

The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

AGRICULTURE
Senator Montford, Chair
Senator Dean, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, October 20, 2015
TIME: 9:00—11:00 a.m.
PLACE: 301 Senate Office Building

MEMBERS: Senator Montford, Chair; Senator Dean, Vice Chair; Senators Bullard, Galvano, Garcia, Grimsley, and Sobel

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	Presentation on Animal Pest and Disease Prevention and Response by Dr. Mike Short, State Veterinarian and Director of the Division of Animal Industry		Presented
2	Update on Oriental Fruit Fly Eradication Efforts by Dr. Trevor Smith, Director of the Division of Plant Industry		Presented
3	Presentation on Marketing Lionfish for Consumption		Presented
4	Update on Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill by Mimi Drew, Department of Environmental Protection		Presented
Other Related Meeting Documents			

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10/20/15
Meeting Date

Bill Number (if applicable)

Topic Animal Pest and Disease Prevention and Response

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

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Representing Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Appearing at request of Chair: Yes No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature: Yes No

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Oriental Fruit Fly Eradication Program Miami-Dade County

Senate Agriculture Committee

Sen. Bill Montford, Chair

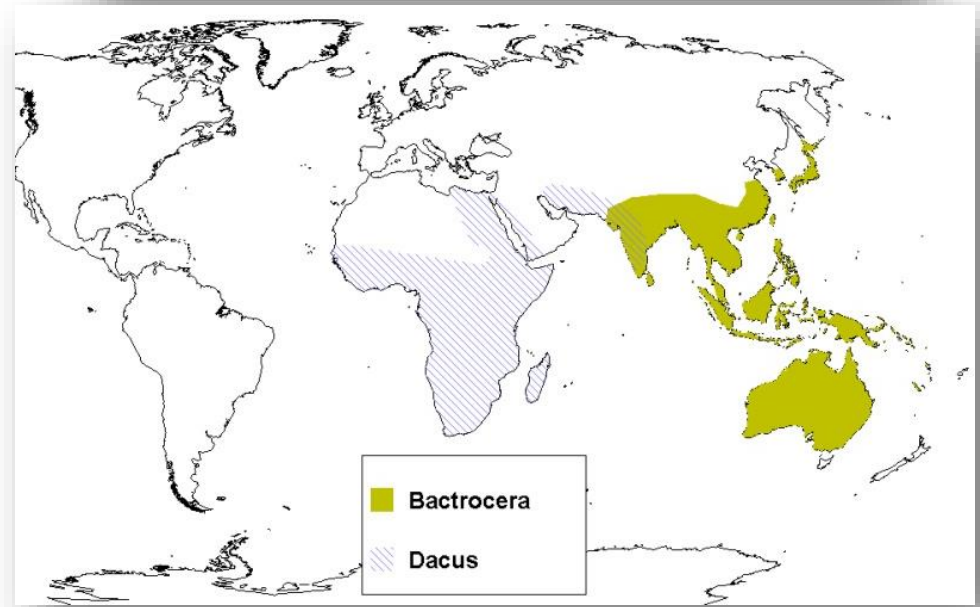
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Trevor Smith, Ph.D.

Director, Division of Plant Industry

Oriental Fruit Fly

- ◆ Native to southeast Asia
- ◆ Introduced into Hawaii 1945
- ◆ First found in California in 1960 - detected in California every year since 1966
- ◆ First found in Florida in 1964 - appearances in 13 different years



What We Do to Prevent Fruit Fly Establishment

FDACS partners with USDA on:

Statewide trapping program

Monitor 56,000 fruit fly traps statewide – checked every 2 to 3 weeks

Sterile Fruit Fly Release Program

Sterile Mediterranean fruit flies released on Florida's gold coast – Miami-Dade into Palm Beach County and in the Tampa Bay area:

82 million sterile flies released per week

37 billion released since program inception



What We Do When We Find Them



Exotic fruit fly eradication programs run by USDA, FDACS and CDFA are some of the most scientifically rigorous regulatory programs conducted to protect agriculture

Programs are based on the reproductive, dispersal or host-searching behaviors of the flies

Hundreds of years of research; 90 years in Florida alone

Florida must hold itself to the same standard to which we hold our trading partners; we would never accept host materials from other states or countries if circumstances were reversed

Every host on host list has published literature demonstrating that it has been found to be a host of OFF in the field



Delimiting Survey/Intensive Trapping

One fly found

Eradication Program Triggers

Two flies within a 3.5 mile radius and within a time period equal to one life cycle; or

