

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

Order No. EO 17-45

Modification of 2017 Bay Scallop Season for 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, and due to domoic acid (DA) concentrations in bay scallop samples taken from St. Joseph Bay having decreased to below the federal action limit (20 µg DA/g), 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 September 23, 2017, and shall close at 11:59 p.m. on October 8, 2017. All harvest and possession of bay scallops is hereby prohibited in this region prior to September 23, 2017, and from October 9, 2017, through June 29, 2018.
3. This order supersedes Executive Orders 17-04 and 17-30.
4. All other rules of the Commission relating to bay scallops shall remain in effect.

Specific Authority: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution
Law Implemented: Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution



Attest
Agency Clerk

Given under my hand and seal of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission on this 20th day of September, 2017.

Nick Wiley
Executive Director