



# 2025 FLORIDA LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

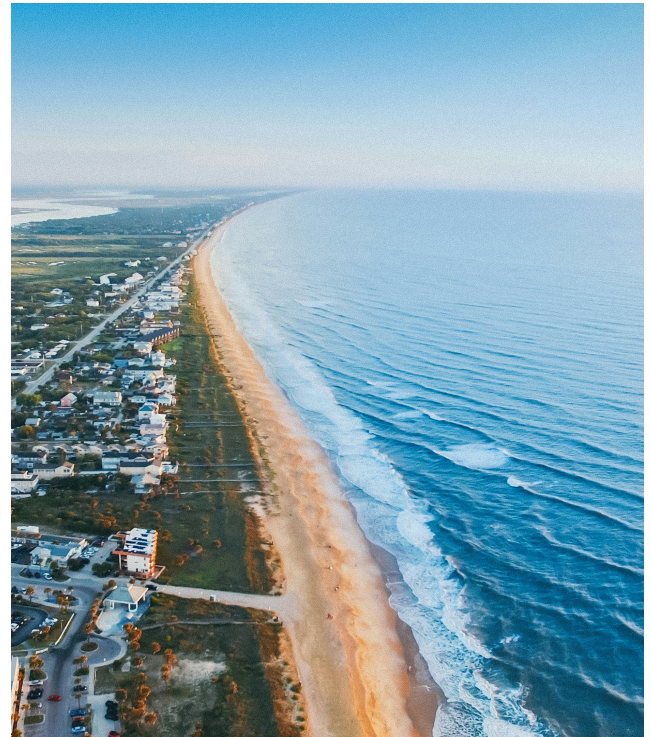
**Florida's coasts and oceans contribute more than \$73.9 billion to the state's economy and more than one million jobs. Yet Florida's coastal communities and environments are increasingly under siege from the impacts of pollution, development, and climate change. Dynamic state leadership is needed to ensure clean water, resilient coastlines, and a healthy ocean to support this public use and invaluable economic activity.**

## Protect Clean Water & Public Health

Sewage spills and stormwater runoff threaten the health of beachgoers, coastal ecosystems, and economies. Consistent water quality monitoring and public notification are needed to protect public health and inform solutions. We must also advance efforts and investments to repair, upgrade, and ensure climate resilience of Florida's failing water infrastructure.

## Advance Resiliency Solutions

Florida's coastal communities, infrastructure, and marine ecosystems are increasingly threatened by sea level rise, extreme weather events, and flooding. Bold state leadership is needed to implement sea level rise solutions that advance coastal resilience, protect coastal and marine habitats and communities, and harness the power of nature to prepare Florida's coasts for flooding and sea level rise.



## Prevent Plastic Pollution

Each year 7,000 tons of wasteful plastic pollution enters the ocean in Florida, posing a major threat to our marine environment and coastal economy. Current state preemption on the regulation of most plastics prevents meaningful regulatory action to curb marine plastic and its negative economic impacts in Florida. Efforts to expand the state preemption further jeopardize the health and appeal of Florida coasts and beaches. Surfrider supports laws aimed at reducing sources of plastic pollution, as well as prevention and response to marine debris.

### About The Surfrider Foundation:

The Surfrider Foundation is a grassroots non-profit environmental organization dedicated to the protection and enjoyment of our ocean, waves and beaches for all people. Founded in 1984 by a handful of visionary surfers, Surfrider's network includes over 185 volunteer chapters and twelve chapters that span Florida's coasts, beaches, and waterways.