

STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Order No. EO 13-32

**Delayed Opening of the Season for Commercial
Oyster Harvest 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 beginning September 1, 2013 in Apalachicola Bay, Franklin County, Florida. This action is taken in order to conserve oyster resources throughout the entire Bay.

1. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in subparagraph 68B-27.019(1)(a)2., Florida Administrative Code, commercial harvest for oysters in Apalachicola Bay is hereby closed until all harvesting in approved and conditionally approved areas in the Bay as specified in subsection 5L-1.003(1) are opened for harvest by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
2. All other provisions governing harvest of oysters in Apalachicola Bay remain in effect.
3. This order shall take effect upon execution and shall expire when all harvesting areas in the Bay are opened to harvest by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and such opening is announced on Myfwc.com, or October 12, 2013, whichever is earlier.

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 August, 2013.

Nick Wiley
Executive Director

Attest
Agency Clerk