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FWC Commission:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that Emerald Coast Scuba whole heartedly supports the pilot program proposed by the Emerald Coast Reef Association. The simplicity of the program is what will make it a success. Divers participate at their digression unlike tournaments and rodeos which have huge risks for diver safety. The insignificant cost of the program is another huge benefit. Imagine a government sponsored program with low or no cost. Increase the state fishing license by \$1 or add a lionfish stamp and the program could actually make money.

Please seriously consider all the benefits of the proposal. It has no downside.

Thank you

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lori Schmitz".

Lori Schmitz