STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Order No. EO 19-20

Transit of Lawfully Harvested Bay Scallops Through Closed Areas

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 May 2019 meeting, hereby modifies the possession of bay scallops as follows:

1. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Chapter 68B-18, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), or in Orders 18-57 Amendment 1, 18-58 Amendment 1, 18-59 Amendment 1, 18-60 Amendment 2, or 19-07 Amendment 1, bay scallops lawfully harvested from Florida Waters that are open to the harvest of bay scallops may be possessed aboard a vessel and transported directly through Florida Waters that are closed to the harvest of bay scallops and landed, provided that the vessel is in continuous and direct transit from Florida Waters that are open to harvest to the place where the vessel is regularly docked, moored, or otherwise stored.

2. All other rules or orders of the Commission relating to bay scallops shall remain in effect.

3. This order shall expire at 11:59 p.m. on December 31, 2019.

Specific Authority: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution

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

Given under my hand and seal of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission on this 24th day of May, 2019.

Eric Sutton
Executive Director

Attest
Agency Clerk