One mated female; or

Larvae or pupae

OFF Previous Florida Detections

- 1964: Pinellas – **1 fly**
2-month trapping
- 1969: Miami – **1 fly** – \$25K
2-month trapping
- 1994: Broward – **1 fly** - \$100k
3-month trapping
- 1995: Pinellas – **3 flies** - \$530k
3-month **eradication program**
- 1999: Hillsborough – 16 flies - \$100k
3-month **eradication program**
- 1999: Volusia – **1 fly**
3-month trapping
- 1999: Brevard – **2 flies**
3-month trapping
- 2000: Manatee – **1 fly**
3-month trapping
- 2001: Orange – **1 fly**
3-month trapping
- 2001: Sarasota – **2 flies** - \$100K
3-month **eradication program**
- 2002: Orange – **2 flies**
3-month trapping
- 2002: Broward – **1 fly**
3-month trapping
- 2007: Hillsborough – **1 fly**
3-month trapping
- 2007: Orange – **1 fly**
3-month trapping
- 2007: Orange – **1 fly**
3-month trapping
- 2008: Orange – **2 flies**
3-month trapping
- 2010: Pinellas – **2 flies**
3-month trapping
- 2014: Broward – **1 fly**
3-month trapping

- **2015: Miami – 165 flies - \$\$\$
Eradication program – duration unknown**



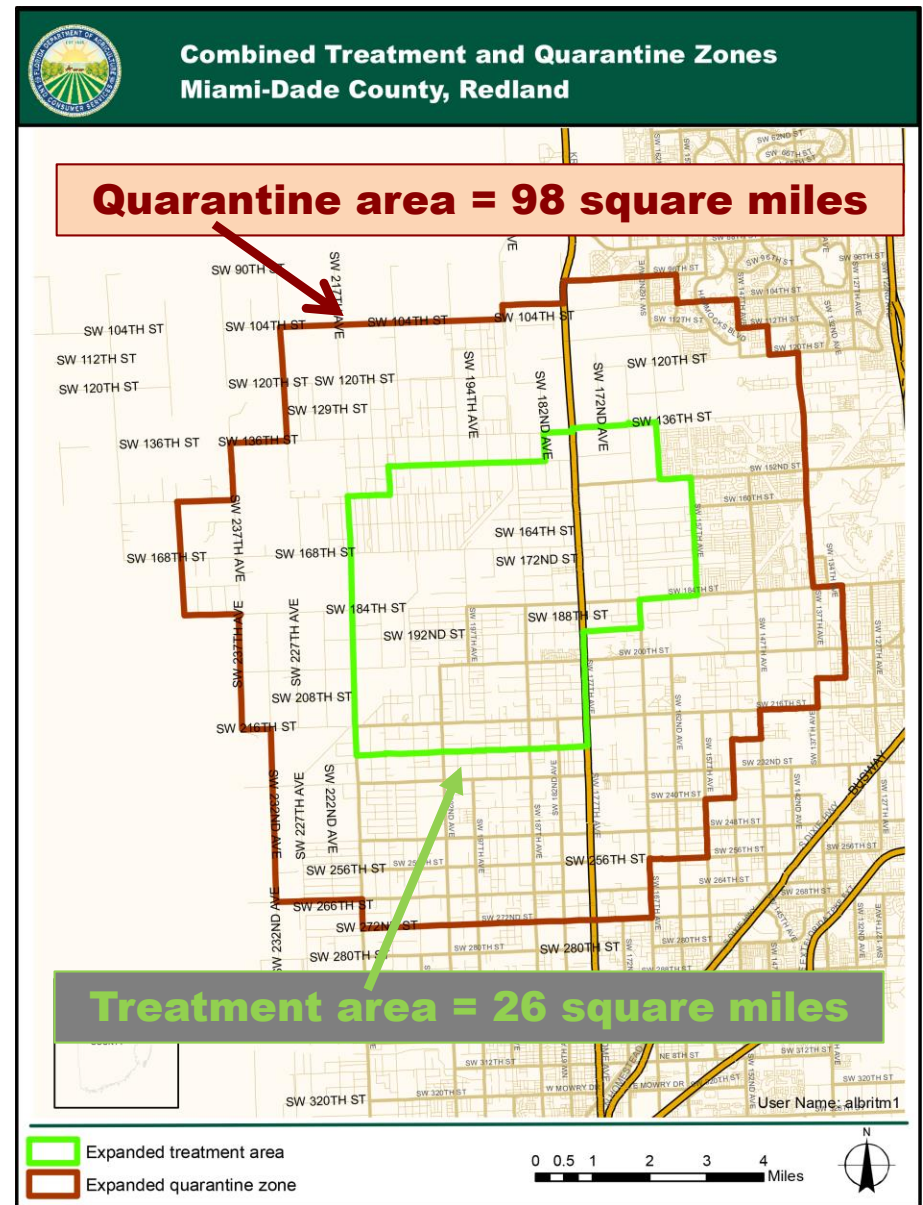
OFF Redland Area

- August 26, 2015, a male Oriental fruit fly was detected in a trap in the Redland area of Miami, Dade County
- On August 27th, after placing additional traps in the immediate area, **45 males were found in a trap** – an unprecedented amount of flies in one trap
- **Eradication program immediately mobilized**



Redland Eradication Program

- Number of flies found, triggered eradication program (over 160 as of 10/15/15)
- Broad host range with 430 confirmed hosts
- Area of impact is **predominantly agricultural lands**
- Crops impacted include:
 - Avocado, mango, mamey, banana, guava, papaya, green beans, nursery plants
- Estimated **2,000 businesses impacted**
 - Growers, nurseries/stock dealers, fruit stands, lawn maintenance, packing houses, harvesters





papaya



sapodilla



lychee



jackfruit



guava



caimito

Trapping

- **Methyl Eugenol traps**

- **607 traps** checked daily until 0 flies are found seven days in a row. Then traps will be checked weekly.



