



Lionfish Challenge 2020

Program Overview

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

Timeline: May 22, 2020 through September 7, 2020 (Labor Day)

Overview

- Statewide program
- Recreational and commercial participant categories
- Checkpoints located statewide for harvest submission
- Tiered prize system to encourage continued harvest
- Monthly Mini-Challenges

How to Qualify

- All participants required to register at FWCReefRangers.com
- Harvest 20 or more lionfish

Recreational Category

- Harvest 20 or more lionfish
- Submit photo of harvest at FWCReefRangers.com
 - Photo requirement: Include harvester name, date of harvest (shown on phone or dive computer), and signature. *Lionfish must be displayed clearly for staff to obtain an accurate individual count.*
 - **Note: FWC reserves the right to deny Challenge submission if participant fails to fulfill the requirements for verification as described above.**
- Submit tails (after first 20) to [checkpoint](#) (listed online)
 - Place tails in a plastic sandwich bag(s): include harvester name, phone number, date of harvest, and number of tails.
 - Complete the *2020 FWC Lionfish Challenge Submission Form*. Checkpoints will retain bags for verification by FWC staff.
 - Send a copy of the Submission Form to Lionfish@MyFWC.com and keep an additional copy with tails.

Commercial Category

- Participants with active Saltwater Products License **and** lionfish sales within the last year will automatically be included in this category.
- Submit photo of electronic trip tickets at FWCReefRangers.com
 - Trip ticket requirement: Harvester name, date of harvest, amount harvested (lbs.), and signature



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Rewards

- All qualified participants (submission of 20 lionfish/lbs.) receive:
 - Commemorative coin
 - *Resource-based incentive:* 2020 coin is valid for 1 spiny lobster per person per day in addition to the daily bag limit during the 2020 sport season (July 29-30)
 - 2020 Lionfish Challenge long-sleeved performance fishing shirt
 - Entry in raffle
 - Feature in FWC Lionfish Hall of Fame at FWCReefRangers.com
- Tiered Prizes
 - 50 lionfish – customized neck gaiter and customized beach towel, and can koozie
 - 100 lionfish – customized Nalgene water bottle, polespear (Neritic), and fillet knife
 - 200 lionfish – Zookeeper and Save a Dive Kit
 - 300 lionfish – customized Engel Backpack Cooler, Engel silipint glass
 - 400 lionfish – SCUBA Cylinder, and customized SeaDek Mat
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- Raffle Drawings
 - Harvesters in the Recreational and Commercial Category are eligible.
 - Recreational harvesters that submit 20 lionfish and commercial harvesters that submit 20 lbs. of lionfish will receive one entry into the raffle. Additional submissions do not increase raffle entries.
 - Harvesters can only win one raffle prize during the 2020 Lionfish Challenge.
 - Raffle drawing dates:
 - June 10th- 2 winners
 - June 24th- 2 winners
 - July 3rd – 2 winners
 - July 22nd – 4 winners
 - August 5th – 4 winners
 - August 19th – 2 winners
 - Sept 2nd – 2 winners

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

- Most lionfish by count (individual only)
- Lionfish King or Queen trophy
- Feature article in FWC's January 2021 [Saltwater Regulations](#) publication
- Featured prominently in the FWC Lionfish Hall of Fame on FWCReefRangers.com website
- Say Cheese Feature in Dive Training Magazine
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2nd Place Lionfish King/Queen

- \$200 for SCUBA nitrox fills
- Paralenz dive camera

3rd Place Lionfish King/Queen

- GoPro Hero 8 dive camera
- \$100 for SCUBA nitrox fills

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

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