

STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Order No. EO 16- 54

**Clarifying the Boundaries for the Mullet Seasonal Bag
Limit Reduction in Pinellas 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 modifies the boundary of the area designated for a seasonal bag limit for mullet in a portion of Pinellas County during the period of October 1 through the following January 31, as established in 68B-39.0045(3)(b), Florida Administrative Code (FAC). In rule, the southern boundary of the closure is defined as the end of 2nd Avenue NE, or where 2nd Avenue NE intersects the Municipal "Pierhead." Due to the demolition of the St. Petersburg Pier, it is necessary to redefine this boundary to maintain the traditional regulated area. Additionally, the coordinates for two markers used to define the closed area are inaccurate in rule and need to be corrected. For purposes of implementing the seasonal bag limit area for mullet established in 68B-39.0045(3)(b), FAC, the modified boundary is as follows:

1. Beginning at the end point of Second Avenue NE and extending 1,013 feet (307 meters) into Tampa Bay (27° 46.417 North Latitude, 82° 37.347 West Longitude), proceed north to Marker 3 (27° 47.117 North Latitude, 082° 36.931 West Longitude) in St. Petersburg Small Boat Channel "L" (better known as "Coffee Pot Channel"); then proceed north to Marker 3 (27° 47.407 North Latitude, 082° 36.377 West Longitude) in St. Petersburg Small Boat Channel "N" (better known as "Snell Isle Channel"); then proceed north following the shoreline 200 yards offshore to a point approximately 750' north of the southern edge of Weedon Island. Following this, the boundary of the described area continues as defined in 68B-39.0045(3)(b), FAC.
2. All other rules of the Commission relating to mullet shall remain in effect.
3. This order shall take effect upon execution and shall remain in effect for one year or until a modified boundary is incorporated into Rule 68B-39.0045, FAC, whichever is sooner.

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 29 day of November, 2016.

Nick Wiley
Executive Director

Attest
Agency Clerk