Methyl eugenol trap
Attracts male flies

- **McPhail traps**

- **245 traps** checked every 3 days



McPhail trap
Attracts female flies



Control



- **Male Annihilation Technique (MAT)**

- Adult fly control with male lure bait
- Applied every two weeks to utility poles, tree trunks and other structures out of reach of people and pets
- Product applied is Dibrom (naled), an organophosphate insecticide used to control a number of insect pests including fruit flies and mosquitoes
- **25, 000 bait stations have been applied**



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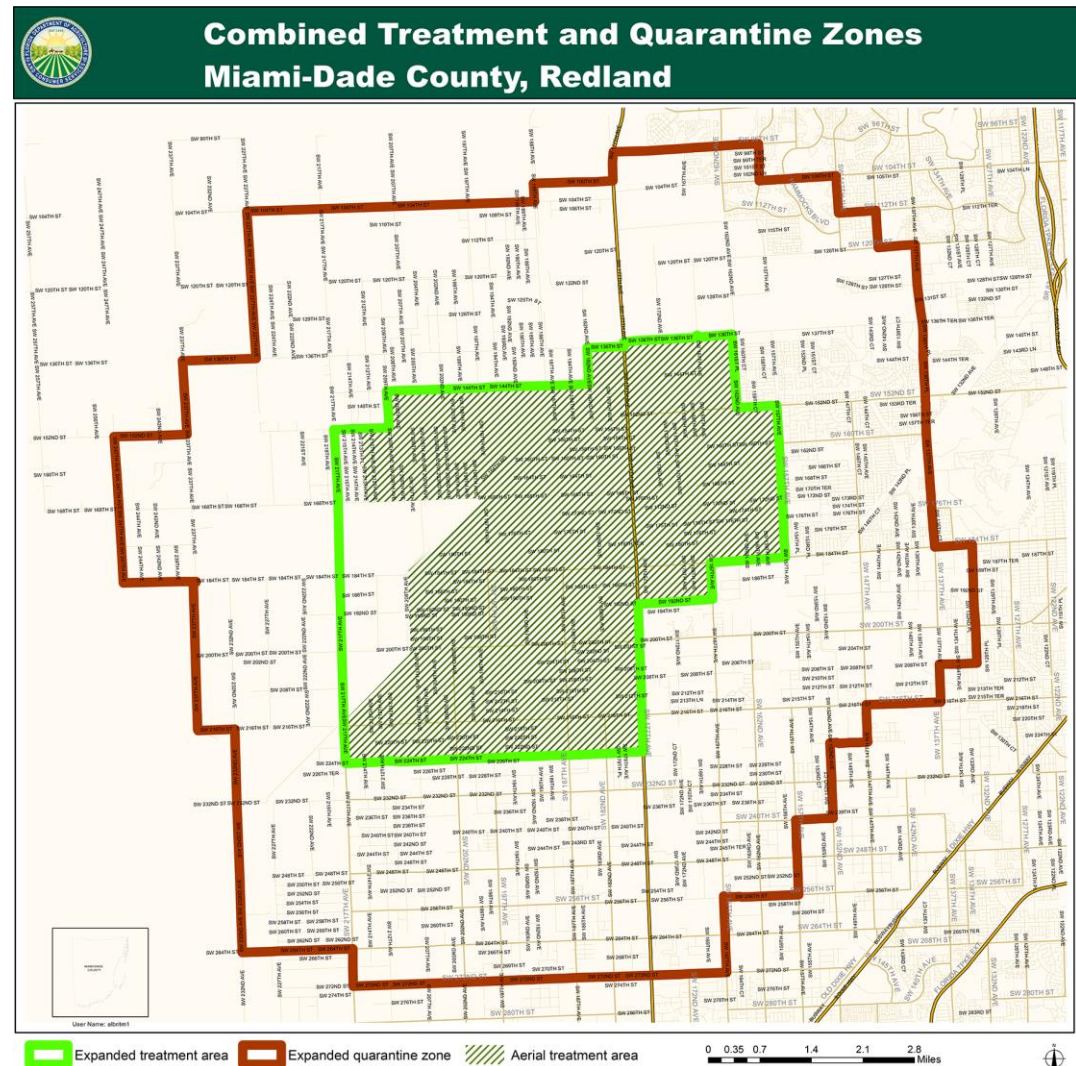
- **Foliar Spot Treatment**
 - Trees/plants around positive finds are spot treated with Spinosad, an insecticide derived from a naturally-occurring soil organism, commonly used by organic growers
- **Larval Finds**
 - Fruit Stripping - fruit from host trees within a 200-meter area around larval find properties is removed so flies have no host material to lay eggs (147,625 pounds of fruit removed as of 10/7/15)
 - Soil Drenching – soil under host trees known or suspected to be infested with *Bactrocera* larvae, pupae or a mated female is treated



