

MADDEN METCALF TALKING POINTS

- **Gulf Coast roots & work ethic** — Born and raised in Panacea, FL (the “Forgotten Coast”), from a four-generation fishing family; mornings on the crab boat and nights working at a local restaurant inform his authenticity and grit.
- **Where his music started** — Learned guitar in his dad’s pole barn on an out-of-tune Taylor, self-taught songwriter shaped by the barn’s soundtrack.
- **Signature sound & influences** — Coastal warmth meets country storytelling: think Johnny Cash storytelling, Jimmy Buffett coastal vibe, Hank Jr./Kenny Chesney southern heart, with contemporary hooks.
- **Saltwater Southern (EP)** — New EP out Spring 2026: blends modern country hooks and warm story songs. Key tracks to reference: “IDWK,” “I Don’t Wanna Cry,” “Heart Is a House,” and “Like My Hometown.”
- **Heart of his songwriting** — Family, faith, and place drive his songs; he writes to honor where he comes from and to make listeners feel seen and less alone.
- **Human-interest anchor — Uncle Darren** — His late uncle Darren (who had Down syndrome) taught him compassion and the power of music to connect people — a central emotional thread in his work.