

STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Order No. EO 16-31

Restrictions for October 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017
for Commercial Oyster Harvest from the St. Andrews
Bay System, Bay County

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 harvest of oysters from St. Andrews Bay System, Bay County, for the period of October 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. These actions are being taken in order to conserve oyster resources. The commercial bag limit action is being taken to allocate the resource throughout the season. The special regulation is as follows:

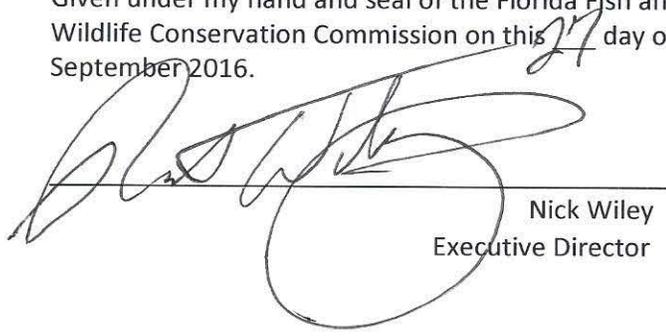
1. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in 68B-27.014(1), FAC, beginning on October 1, 2016, and continuing through June 30, 2017, a commercial harvester may not harvest or land per day from St. Andrews Bay System or possess while in or on the waters of the St. Andrews Bay system more than five bags of oysters, provided that no more than ten bags of oysters may be possessed aboard any vessel in or on the waters of the St. Andrews Bay system at any time.
2. All other provisions governing harvest of oysters in the St. Andrews Bay System remain in effect.
3. This order shall take effect at 12:01 A.M. on October 1, 2016 and shall expire at 12:01 on June 30, 2017.

Specific Authority: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution

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



Given under my hand and seal of the Florida Fish and
Wildlife Conservation Commission on this 27 day of
September 2016.



Nick Wiley
Executive Director

Attest
Agency Clerk

