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To Whom it may concern,

I am one of the owners at Scubatech of NW Florida Inc. which is a full service dive shop located in Destin Florida. We have been in business since 1986. We have a 45' crew boat which deploys divers to natural reefs, artificial reefs and wrecks in the Gulf of Mexico. We dive almost every day and have seen the massive influx of Lionfish. In my opinion, divers are the only source for controlling these massive populations of this invasive species.

Now, on to solutions. The very first thing that I was taught as a new diver is that SCUBA is not a competitive sport. Why are we heavily promoting spearfishing competitions that last only one day and can seriously or fatally harm the people that are only trying to help? I believe that the proposal for rewarding anyone that gets 100 lionfish heads will lessen the competition. After all, everyone will be a winner.

We, as a business, are all for ridding the Gulf of this invasive species. We have got to find a solution quickly that will make it safe and fair for anyone involved.

Yours Respectively,

Carla Moore