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Subject/Title: Fishing on Campus
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Date Revised:
Responsible Division/Department: Facilities and Safety Services
Initiating Authority: Mark Mroczkowski, VP & CFO

A. APPLICABILITY/ACCOUNTABILITY:

This policy provides guidelines for fishing on the J.D. Alexander campus. The primary basis for these restrictions is to ensure human safety. Many local bodies of water are inhabited by alligators, snakes, or other animals that may be a danger to humans and warning signs may be insufficient.

B. POLICY STATEMENT:

Consistent with Florida Polytechnic University’s mission, the University promotes environmental sustainability. An environmental conscience balanced with economic and social aspirations is a guiding University principle. Restricting the area on campus which may be utilized for fishing ensures the University is responsibly caring for and preserving its natural resources, as well as ensuring public safety. This policy serves as prior written approval by the University President for fishing as contemplated by regulation FPU 1.0031P titled “Campus Water Bodies.”

C. DEFINITIONS:

- a. Catch and Release. Catch and release is the conservation-based fishing practice whereby fish are caught, unhooked, and returned to the water without causing significant injury to the fish.
- b. Leave No Trace. Leave no trace is the conservation-based fishing practice whereby participants (fishers, spectators, etc.) ensure that the waterbody being utilized is left in the same condition as it was found.

D. PROCEDURES:

- a. Fishing is restricted to the southernmost pond of the J.D. Alexander Campus, the body of water immediately adjacent to the University Flag Park, as pictured in Appendix I. No other waterbodies on the J.D. Alexander campus or any other University property may be fished.
- b. Fishing is permitted only by employees and students of the University.
- c. The concrete seawall/causeway located on the north end of the south pond is the only permissible area for fishing access. Access is prohibited from the grassy areas surrounding the pond.
- d. Fishers must have a valid Florida fishing license (unless exempt by state law).
- e. Only catch and release fishing is permitted.

- f. “Leave no trace” principles must be utilized. This includes but is not limited to food and drink receptacles, fishing gear (hooks, fishing line, sinkers, artificial baits, etc.).
- g. No vessels are permitted on the south pond that are not owned by the University.
- h. Wade fishing or entering the water is prohibited.
- i. If equipment becomes entangled or “snagged” on vegetation, debris, etc. the line must be cut.
- j. Wildlife may not be fed except the fish consuming bait.
- k. Cast nets are prohibited.

E. VIOLATIONS.

Noncompliance with this policy by employees may result in progressive discipline up to and including termination. Noncompliance by students is a violation of the Student Code of Conduct (FPU 3.006).

POLICY APPROVAL	
Policy No.: FPU-1.0032P	
_____ Initiating Authority	_____ Date
_____ Policies & Procedures Review Committee Chair	_____ Date
_____ President/Designee	_____ Date
_____ Approved by FPU BOT, if required	_____ Date
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