Control

- **Aerial Treatment**

- Conducted the nights of October 2nd and 3rd
- Covered approximately 16 square miles
- Extensive outreach conducted (community used to aerial spraying for mosquitoes and agricultural practices)
- Helpline operational through weekend
- Population of area predominately agricultural
- Growers strongly requested aerial spraying
- Product used was Spinosad, or GF-120 – approved for use on organic crops posing no hazard to people, pets, livestock, fish or pets



Regulatory Activities

- Businesses (packers, growers, fruit stands, nurseries, harvesters, etc.) handling host material must sign **compliance agreements**
 - Over 1,300 compliance agreements signed as of October 15th, 2015



Ag Law Assistance with Violations

Approximately 77,000 pounds of fruit fly host material confiscated

Two “Notices to Appear” issued to repeat violators



Quarantine Requirements

- ✓ Movement of host material in regulated area is restricted
- ✓ Businesses required to sign compliance agreements (growers, packers, lawn maintenance, fruit stands, nurseries, flea markets, mobile vendors)
- ✓ Certification process in place allowing host materials to move in and out of quarantine area



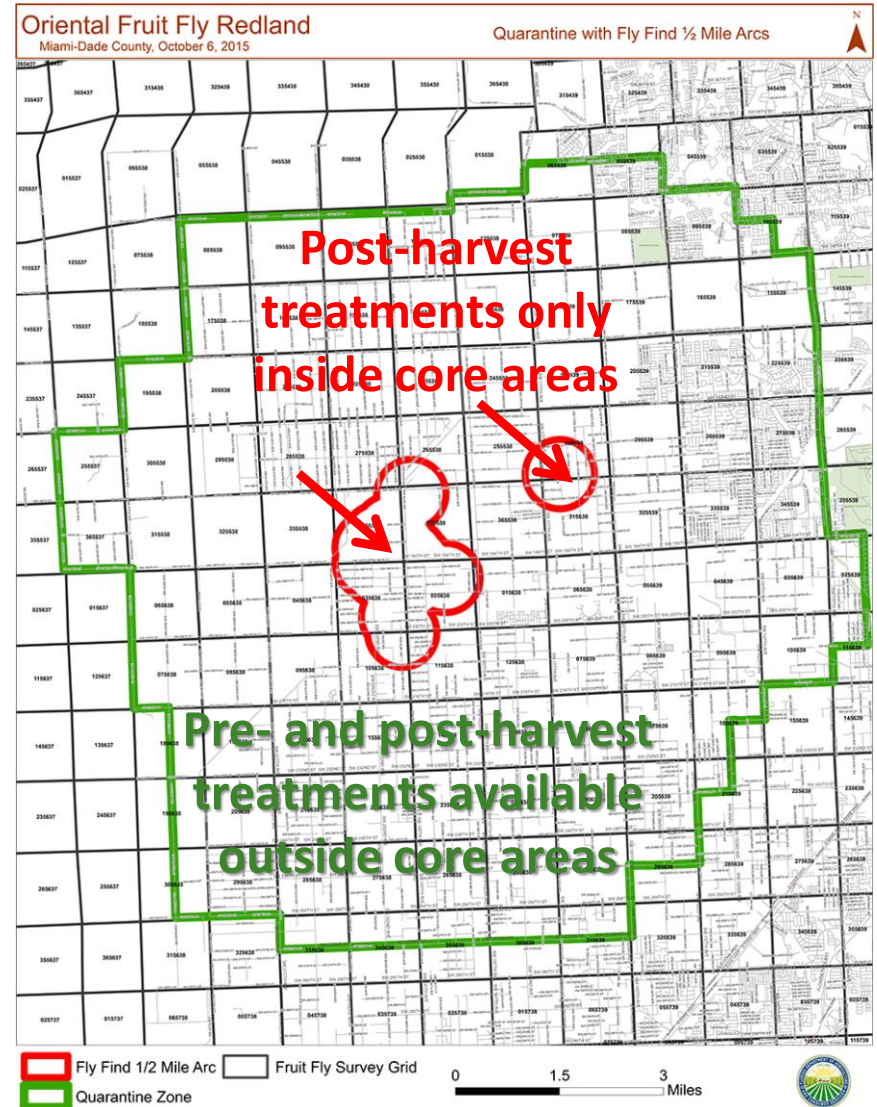
Commodities Impacted

Avocado	1,180
Acres	
Guava	78 Acres
Banana	28 Acres
Annona	22 Acres
Mamey	110 Acres
Sapodilla	45 Acres
Papaya	50 Acres
Lychee	110 Acres
Longan	110 Acres
Dragon Fruit	110 Acres



Quarantine Requirements

- Inside ½-mile arc around positive finds post-harvest treatment only (many crops do not tolerate post-harvest options)
 - Fumigation
 - Irradiation
- Within quarantine, but outside core areas, pre- and post-harvest treatment options available
 - 30-day pre-harvest treatment as outlined in compliance agreement



