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 south of Suwannee River Alligator Pass Daybeacon 4 near the mouth of the Suwannee River in Levy County (29°15.350' North Latitude) and north of the Pasco-Hernando county line (28°26.016' North Latitude).

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 July 1, 2018, and shall close at 11:59 p.m. on September 24, 2018. All harvest and possession of bay scallops is hereby prohibited in this region prior to July 1, 2018.

3. All other rules of the Commission relating to bay scallops shall remain in effect.

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

Attest
Agency Clerk