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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Department of State Division of Corporations P. O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

	(PROPOSED CORPORA	te name – <u>must inclu</u>	<u>DE SUFFIX</u>)
Enclosed is an original a	and one(1) copy of the artic	cles of incorporation and a	check for:
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		ADDITIONAL CO	PY REQUIRED
, FROM:	Roy R. Duverge	اکر Printed or typed)	-

SUBJECT: APALACHEE BAY CONGERVANCY, INC.

NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

850-556-1902 Daytime Telephone number

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

In Compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit)

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the corporation shall be: Apalachee Bay Conservancy, Inc.

ARTI CLE I I PRI NCIPAL OFFICE

The principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be: PO Box 611, 99 Shell Island Road, St Marks, Florida 32355-0611

ARTICLE III PURPOSE

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is:

Focus on the environmental issues that face Apalachee Bay. Work as volunteers with various state and federal agencies and parks, collect wildlife data for government and other environmental organizations, produce and offer environmental art educational programs for adults and children.

- I. Said organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- П. No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deduction under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal code.
- III. Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the

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- Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purpose or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purpose.
- IV. In any taxable year in which the organization is a private foundation as described in IRC 509(a), the organization shall distribute its income for said period at such time and manner as not to subject it to tax under IRC 4942, and the organization shall not (a) engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in IRC 4941(d). (b) retain any excess business holdings as defined in IRC 4943(c). (c) make any investments in such a manner as to subject the organization to tax under IRC 4944, or (d) make any taxable expenditures as defined in IRC 4945(d) or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.
- V. Said organization shall represent the members of the corporation regarding issues of concern to the members before government agencies, including municipal, county, regional, state, and federal government entities; to initiate or intervene in judicial or administrative proceedings on behalf of members regarding issues of concern to the members; and to do all other things consistent with this charter and the laws of the State of Florida to advance the goals of the corporation.

ARTICLE IV MANNER OF ELECTION

The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed: Elected by the members at the annual meeting

ARTICLE V INITIAL DIRECTORS/OFFICERS

The name and addresses: Roy R. DuVerger, PO Box 611, St Marks, FL 32355 Donna Decker, PO Box 231, Panacea FL 32346 Marybeth Hayes, PO Box 611, St Marks, FL 32355

ARTICLE VI INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS

The name and Florida street address of the registered agent is: Roy R. DuVerger, PO Box 611, 99 Shell Island Road, St Marks, FL 32355

ARTICLE VII INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator is: Roy R. DuVerger, PO Box 611, 99 Shell Island Road, St Marks, FL 32355

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

RE-ROUVERGER	2-20-2004
Signature/Registered Agent	Date
IRR. Duly Roy R DUVERBER	2-30-2004
Signature/Incorporator	Date

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