

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

Order No. EO 15-31

**Wholesale Dealer reporting requirements of wild
commercial oysters received from Saltwater Product
License Holders from the Apalachicola Bay System,
Franklin and Gulf Counties**

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 establishes special regulations related to Wholesale Dealer reporting of all wild oysters commercially harvested from the Apalachicola Bay System as described in 68B-27.013(1), FAC, Franklin and Gulf Counties, for the period beginning November 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016 or until further notice. These actions are being taken in order to proactively conserve oyster resources. The special regulation is as follows:

1. Beginning on November 1, 2015 and continuing through March 31, 2016 a Wholesale Dealer receiving any wild oysters commercially harvested by a Saltwater Products License holder from the Apalachicola Bay System as described in 68B-27.013(1), FAC, must: (a) only receive oysters specially identified by a State of Florida tag indicating the oysters passed through a monitoring station as defined by 68B-27.016, FAC, (b) immediately prior to processing or selling remove and store the State of Florida tags, (c) provide the State of Florida tags to Commission authorized personnel on a daily bases or as requested and (d) upon request, provide Commission authorized personnel a daily accounting of the total number of pounds of wild oysters in the shell received from a Saltwater Product License holder.

2. This order shall take effect at 12:01 A.M. on November 1, 2015 and shall expire at 12:01 A.M. on April 1, 2016, unless rescinded earlier.

Specific Authority: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution

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



Attest
Agency Clerk

Given under my hand and seal of the Florida
Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission on
this 29th day of October 2015.

Nick Wiley
Executive Director