

**STATE OF FLORIDA**  
**FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Order No. EO 10-03**

**Closures for Tarpon, Bonefish and Snook**

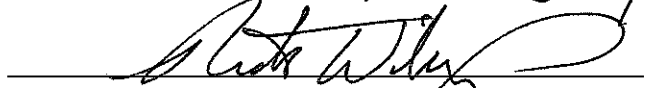
The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission of the State of Florida, acting under the authority of Article IV, Section 9, of the Florida Constitution, and acting through its Executive Director under Delegations of Authority Paragraph 17 and Paragraph 22, and due to the prolonged natural cold weather event that caused significant, widespread mortality of saltwater fish, hereby closes the Tarpon, Bonefish and Snook fisheries as follows:

1. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Chapter 68B-32 F.A.C., no person may harvest in or from state waters or possess tarpon during the period beginning on the effective date of this order and continuing until March 31, 2010, unless the fishery is opened sooner or the closure is extended by subsequent order.
2. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Chapter 68B-34, F.A.C., no person may harvest in or from state waters or possess bonefish during the period beginning on the effective date of this order and continuing until March 31, 2010, unless the fishery is opened sooner or the closure is extended by subsequent order.
3. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Chapter 68B-21, F.A.C., no person may harvest in or from state waters or possess snook during the period beginning on the effective date of this order and continuing until August 31, 2010, unless the fishery is opened sooner or the closure is extended by subsequent order.

Specific Authority: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution  
Law Implemented: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution  
and 120.81(5), Florida Statutes  
Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., January 16, 2010

Given under my hand and seal of the Florida Fish  
And Wildlife Conservation Commission on this

15<sup>th</sup> day of January

  
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Nick Wiley  
Executive Director

ATTEST:   
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Agency Clerk

