

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

**Order No. EO 16-10**

**Boca Grande Pass Gear 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 modifies the boundary of the area defined as Boca Grande Pass as established in Rule 68B-4.018(1), Florida Administrative Code (FAC), for purposes of implementing seasonal gear restrictions in this area that apply during the months of April, May, and June each year. The purpose of this modification is to incorporate the relocation of an aid to navigation marking the entrance to Boca Grande Pass by the United States Coast Guard. For purposes of implementing the gear restrictions established in 68B-4.018, FAC, the modified boundary for the area defined as Boca Grande Pass is as follows:

1. Beginning April 1, 2016 and continuing through July 1, 2017, for purposes of the gear restrictions specified in 68B-4.018, FAC, Boca Grande Pass shall consist of all waters located within the following boundaries: Begin at the westernmost edge of the Phosphate Dock (26°43.216' North Latitude, 82°15.517' West Longitude) on the southeast bay side of Gasparilla Island; thence proceed due east on a straight line to the westernmost edge of the intracoastal waterway (26°43.216' North Latitude, 82°14.703' West Longitude); thence proceed in a southerly direction to the #75 Intracoastal Waterway Marker (26°42.299' North Latitude, 82°14.580' West Longitude) on the northeast bay side of Cayo Costa; thence proceed around the northern tip of Cayo Costa along the shore to the QR test buoy (26°42.002' North Latitude, 82°15.448' West Longitude) on the northwest Gulf coast side of Cayo Costa; thence proceed westerly on a straight line to the Charlotte Harbor Channel LB 6 buoy (26°42.299' North Latitude, 82°16.551' West Longitude) marking the entrance to Boca Grande Pass; thence proceed northeast on a straight line to the easternmost edge of the concrete pier ruins (26°43.165' North Latitude, 82°15.778' West Longitude) at the lighthouse beach on the southwest Gulf side of Gasparilla Island; thence proceed along the shore around the southern tip of Gasparilla Island to the Phosphate Dock, the point of beginning.
2. All other rules of the Commission relating to Boca Grande Pass gear restrictions shall remain in effect.
3. This order shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on April 1, 2016 and shall expire when the modified boundary as described above is incorporated into Rule 68B-4.018(1), FAC, or at 12:01 a.m. on July 1, 2017, whichever is earlier.

Specific Authority: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution  
Law Implemented: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution  
Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. EDT, April 1, 2016



Given under my hand and seal of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016.

Nick Wiley  
Executive Director

Attest  
Agency Clerk