

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

**Order No. EO 11- 21    Apalachicola Bay Oyster Harvesting Restrictions**

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, hereby allows the commercial harvest of oysters in Apalachicola Bay, Florida seven days per week. This action is authorized only as follows:

1. Commercial harvest for oysters in Apalachicola Bay, as defined in rule 68B-27.013, Florida Administrative Code will be allowed seven days per week beginning on September 1, 2011.
2. If the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Service's Shellfish Assessment and Enhancement Section, through its regular monitoring of the abundance of oyster resources on Cat Point Bar and East Hole Bar in the bay, through the Standard Resource Management Protocol, establishes that such resources cannot sustain a harvest of 300 bags of oysters per acre, the harvest of oysters for commercial purposes from the bay on Saturday and Sunday of each week through May 31, 2012 is prohibited.
3. All other provisions governing harvest of oysters in Apalachicola Bay remain in effect.
4. This order shall take effect at September 1, 2011 and shall expire November 16, 2011.

Specific Authority: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution

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

Effective Date:        September 1, 2011

Given under my hand and seal of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission on this 30<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2011.

\_\_\_\_Signature on file\_\_\_\_\_  
Nick Wiley  
Executive Director

Attest \_\_\_\_\_  
Agency Clerk