

III. Definitions – Glossary of Terms and Acronyms

A. **ACF Basin Stakeholder Boundary (see Appendix A)**- The stakeholder boundaries of the ACF River System, as defined for the purposes of the ACFS, is the drainage basin comprised of the Apalachicola, Chattahoochee, and Flint River basins and Apalachicola Bay watershed. This area includes all tributaries, estuaries, streams (wet or dry), lakes, reservoirs, locks and impoundments bounded by the high ridge lines that define the flow of all waters into Apalachicola Bay. The origins of the water begin in the southern Appalachian Mountains and the adjacent Piedmont and flow to the southern extent of the basin boundary within Florida including the Flint, Chattahoochee, Chipola, Apalachicola, and New Rivers and their major receiving waterbody, Apalachicola Bay. The southern boundary is considered the mean high water line along the south shore of the barrier islands (St. Vincent, St. George, and Dog islands) and Alligator Point that form the Apalachicola estuary.

B. **Administrative issue:** Of, or related, to the management and operation of the ACFS.

C. **Direct Stakeholder:** A stakeholder with a direct interest is any person, party or entity which has an interest in, utilizes, or has an expressed concern in the water resources, surface and sub surface, within the boundaries of the ACF Basin Stakeholder Boundary defined in this document. Stakeholders with a direct interest shall reside in or own real or personal property, or have a property interest in land or facilities that utilize these resources.

D. **Federal and State Agencies:** Federal and State Agencies constitute a special interest of stakeholder in the ACFS due to their control and permitting responsibilities and authorities. Their role in the organization will be defined as the organization evolves. It is the intent that they will be engaged early in the development of the organization with input from the various agencies to define their appropriate role(s).

E. **In Good Faith:** The sincere intention to deal fairly and equitably with others, without deception. The willingness of all ACFS members to interact openly, honestly, and respectfully with all other members.

F. **Indirect Stakeholder:** Stakeholders with an indirect interest, do not live in the ACF Basin, do not utilize the resources of the ACF River basin and do not

utilize the surface or subsurface waters of the ACF. Those parties that reside or own property outside the basin that utilize waters that originate within the ACF basin boundaries, but yield benefit resulting from inter-basin transfer of water that originate in the ACF basin are considered to be stakeholders with an indirect interest. Stakeholders with an indirect interest may have concern or other type of consideration relative to the ACF Basin and its waters.

G. **Meeting:** A gathering of the ACFS lasting one or more partial or full days.

H. **Substantive Issue:** An issue related to the use, operation and management of the ACF system for which the group is considering developing recommendations and/or solutions for.