

BECOMING A PROFESSIONAL MANGROVE TRIMMER

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FMTPA

Florida Mangrove Trimming and Preservation Act

FS403.9329 Professional Mangrove Trimmers



Professional Mangrove Trimmer

- Certified Arborists - International Society of Arboriculture (ISA)
- Professional Wetland Scientists - Society of Wetland Scientists
- Certified Environmental Professionals - Academy of Board Certified Environmental Professionals
- Certified Ecologists - Ecological Society of America
- Landscape Architect - Licensed under FS Chapter 481 Part II
- FDEP Qualified through Experience
- Qualified by a Delegated Local Government



FDEP Qualified through Experience

DEFINITION

Persons who have conducted mangrove trimming as part of their business or employment and who are able to demonstrate to the department or a delegated local government.



PMT Application

- Written Request to FDEP (Letter with Letterhead)
- Notarized Swarm Statement Attesting:
 - a) Ten (10) Successful Mangrove-Trimming Projects (Spread sheet)
 - 1) Project Name
 - 2) Project Number
 - b) Projects Not in Violation (Statement in Letter)
 - c) Applicant Can Identify Mangrove Species. (Statement in Letter)
- FDEP has 60 days to grant or deny request.



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Subsequent Actions:

Exemption Trim – No further action

Permitted Trim – Written Notice to Department
Party to application
Notify FDEP



PMT Delegated Local Government

- Can Establish Criteria including:
 - Registration
 - Annual Fee NTE \$500
 - Written Notice of Exemption Trim
 - Require PMT to be on site during a trim event.
- Locally Registered PMT can only trim within jurisdiction.



PMT Liability

403.9332 (b) In all cases, the applicant, permittee, landowner, and person performing the trimming are jointly and severally liable for performing restoration under paragraph (a) and for ensuring that the restoration successfully results in a variable mangrove community that can offset the impacts caused by the removal, destruction, or defoliation of mangroves. The applicant, landowner, and person performing the trimming are also jointly and severally subject to penalties.