

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

**Order No. EO 18-44**

**Modification of Bay Scallops Regulations for  
St. Joseph Bay and Other Waters West of St.  
Vincent Island in Franklin County**

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 Paragraph 22 of the Delegations of Authority, and due to an existing toxin-producing algae bloom (*Karenia brevis*) and coincident with a precautionary shellfish harvest area closure issued by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services that includes St. Joseph Bay, hereby modifies the harvest of bay scallops as follows in the interest of public welfare:

1. The provisions of this Executive Order apply in and on Florida waters west of a line extending due north and due south of the westernmost point of St. Vincent Island in Franklin County (85° 13.43' West Longitude) and east of a line extending due south from the west bank at the mouth of Mexico Beach Canal in Bay County (85°25.84' West Longitude), including all waters of St. Joseph Bay.
2. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Chapter 68B-18, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), the season for the recreational harvest and possession of bay scallops in or on the described region shall be closed until further notice. All harvest and possession of bay scallops is hereby prohibited in this region until the season is opened in accordance with Chapter 68B-18, F.A.C., or via a subsequent Executive Order.
3. This order supersedes Executive Order 18-06.
4. All other rules of the Commission relating to bay scallops shall remain in effect.
5. This order shall take effect at 12:00 noon on September 26, 2018, and shall expire at 12:01 a.m. on October 1, 2018, unless superseded by subsequent order.

Specific Authority: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution  
Law Implemented: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution and subsection 120.81(5),  
Florida Statutes



Attest  
Agency Clerk

*[Handwritten signature of Agency Clerk]*

Given under my hand and seal of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018.

*[Handwritten signature of Eric Sutton]*

Eric Sutton  
Executive Director

*[Handwritten signature of Harold Lee Kern]*  
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