Goal: To encourage and reward recreational and commercial divers to remove lionfish from Florida waters

Timeline: May 18, 2019 (Lionfish Removal and Awareness Day) through September 2, 2019 (Labor Day)

Overview
- Statewide program
- Recreational and commercial participant categories
- Checkpoints located statewide for harvest submission
- Tiered prize system

Tagged Lionfish Component
- Lionfish tagged at randomly-selected public artificial reef sites between the depths of 80’ – 130’
- Tagged lionfish can be found offshore the following regions of Florida: northwest, northeast, southwest, and southeast

How to Qualify
- All participants required to register at ReefRangers.com

Recreational Category
- Harvest 25 or more lionfish
- Submit photo of harvest to ReefRangers.com
  - Photo requirement: Fish must be easy to count and include name, date of harvest, and signature in photo
- Submit tails (after first 25) to checkpoint (listed online)

Commercial Category
- Participants with active Saltwater Products License and lionfish sales within the last year will automatically be included in this category
- Send photo of electronic trip tickets to ReefRangers.com
- Trip ticket requirement: Name, date of harvest, amount harvested (lbs.) and signature

Rewards
- All qualified participants (submission of 25 lionfish/lbs.) receive:
  - Commemorative coin
    - Resource-based incentive: 2019 coin is valid for 1 spiny lobster per person per day in addition to the daily bag limit during the 2019 sport season (July 24-25)
  - T-shirt
  - Entry in raffle
  - Feature in FWC Lionfish Hall of Fame on ReefRangers.com website
- Tiered Prizes
  - To encourage continued harvesting efforts
Lionfish Challenge 2019

Program Overview

- Prizes include: customized neck gaiter, fillet knife, reusable heat pack for lionfish stings, Engel tumbler, Costa sunglasses, and lionfish harvesting gear

- Tagged Lionfish Component
  - Participants that harvest a tagged lionfish will receive a 2019 Lionfish Challenge performance fishing shirt as well as either cash prizes up to $5,000 (donated by sponsors) or product-based prizes, such as an HP 100 scuba cylinder or Engel Cooler

- Raffle Drawings
  - Raffle drawings every 2 weeks (beginning June 5) for all qualified participants
    - Dates: June 5, June 19, July 3, July 17, July 31, August 14, August 28
  - Prizes include: HP 100 SCUBA cylinder, ZooKeeper Lionfish Containment Unit, $50 for SCUBA air fills, and other items donated by sponsors

**Lionfish King/Queen**: Most lionfish (by number) submitted by a recreational participant

- Lionfish King/Queen trophy
- Feature article in FWC’s January 2020 Saltwater Regulations publication
- Featured prominently in the FWC Lionfish Hall of Fame
- HP 100 SCUBA cylinder
- $500 for SCUBA air fills

**2nd Place Lionfish King/Queen**

- HP 100 SCUBA cylinder
- $250 for SCUBA air fills

**3rd Place Lionfish King/Queen**

- HP 100 SCUBA cylinder
- $100 for SCUBA air fills

**Commercial Champion**: Most lionfish (by weight) submitted by a commercial participant

- Lionfish King/Queen trophy
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- Featured prominently in the FWC Lionfish Hall of Fame
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