OFF Outreach

A cooperative effort to eradicate a major threat to Florida agriculture



Commissioner Putnam with Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos Gimenez



OFF Outreach



**Meetings and Tours
with Industry and
Elected Officials**



OFF Outreach

Road Signs indicating Fruit fly impact zones

Fruit Fly Impact Area

Do Not Move Fruit

No Mueva Frutas

12 signs positioned in
key locations



OFF Outreach

Helpline
Newspaper
Advertisements
Grower Meetings
Information Booth
Industry Updates
Website
Multi-lingual
materials



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

ORIENTAL FRUIT FLY ERADICATION PROGRAM

Combined Treatment and Quarantine Zones
Miami-Dade County, Redland Area

Quarantine and Treatment Areas Expanded
Aerial Spraying to Begin in Redland Area of Miami-Dade County

An Oriental Fruit Fly eradication program has been authorized since July 2016. The quarantine zone was established and agricultural officials have been training, testing, and monitoring regulatory activities in the area. On September 28, 2016 another fly was found resulting in the expansion of the quarantine and treatment areas.

Given the magnitude of this Oriental fruit fly infestation by, such as the use in the Redland area of Miami-Dade County, aerial application is necessary to mitigate the agricultural products at risk from the fly infestation. Aerial treatment is to begin:

Friday, October 2, 2016 around 8:00 p.m.
Sunset and later, pending.

If unable to apply due to rain, a date between October 3 and October 9 will be selected for the aerial treatment. Notification of treatment schedule will be posted on the website.

Information on ground and aerial treatment, and quarantine rules available on the website or by calling the helpline number.

The product used for aerial treatment is CP-123 NPL Naloxonyl™ Fruit Fly Bait, continuously referred to as bait used, an insecticide certified for use in organic farming. Spinosad is commonly used by organic growers and was awarded a "Green Crossmark" award by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Spinosad poses a very low risk to humans and will not harm animals or contribute to antibiotic resistance. Spinosad degrades very fast in the sun, steps to minimize exposure include:

- People who handle bait should wear protective clothing and use appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) such as long-sleeved shirts, long pants, and gloves.
- People who handle bait should avoid contact with bait and avoid contact with bait residue.
- If you are sick, stay away from the baiting area until you are well.
- If you are pregnant, avoid contact with the baiting area.

For more information, contact the Florida Pest Eradication Center at 888-397-1517.

What's at stake?
Miami-Dade County's \$1.6 billion agriculture industry and the 11,000 jobs it supports is threatened by the Oriental Fruit Fly. If the infestation is not controlled and eradicated, the pest threatens Florida's \$22 billion agriculture industry and the more than two million jobs it supports.

Oriental Fruit Fly Information
1-888-397-1517
www.FreshFromFlorida.com/OrientalFruitFly



OFF Outreach

Website/Interactive Map

Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

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Contact us Monday - Friday, Saturday, October 4, 2015
1-888-397-1517
(352) 395-4600 (Outside Florida)
DPIHelpline@FreshFromFlorida.com

Bactrocera dorsalis, an Oriental fruit fly

Commissioner of Agriculture Adam H. Putnam is dedicated to protecting Florida's \$123 billion agriculture industry from invasive pests and disease.

The Oriental fruit fly, one of the world's most serious exotic fruit flies, is able to infest many different kinds of commodities, attacking over 430 different fruits, vegetables and nuts. The department and the USDA are working diligently to eradicate this pest.

[Control de la Mosca de la Fruta. Información en Español](#)

[Receive Daily Oriental Fruit Fly Updates](#)

Daily Finds: October 6, 2015

Oriental Fruit Fly Eradication Program Industry Map

Find address or place

Basemap

Update Schedule: This map is updated with new boundaries as they are defined. Updated: 9/29/2015

[Learn more about the Oriental Fruit Fly Interactive Map](#)



Am I inside the quarantine area?

Eradication Program Stats

- Incident Command stood up August 26, 2015
- 120 Personnel assigned
 - **94 state**
 - **26 federal**
- Program costs
 - **\$800,000 thru 11/1/15**
 - **Requesting \$3 million**



Oriental Fruit Fly Life Cycle



Adult pre-reproductive period: 8+ days

Life span: many months



Eggs: 1-3 days



Larvae: 9-16 days



Pupae: 10-12 days



Potential Date for Eradication Declaration

Total	Days	Generation	Date
0	0	Start Date	10/03/15
38	38	Life Cycle 1	11/16/15
85	47	Life Cycle 2	01/02/16
138	53	Life Cycle 3	02/24/16



Giant African Land Snail



Giant African Land Snail Eradication Program

Major landscape and agricultural pest

Public health threat – carries rat lungworm parasite

Eats stucco

Able to reproduce rapidly

No natural enemies



Giant African Land Snail Eradication Program

Program in 4th Year

159,000+ collected

Stronger molluscicide approved

Mortality rate increased significantly / number of snails collected decreased significantly

