

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

Order No. EO 20-23

**Temporary Restrictions for Bay Scallop
Restoration in St. Joseph Bay**

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, hereby establishes a temporary Bay Scallop Restoration Area within St. Joseph Bay to protect bay scallop restoration efforts effective August 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is conducting a restoration project to rebuild the bay scallop population within St. Joseph Bay by holding adult scallops in cages within the Bay Scallop Restoration Area to protect them from predators and to increase spawning success. The boundary of the Bay Scallop Restoration Area will be marked on the water with buoys labeled "FWC." Activities within the described Bay Scallop Restoration Area are prohibited as follows:

1. The provisions of this order apply in or on Florida Waters within the Bay Scallop Restoration Area, which is defined as the area within the following boundary:

Commencing at the northwestern-most corner at 29°42.175'N, 85°20.10'W; thence in an easterly direction to the northeastern-most corner at 29°42.175'N, 85°19.95'W; thence in a southerly direction to the southeastern-most corner at 29°42.075'N, 85°19.95'W; thence in a westerly direction to the southwestern-most corner at 29°42.075'N, 85°20.10'W; thence in a northerly direction to the northwestern-most corner, the point of beginning.

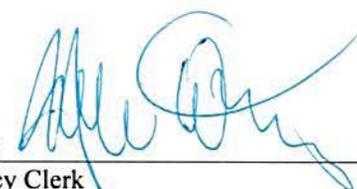
2. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Chapter 68B-18, Florida Administrative Code, no person may harvest any bay scallop from the Bay Scallop Restoration Area or possess a bay scallop within the Bay Scallop Restoration Area.
3. No person shall molest, tamper with, remove the contents of, or possess a bay scallop restoration cage within the Bay Scallop Restoration Area without prior written authorization from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
4. No person shall anchor a vessel within the Bay Scallop Restoration Area.
5. All other rules or orders of the Commission relating to bay scallops shall remain in effect.
6. This order shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. EDT on August 1, 2020, and shall expire at 11:59 p.m. EST on December 31, 2020, unless extended by subsequent order.

Specific Authority: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution
Law Implemented: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution

Given under my hand and seal of the Florida
Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
on this 30th day of July, 2020.



Eric Sutton
Executive Director

Attest 
Agency Clerk

/s/ Quilla Miralia
Approved as to form and legal sufficiency

