

Diver's Emporium



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This letter is sent in support of the lionfish proposal being made by Emerald Coast Reef Association to the State of Florida. The charter boat industry in our area cannot continue to try and rid ourselves of the lionfish problem without help from the state level. Whether it is accepted knowledge or not recreational and commercial divers are the only means of controlling the population of lionfish on our local reefs. The charter service that our company has been using has been offering a bounty on each lionfish that is brought back to the boat after diving. We as locals are doing all we can but we have limited resources.

The proposed pilot plan is a great incentive above what is occurring locally to get more divers involved and harvesting the lionfish. If we do not act progressively we face a future that may cause loss of jobs and services due to the loss of local fish on our reefs.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeff Herman", is written over a horizontal line.

Jeff Herman, Manager



serious diving. serious fun.