Order No. EO 13-17 Reduction of Commercial Oyster Harvest Days for Apalachicola 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 Delegations of Authority Paragraph 17 and Paragraph 22, hereby closes the commercial harvest of oysters on Fridays and Saturdays in Apalachicola Bay, Franklin County, Florida. This action is taken in order to conserve oyster resources through the summer harvesting season and is a conservation measure related to the Florida Gulf Coast oyster failure.

1. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in 68B-27.019, Florida Administrative Code, commercial harvest for oysters in Apalachicola Bay is hereby closed on Fridays and Saturdays.

2. All other provisions governing harvest of oysters in Apalachicola Bay remain in effect. This order shall take effect at 12:01 A.M. on June 1, 2013 and shall expire August 31, 2013.

Specific Authority: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution

Law Implemented: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. EDT, June 1, 2013