

Table 3

**Months During Which Manatees Have Been Documented in St. Johns County Waterways,  
(Based on satellite telemetry, mortalities and rescues)**

Location	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Atlantic Ocean	X		X	X								X
AICW/Matanzas River from Flagler Co line to Matanzas Inlet	X		X		X					X		X
AICW and Matanzas River from Matanzas Inlet to St. Augustine Inlet	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
AICW and Tolomato R from St. Augustine Inlet to Duval County line	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
St. Johns R in St. Johns Co.	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
St. Johns River in neighboring Counties (i.e., Duval, Clay & Putnam)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Julington Creek	X	X					X	X	X	X		

Collectively, data obtained through aerial surveys and radio telemetry makes it apparent that manatees are found in most of St. Johns County’s non-land-locked waterways. Although they may be present in any month of the year, abundance is minimal during the coldest months of the year. Tracking of satellite-tagged manatees has revealed that many individual manatees have seasonal movements. Due to their sensitivity to cold water, manatees that range widely during the summer months seek warm water (e.g., springs, power plant discharges, or the naturally warmer waters of springs or in south Florida) during the winter. There are no known warm water attracts in St. Johns County, and there do not appear to be any major congregating areas within the County.

Results of Captures

Whenever an injured manatee is captured and taken to a recovery center, the location from which it was captured is recorded. There have been 18 captures of manatees in St. Johns County, and the location of each of these captures has helped to understand manatee presence in the County.

Locations of Carcass Recoveries

The locations in St. Johns County where manatees carcasses have been recovered also provides some information regarding habitat usage, although, as previously described, it must be recognized that the location where the carcass is recovered is not necessarily where it died.