

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

**Order No. EO 17-59**

**Waiver of 2018-2019 Spiny Lobster Trap  
Certificate Fees**

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 implements special measures to extend regulatory relief to commercial spiny lobster trap fishers who suffered significant financial losses due to losses of their trap gear and fishing opportunities as the direct result of Hurricane Irma in September 2017, as follows:

1. The annual spiny lobster trap certificate fee required by section 379.3671(2)(b), Florida Statutes, and Rule 68E-18.003, Florida Administrative Code, for the issuance of spiny lobster trap tags are waived for the 2018-2019 license year.
2. All transfer fees and surcharges associated with the transfer of spiny lobster trap certificates as required by section 379.3671(2)(a), Florida Statutes, and Rule 68E-18.003, Florida Administrative Code, remain in effect for the 2018-2019 license year.
3. All fees associated with replacement tags for lost or damaged trap tags as required by section 379.3671(2)(b), Florida Statutes, and Rule 68E-18.004, Florida Administrative Code, remain in effect for the 2018-2019 license year.
4. All other provisions governing the harvest of spiny lobster remain in effect.
5. This order shall expire at 12:01 a.m. on June 30, 2019.

Specific Authority:  
Law Implemented:

Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution  
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Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. EST,  
Given under my hand and seal of the Florida  
Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission  
on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017.

Eric Sutton  
Executive Director

Attest  
Agency Clerk