

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

FWC ORDER NO. 20-16

**Spiny Lobster and Stone Crab Trap
Certificates and Tag Purchasing**

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 due to exigent circumstances hereby modifies the process for purchasing spiny lobster and stone crab trap certificates and trap tags for the license year 2020-2021. Such modifications are only authorized as follows:

1. For state license year 2020-2021 only, and notwithstanding anything to the contrary in rule 68B-13.010 or 68E-18.003, F.A.C., a stone crab or spiny lobster trap certificate holder may purchase portions of their allotment of stone crab or spiny lobster trap certificates and associated 2020-2021 trap tags in blocks of 50. If an individual holds fewer than 50 certificates total or their last remaining block for purchase is fewer than 50, those certificates must be purchased as one block. Any certificates for which the annual certificate fee is not paid for the 2020-2021 license year will not be considered abandoned and therefore shall not revert to the Commission.
 - a. Nothing in this Order shall prohibit the purchase of trap certificates and associated trap tags in accordance with rule provisions.
 - b. Stone crab and spiny lobster trap certificate holders may only transfer certificates for which the annual certificate fee has been paid and upon purchase of their full allotment of trap certificates and trap tags.
 - c. This Order shall not apply to any stone crab or spiny lobster trap certificates or trap tags that have already been purchased for state license year 2020-2021.
 - d. This modified purchasing opportunity is only available to those individuals whose applicable trap certificate fees are paid in full through license year 2019-2020.
 - e. Individuals who opt to purchase portions of their allotted stone crab or spiny lobster trap certificates and trap tags in license year 2020/2021 will not be required to pay the remainder of their 2020/2021 stone crab or spiny lobster trap certificate and trap tag fees prior to purchasing trap certificates and trap tags for license year 2021-2022.
2. A license holder's stone crab or spiny lobster trap certificate allotment for the 2021-2022 license year will not be reduced or reverted for failure to purchase all of the license holder's allotment in the 2020-2021 license year.

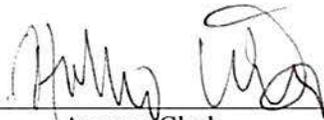
This Order shall be effective upon execution and shall expire on June 30, 2021 unless rescinded or extended by subsequent order.

Specific Authority: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution, Section 20.331, F.S. and Rule 68-1.009, F.A.C.



Given under my hand and seal of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission on this 3rd day of June, 2020

Eric Sutton
Executive Director

Attest: 
Agency Clerk