

## Bay Scallops

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#### Agenda Item 18

Draft rule hearing: December 7, 2017

#### 68B-18.005 Closed Seasons for Harvest of Bay Scallops.

(1) ~~A~~ During the closed season for bay scallops a person may not harvest or land a bay scallop from Florida Waters that are closed pursuant to subsection (2) or possess a bay scallop in or on Florida Waters that are closed pursuant to subsection (2).

(2) Regional closed seasons –

(a) For all Florida Waters east and southeast 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) and west of 83°49.760' West Longitude (a line running through Rock Island near the mouth of the Fenholloway River in Taylor County), ~~t~~The closed season for bay scallops begins on September 25 each year and continues through June 30 the Friday prior to July 1 of the following year.

(b) For all Florida Waters east of 83°49.760' West Longitude (a line running through Rock Island near the mouth of the Fenholloway River in Taylor County) and north of Suwannee River Alligator Pass Daybeacon 4 near the mouth of the Suwannee River in Levy County (29°15.350' North Latitude), the closed season for bay scallops begins on September 11 each year and continues through the Friday prior to the third Saturday in June of the following year.

(c) For all 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), the closed season for bay scallops begins on September 11 each year and continues through July 9 of the following year.

*Rulemaking Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const. History–New 6-13-85, Amended 3-1-95, Formerly 46-18.005, Amended 9-1-13, 11-26-14, \_\_\_\_\_.*