

2017 Session Legislative Proposal

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Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
Legislative Affairs

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- Provides a technical correction for a sea turtle penalty.
- The proposal adds a statutory reference to the Offense Severity Ranking Chart in the Criminal Punishment Code that was inadvertently not codified during the 2016 Session.



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Background

- During the 2016 Session, HB 7013, the FWC agency package, was amended to clarify that the knowing *possession* of sea turtle species or hatchlings, including any parts thereof, is illegal and a 3rd degree felony.
- Previous to this clarification, the possession of sea turtle species, hatchlings, or parts was implied to be illegal along with other prohibitions.



Staff Recommendation

- Staff recommends that the proposal to correct the sea turtle penalty be approved for submission to the Legislature for the 2017 Session.
- In addition, staff requests that the Executive Director, in consultation with the Chairman, be allowed to make adjustments to this proposal and advise staff on other legislation, as needed, through the 2017 Legislative Session.

