	1070 - 1070	1070 (1)
Chlorophyll- uncorrected (µg/L)	15 - 15	15 (1)
Secchi (ft)	2.5 - 2.5	2.5 (1)
Secchi (m)	0.8 - 0.8	0.8 (1)
Color (Pt-Co Units)	45 - 45	45 (1)
Specific Conductance (µS/cm@25 C)	1713 - 1713	1713 (1)
Salinity (ppt)	1 - 1	1(1)