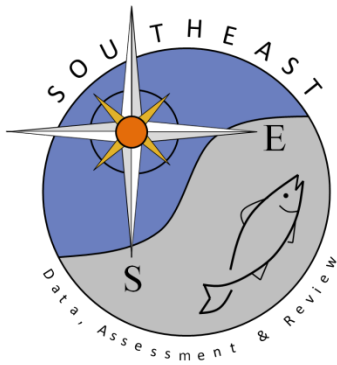


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More detailed information on the FL FWC-FIM program can be found in SEDAR-PW6-RD14 (2012 Program Data Summary Report). Summary reports are prepared annually and earlier reports are available on request. Additional metadata about the sampling program, specifically information on methodological changes are below.

FWC-FIM data collected from 1996 on will be consistent in most respects. 1996 is the year the program transitioned from seasonal sampling to year-round monthly sampling. At this time, we also dropped night-time sampling and started to collect samples only between 1hr after sunrise to 1hr before sunset. The standard gear types (21.3-m seines and 6.1-m otter trawls), deployment methodology, and sample workup has not changed since then either. The only real changes since 1996 would be expansions/contractions within adjacent geographic areas (Zones) of each estuary and some modifications of sample sizes (fewer/more hauls per zone) as funding allowed and/or data dictated. Zone expansions/contractions were occasionally gear-specific and are detailed below:

### **Northern Indian River Lagoon:**

1/1996: start of monthly SRS FIM sampling in Zones A – E with 21.3-m seines and 6.1-m otter trawls

12/1997: stopped monthly SRS FIM sampling in Zones A – E with 6.1-m otter trawls

1/1998: added monthly SRS FIM sampling in Zone H with 21.3-m seines

3/1999: added monthly SRS FIM sampling in Zone F with 21.3-m seines

1/2003: added monthly SRS FIM sampling in Zone H with 6.1-m otter trawls

### **Northeast Florida:**

5/2001: start of monthly SRS FIM sampling in Zones A – D with 21.3-m seines and 6.1-m otter trawls

7/2005: added monthly SRS FIM sampling in Zones E – F with 21.3-m seines and 6.1-m otter trawls

Zone boundaries can be found within the lab-specific sections of the 2012 annual report (SEDAR-PW7-RD14; Figure 1).