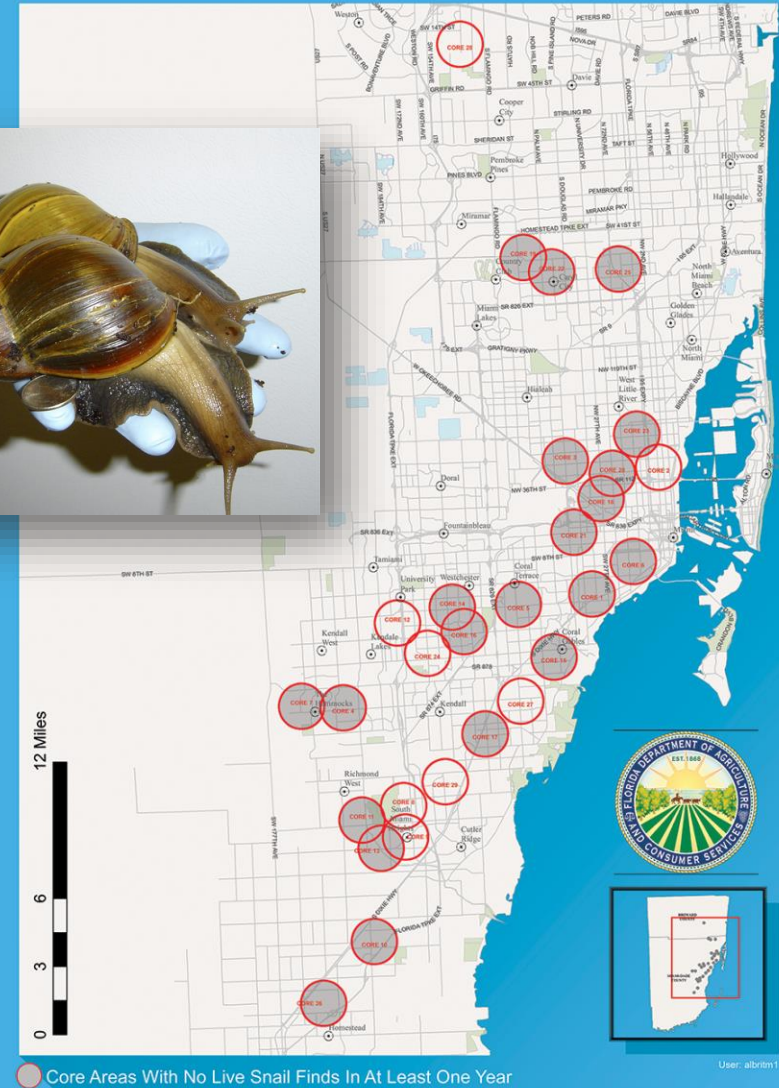
95% of positive properties from calls to the helpline

