

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

Order No. EO 18-57, Amendment 1

**Modification of 2019 Bay Scallop
Regulations for Pasco 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 in accordance with Commission direction provided to the Executive Director at the Commission's February 2018 and May 2019 meetings, hereby modifies the harvest of bay scallops as follows:

1. The provisions of this Executive Order apply in and on Florida Waters along the Gulf of Mexico south of the Pasco-Hernando county line (28°26.016' North Latitude) and north of a line extending due east and due west from the Anclote Key Lighthouse (28°10.020' North Latitude), which is approximately 0.37 miles south of the Pasco-Pinellas county line, and in all waters of the Anclote River and its tributaries.
2. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Chapter 68B-18, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), an 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 19, 2019, and shall close at 11:59 p.m. on July 28, 2019. A person may not harvest or land a bay scallop from Florida Waters of the described region prior to July 19, 2019, or after 12:00 a.m. on July 29, 2019. Except for direct and continuous transit as provided in paragraph 3, a person may not possess a bay scallop in or on waters of the described region prior to July 19, 2019, or after 12:00 a.m. on July 29, 2019.
3. 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 of the described region when such waters 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.
4. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Rule 68B-18.004, F.A.C., the following daily recreational limits shall apply in or on Florida Waters of the described region that are open to the harvest of bay scallops as provided in paragraph 2:
 - a. Bag limit – A person may not harvest or land per day from the described region or possess in or on the described region more than 2 gallons of whole bay scallops in the shell, or more than 1 pint of bay scallop meat.
 - b. Vessel Limit – The persons aboard a vessel in or on the described region may not collectively possess more than 10 gallons of whole bay scallops in the shell, or 1/2 gallon of bay scallop meat, regardless of the number of licensed or license-exempt harvesters aboard. This provision will not be construed to authorize harvest or possession of bay scallops in excess of the applicable bag limits.
5. All other rules of the Commission relating to bay scallops shall remain in effect.

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

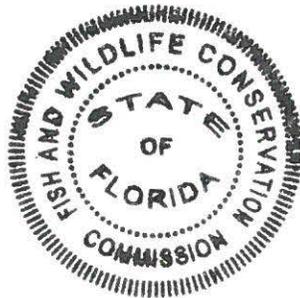
Specific Authority: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution
Law Implemented: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution and subsection 120.81(5),
Florida Statutes

Given under my hand and seal of the Florida
Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
on this 29th day of May, 2019.

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Eric Sutton
Executive Director

Attest *Michele Beck*
Agency Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM
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