



## The McDowell Foundation

Pasco County public education for scallop conservation, clean water, safe scalloping, and seagrass stewardship.



# Scallop Conservation + Clean Water

Updated public handouts and real-image print pages for Pasco County outreach.

### Quick facts

- Pasco Zone opens in summer.
- Bag limit is set by FWC.
- Seagrass health and water clarity matter.



Scan for updated handouts, print pages with real images, and volunteer opportunities.

### Why it matters

- Bay scallops need shallow seagrass habitat.
- Seagrass needs clean, clear water and sunlight.
- Responsible harvest and shell disposal help protect the fishery.
- The McDowell Foundation is building a local stewardship culture in Pasco County.

## Protect habitat

### Key message

- Idle or trim up in shallow water.
- Avoid prop scars and anchor on sand where possible.
- Support clean water for healthy seagrass.

### Local note

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## Let small scallops grow

### Key message

- Use the voluntary 2-inch sorter message.
- If it fits through, let it grow.
- Keep only what you will use.

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## Get involved

### Key message

- Volunteer for outreach or cleanups.
- Sponsor print materials or sorter giveaways.
- Invite the Foundation to your event, school, or marina.

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