19 of 29 properties have not had positive find in over a year

Eradication can be declared two years after last positive find

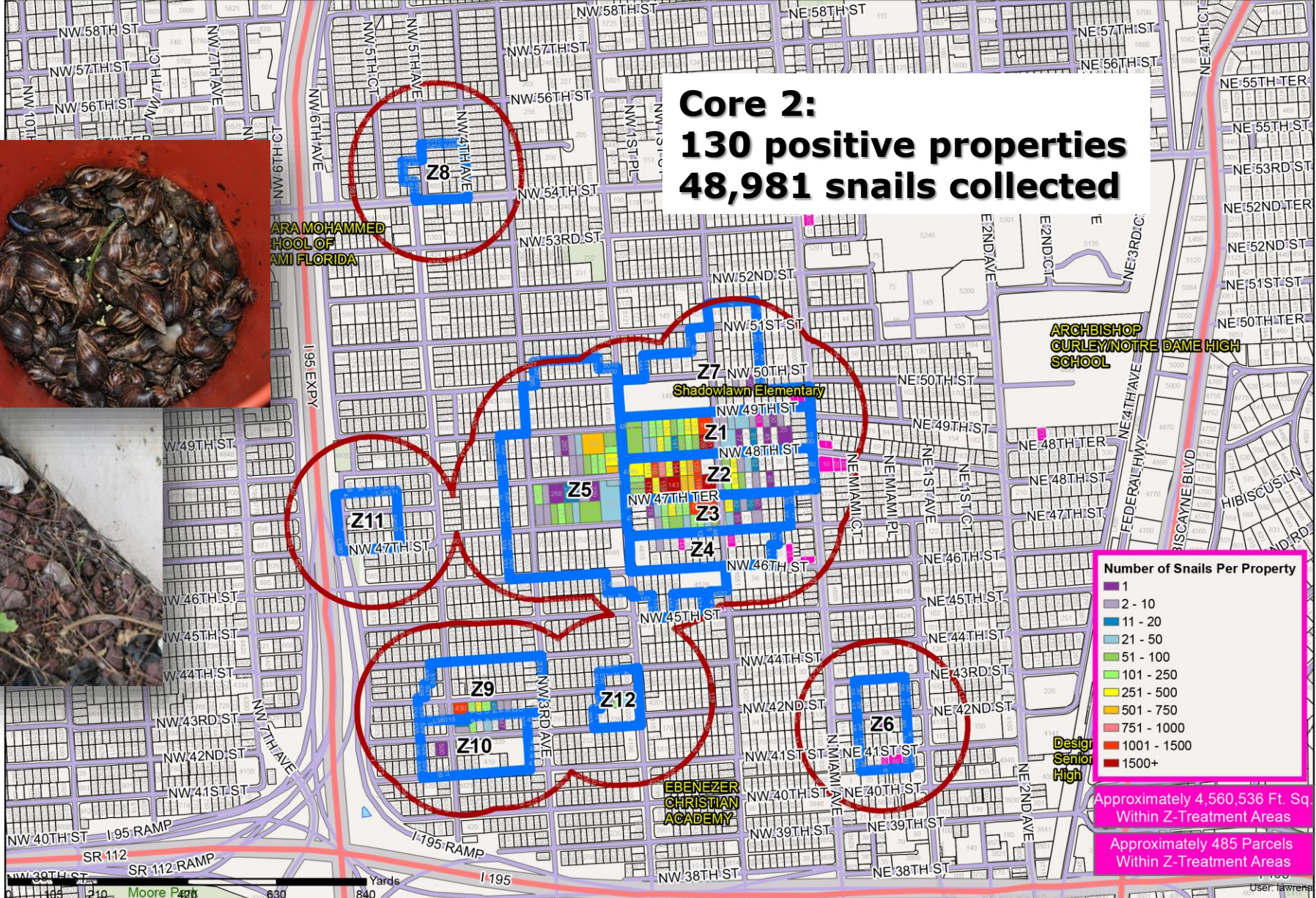


Giant African Land Snail Eradication Program
Areas where No Live Snails have been Collected in at Least One Year



**Look for them
Report them**
1-888-397-1517



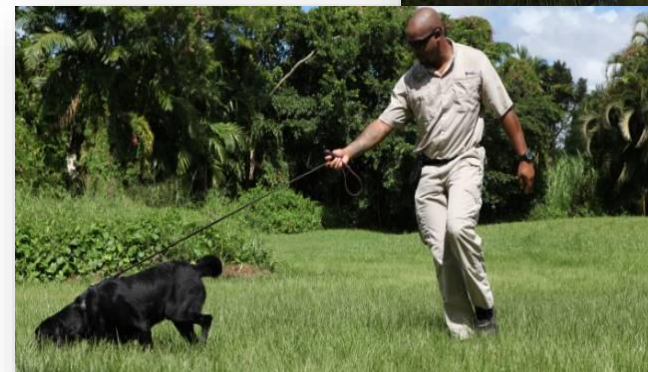
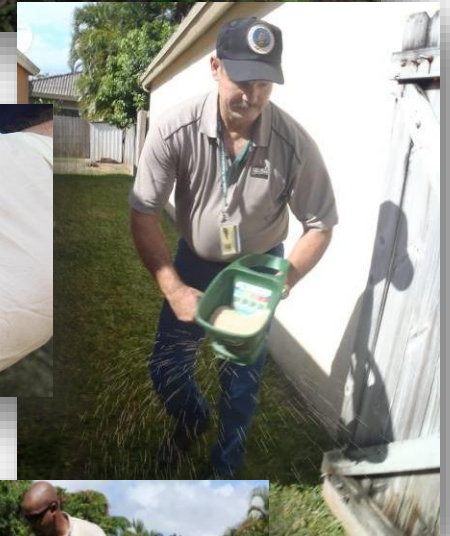


 200 Yard Buffer
 ▲ Sensitive to Chemicals
 Z Treatment Grids
 Refusal Parcels



Management Approach

- **‘Boots on Ground’ control approach**
 - ✓ Survey
 - ✓ Hand collect snails
 - ✓ Treat properties with EPA-approved insecticide added to a snail bait product (Metaldehyde)
 - ✓ Collect and dispose of debris
 - ✓ Detector dogs on duty!



Thank You!



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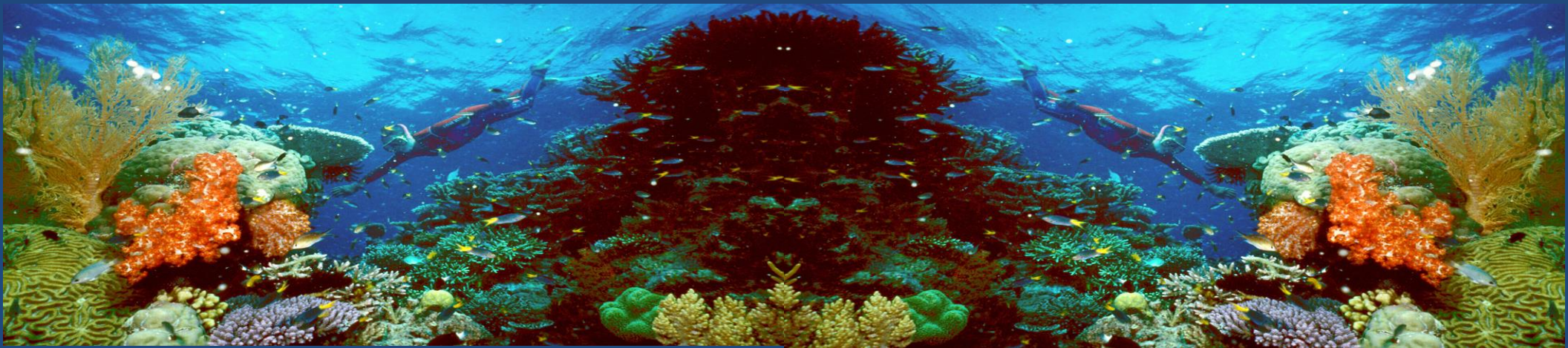
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An underwater photograph of a coral reef. The water is clear and blue, with sunlight filtering through from the surface. In the foreground, there is a dense patch of coral in various colors, including green, brown, and purple. Numerous small fish are swimming in the water, some near the coral and others further away. The overall scene is vibrant and healthy.

