

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2021 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Agriculture

SB 1634 — Public Records/Aquaculture/Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

by Senators Brodeur and Ausley

SB 1634 makes confidential and exempt from public inspection and copying requirements certain aquaculture records held by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Service. The confidential and exempt records include shellfish receiving and production records generated by shellfish processing facilities, audit records and supporting documentation required for submerged land leases, and aquaculture production records and receipts generated by aquaculture facilities. A record may be disclosed to another governmental entity in the performance of its duties and responsibilities. This exemption applies to aquaculture records held before, on, or after July 1, 2021.

This exemption is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2026, unless reviewed and saved from repeal by the Legislature.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2021.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 117-0