

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

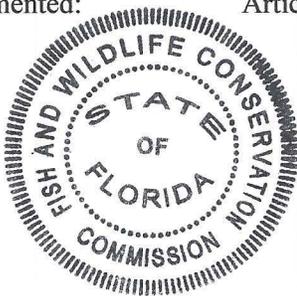
**Order No. EO 17-04**

**Modified Recreational Harvest Regulations for Bay  
Scallops from St. Joseph Bay and Other Waters West of  
St. Vincent Island in Franklin 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 harvest of bay scallops as follows:

1. The provisions of this Executive Order apply in and on Florida waters west of a line extending due north and due south of the westernmost point of St. Vincent Island in Franklin County (85° 13.43' West longitude) and east of a line extending due south from the west bank at the mouth of Mexico Beach Canal in Bay County (85°25.84' West Longitude), including all waters of St. Joseph Bay.
2. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Chapter 68B-18, FAC, the open season for the recreational harvest and possession of bay scallops in or on the described region shall begin at 12:01 a.m. on July 25, 2017, and shall close at 11:59 p.m. on September 10, 2017. All harvest and possession of bay scallops is hereby prohibited in this region prior to July 25, 2017, and from September 11, 2017, through September 24, 2017.
3. All other rules of the Commission relating to bay scallops shall remain in effect.
4. This order shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on February 9, 2017, and shall expire at 12:01 a.m. on September 25, 2017, unless superseded by subsequent order.

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 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017.

  
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for Nick Wiley  
Executive Director

Attest  
Agency Clerk

