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

**FWC EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20-12** **COVID-19-Amendment 1, including TRS Establishment**

**WHEREAS**, The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission of the State of Florida, acts under the authority of Article IV, Section 9, of the Florida Constitution, and acts through its Executive Director under 68-1.009, F.A.C., Delegations of Authority, February 14, 2013, Paragraphs 17 and 22;

**WHEREAS**, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis on March 1, 2020 by Executive Order No.: 20-51, directed the State Health Officer and Surgeon General, Dr. Scott Rivkees to declare a public health emergency in the State of Florida pursuant to F.S. 381.00315 and on March 9, 2020 issued Executive Order No.: 20-52 declaring a State of Emergency for the State of Florida as a result of COVID-19;

**WHEREAS**, on March 14, 2020 Governor DeSantis directed agencies to suspend professional licensing renewal for a period of 30 days;

**WHEREAS**, on March 26, 2020, I issued FWC Executive Order 20-08 providing direction and authority to staff to appropriately and effectively respond to COVID-19, as well as retroactively suspending the licensing renewal deadline of certain specified licensees;

**WHEREAS**, Paragraph 9 of Executive Order 20-08 requires an amendment to extend the licensing renewal deadline portion of my order and there are additional issues regarding licensure that need to be addressed, waived and/or postponed;

**NOW THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority granted by Executive Orders 20-51 and 20-52 of the Executive Office of the Governor; pursuant to the Commission's aforementioned authority and delegations, and notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Florida Statutes or Florida Administrative Code:

1. Paragraph 9 of FWC Executive Order 20-08 is hereby extended until May 31st. Therefore, any holder of the following specified licenses issued by the Commission with a renewal deadline that, prior to EO 20-08 occurred in the months of March or April 2020, that said deadline is suspended and tolled until May 31, 2020. This tolling relates to business operations pursuant to both the Commission's constitutional and statutory authority and includes:
    a. Commercial Freshwater licenses pursuant to 379.363, F.S.;
    b. Charter Fishing Licenses pursuant to 379.354(7)(a)-(c), F.S., and the associated snook and lobster permits;
    c. Captive Wildlife Exhibition and Sale Licenses pursuant to 379.3761(2), F.S.;
    d. Venomous/Conditional/Prohibited Reptiles 379.372, F.S. and 68-5.005 and 68-5.007, F.A.C.;
    e. Private Game Preserves and Farms, 379.3711;
    f. Private Hunting Preserves, 379.3712, F.S.; and
    g. Marine Special Activity Licenses, Chapter 68B-8, F.A.C. and 379.361(4), F.S.

2. Any holder of the licenses specified in paragraph 1 above, with an original renewal deadline that occurs in the month of May 2020, said deadline is suspended and tolled until May 31, 2020.

3. FWC hereby suspends any provision of the Commission's regulations within 68B, F.A.C., that may restrict the ability of the Commission to establish a temporary restricted species (TRS) endorsement as a result of COVID-19 and further establishes that a TRS may be obtained by Monroe County charter license holders who obtain either an individual saltwater products license (SPL) or a vessel SPL. Upon purchase of an SPL, a TRS may be obtained and used to harvest commercial quantities of species that would otherwise require a Restricted Species endorsement. Species are designated restricted in the species-specific rules in Division 68B, F.A.C. All of the following conditions apply:
    a. Seafood harvested under a TRS shall be donated to a food bank to be used for feeding those in need;
    b. Seafood harvested under a TRS shall be donated through a wholesale dealer licensed pursuant to subsection 379.362(9), F.S. The wholesale dealer shall report the quantities and indicate that the seafood was donated;
    c. Selling seafood harvested under a TRS is prohibited;
    d. Landings under a TRS may not be used to qualify for a Restricted Species endorsement; and
    e. All other state and federal requirements remain in effect.

4. Except as amended herein, Executive Order 20-08 is ratified and reaffirmed.

This Order shall be effective upon execution and shall expire May 31, 2020 unless extended by future order.

Specific Authority: Executive Order No. 20-52 of the Executive Office of the Governor, Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution, Section 20. 331, F.S. and Rule 68-1.009, F.A.C.

FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION STATE OF FLORIDA

Given under my hand and seal of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission on this 8th day of May, 2020

Eric Sutton
Executive Director

Attest: _____
Agency Clerk