

UME Update 1/19/2022

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Monitoring and feeding efforts are on-going at the Temporary Field Response Station in Brevard County. A new shipment of lettuce arrived on Tuesday and staff continue to place these food materials into the PVC feeding corrals and submerged feeders.

Air temperatures have dropped at the Response Station and throughout much of the state. With the lower air temperatures, water temperatures have also begun to drop, and manatees are beginning to visit warm water refuges more frequently. There have been manatees occasionally coming through the waters on the south end of the Response Station. Due to the low number of manatees visiting the south end of the Response Station where the primary temporary feeding trial is taking place, staff are continuing to discuss how to expand feeding strategies and explore other options. Staff have also offered food for manatees at the warm-water discharge location but did not observe any manatees feeding on it.

FWC law enforcement continue to survey and enforce the temporary and permanent No Entry Zones. Additional FWC law enforcement personnel have been deployed to the area to aid in manatee protection measures.

Statewide Rescue and Release Update for 1/12/2022 to 1/18/2022:

1/12 – Teams from the FWC and ZooTampa released a male manatee at the TECO Manatee Viewing Center in Apollo Beach after it was rehabilitated for cold stress.

1/12 – FWC and partners released a male manatee at Morningside Park in Miami. The animal was rescued in February 2021 after having watercraft impact injuries.

1/13 – An adult female manatee that was rescued in August 2021 for watercraft injuries and rehabbed at Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens was released at Port Everglades.

1/13 - A juvenile manatee that was rescued in September 2021 for being underweight and rehabbed at SeaWorld was released at Blue Springs.

1/13 - A juvenile manatee that was rescued in July 2016 as a calf by itself and rehabbed at SeaWorld was released at Blue Springs.

1/14 - The manatee response team rescued an adult female emaciated manatee with cold stress lesions in Crescent City and transported it to SeaWorld for rehabilitation but has subsequently died.

1/14 - A rescue team including FWC biologists and law enforcement, Brevard Zoo, USFWS and Hubbs-SeaWorld rescued an emaciated manatee from a canal in Satellite Beach. The 9 ft., adult female was transported to SeaWorld for rehabilitation.

1/18 – An adult male manatee rescued for cold stress in November 2021 in Hilton Head, SC was released into Blue Springs, Florida.

1/18 - A calf with an injured mother (who later died) was rescued in February 2020 in the Stranahan River. The mother later died, but the calf was rehabbed at Miami Seaquarium and released at Port Everglades as an adult.

1/18 - An adult manatee that was rescued in January 2021 at Manatee Lagoon as a juvenile with severe watercraft injuries and rehabbed at Miami Seaquarium was released at Manatee Lagoon.

