

STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Order No. EO 18-06

**Modification of 2018 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 Paragraph 22 of the Delegations of Authority, and in accordance with Commission direction provided to the Executive Director at the Commission's February 2018 meeting, hereby modifies the harvest of bay scallops as follows:

1. The provisions of this Executive Order apply in and on Florida Waters 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, and west of a line extending due north and due south from the westernmost point of St. Vincent Island in Franklin County (85°13.43' West Longitude).
2. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Chapter 68B-18, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), the open season for the recreational harvest and possession of bay scallops in or on the described region during calendar year 2018 shall begin at 12:01 a.m. on August 18, 2018, and shall close at 11:59 p.m. on September 30, 2018. All harvest and possession of bay scallops is hereby prohibited in this region prior to August 18, 2018. All harvest and possession of bay scallops is hereby prohibited in this region beginning October 1, 2018, and will remain prohibited thereafter as provided by 68B-18, F.A.C.
3. 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 and subsection 120.81(5), Florida Statutes



Attest

Agency Clerk

Given under my hand and seal of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission on this 8th day of February, 2018.

Eric Sutton
Executive Director