STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Order No. EO 16-12 **Red Drum Recreational Bag Limit**

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 reduces the allowable harvest of red drum (redfish) to one fish per person per day in waters of the Northwest Region, as defined in 68B-22. This action is taken in response to concerns for the red drum population voiced by anglers in the Northwest Region. The authorized harvest of red drum in the Northwest management zone is as follows:

1. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in 68B-22, Florida Administrative Code (FAC), the recreational bag limit for red drum harvested from the Northwest Region shall be one fish per person per day. No person shall harvest nor possess more than one red drum per day while in, on, or above the waters of the Northwest Region, or on any dock, pier, bridge, beach, boat ramp, or other fishing site adjacent to such waters, and any parking location adjacent to said fishing sites. The "Northwest Region" means all state waters north and west of a line running due west from the westernmost point of Fred Howard Park Causeway (28°9.35'N., 82°48.398'W.), which is approximately 1.17 miles south of the Pasco-Pinellas County Line, to the Florida-Alabama border.

2. All other requirements of 68B-22, F.A.C. shall remain in effect.

3. This order shall take effect at 12:01 A.M. on May 1, 2016, and shall expire when modifications to the red drum recreational bag limit for the Northwest Region are incorporated into Rule 68B-22.005, FAC, or at 12:01 A.M. on November 1, 2016, 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 19th day of April, 2016.

Nick Wiley
Executive Director

Attest
Agency Clerk

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