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 in accordance with Commission direction provided to the Executive Director at the Commission’s February 2018 meeting, hereby modifies the harvest of bay scallops as follows:

1. The provisions of this Executive Order apply in and on Florida Waters east of a line extending due north and due south from the westernmost point of St. Vincent Island in Franklin County (85°13.43’ West Longitude) and west of a line running through Rock Island near the mouth of the Fenholloway River in Taylor County (83°49.760’ West Longitude).

2. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Chapter 68B-18, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), the open season for the recreational harvest and possession of bay scallops in or on the described region during calendar year 2019 shall begin at 12:01 a.m. on July 1, 2019, and shall close at 11:59 p.m. on September 24, 2019. All harvest and possession of bay scallops is hereby prohibited in this region prior to July 1, 2019.

3. All other rules of the Commission relating to bay scallops shall remain in effect.

Given under my hand and seal of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission on this 6th day of December, 2018.

[Signature]
Eric Sutton
Executive Director