

STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Order No. EO 10-02

**Temporary Suspension of Bag and Size Limits and
General Methods of Take for Saltwater Fish**

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 Delegations of Authority Paragraph 17 and Paragraph 22, and due to the prolonged natural cold weather event that caused significant, widespread mortality of saltwater fish, hereby alters the bag limits, size limits and general methods of taking saltwater fish from shore or inshore and nearshore waters of the State of Florida in order to safely remove and dispose of such fish that have died as a result of prolonged cold weather. Such actions are authorized only as follows:

1. Notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 68B, F.A.C., size, season and bag limits for all dead saltwater fish of any species are hereby removed from shore or inshore and nearshore waters of the State of Florida, for the term of this order.
2. Notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 68B, F.A.C., general methods of taking dead saltwater fish from the shore or inshore and nearshore waters of the State of Florida are modified to allow the following methods: collection by hand, or by use of legal cast nets, dip nets or seines for the term of this order.
3. Notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 68B, F.A.C., dead saltwater fish that are otherwise prohibited from take, or that are under a closed season, may be removed from the shore or inshore and nearshore waters of the State of Florida, for the term of this order.
4. All persons taking dead saltwater fish under the provisions of this order may not sell, trade, barter or consume such fish.
5. All persons taking dead saltwater fish under the provisions of this order must immediately dispose of such fish in compliance with local safety, health and sanitation requirements for such disposal.
6. All persons taking dead fish under the provisions of this order shall be exempted from any requirement to possess a saltwater fishing license.

7. All fish taken under the provisions of this executive order shall be those that have died as a result of prolonged exposure to cold weather.
8. This order shall take effect at 12:01 a.m., January 16, 2010 and shall expire at 12:00 a.m., February 1, 2010, unless sooner repealed or extended by subsequent order.

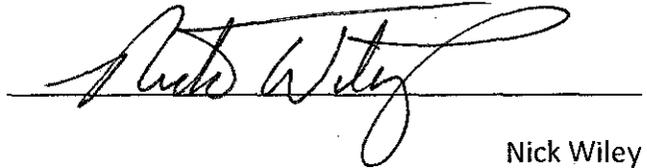
Specific Authority: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution

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

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., January 16, 2010

Given under my hand and seal of the Florida Fish
And Wildlife Conservation Commission on this

15th day of January



Nick Wiley

Executive Director

Attest:



Agency Clerk

