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To: Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

From: Eilene Beard

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Subject: Lionfish Population Control Pilot Program

Given that we are in a state of emergency in regards to lionfish populations and the only known controlling factor has been divers killing as many as possible, we are involved in a losing battle that needs serious measures to attack the problem. We need an incentive for divers to be constantly battling the problem. Occasional tournaments certain have been worthwhile but an incentive like the Lionfish Population Control Pilot Program would certainly inspire the serious spearfishermen to constantly work on the lionfish problem. I certainly support this idea and hope that you seriously consider this as a valuable program to address the issue.

Sincerely,

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