Marketing Lionfish for Consumption- An Economic Opportunity and an Ecological Necessity

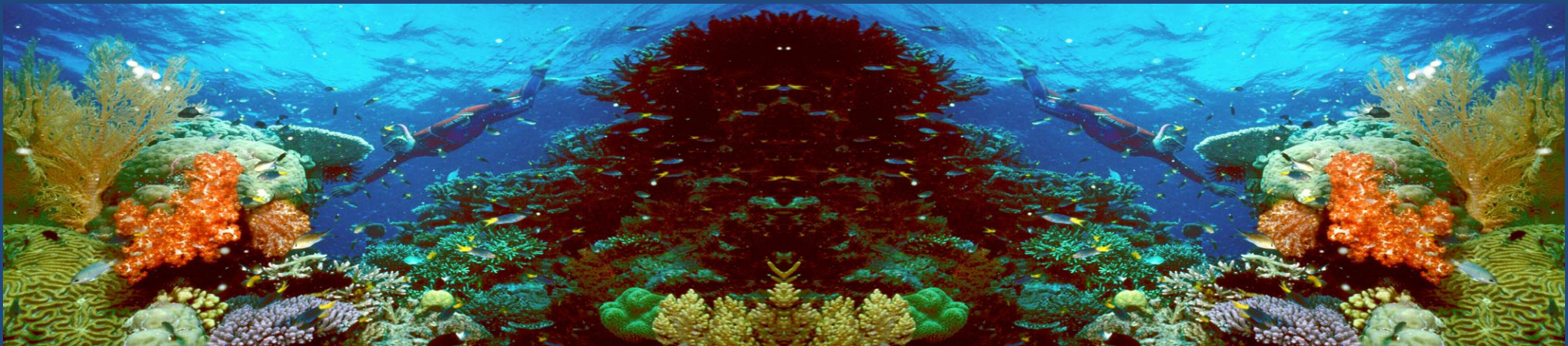
Proposal
for the creation of
the Florida Lionfish Education
and Research Consortium

F.L.E.R.C.



FLERC Members

- Nova Southeastern University
- University of North Florida
- University of South Florida
- REEF
- FWC
- DEMA (Diving Equipment & Marketing Assn)





DEMA, the Diving Equipment & Marketing Association, is an international organization dedicated to the promotion and growth of the recreational scuba diving and snorkeling industry. With more than 1,300 members, this non-profit, global organization promotes scuba diving through consumer awareness programs and media campaigns such as the national **Be a Diver campaign**; diver retention initiatives such as **DiveCaching**; and an annual trade-only event for businesses in the scuba diving, action watersports and adventure/dive-travel industries, **DEMA Show**.



R.E.E.F. is the Reef Environmental Education Foundation, Inc., a non-profit 501(c)(3), located at 98300 Overseas Highway, Key Largo, FL 33037. REEF was founded in 1990 by **Lad Akins**, out of growing concern about the health of the marine environment, and the desire to provide the SCUBA diving community a way to contribute to the understanding and protection of marine populations. REEF is recognized as a world leader on addressing the lionfish invasion.

Dr. Eric Johnson



- Assistant Professor, Department of Biology, University of North Florida (2011-present)
- Postdoctoral Researcher and Research Associate, Smithsonian Institution (2004-2011), Ph.D., North Carolina State University (2004)
- Active in state and federal management of coastal fishery resources
- Expertise in fisheries, marine ecology, invasive species and stock assessment. Current research focus on the life history of lionfish in Florida.

The logo for the University of South Florida (USF) features the letters 'USF' in a large, gold, serif font on a dark green rectangular background.

UNIVERSITY OF
SOUTH FLORIDA

Dr. Christopher Stallings

- Assistant Professor, University of South Florida, College of Marine Science (2011-present)
- Postdoctoral Researcher, Florida State University (2007-2011), Ph.D. Oregon State University (2007)
- \$1.25M in external research funding since 2011
- >20 peer-reviewed publications
- Expertise in fisheries, field experiments, invasive species, and experience in high-profile studies



Dr. Matt Johnston

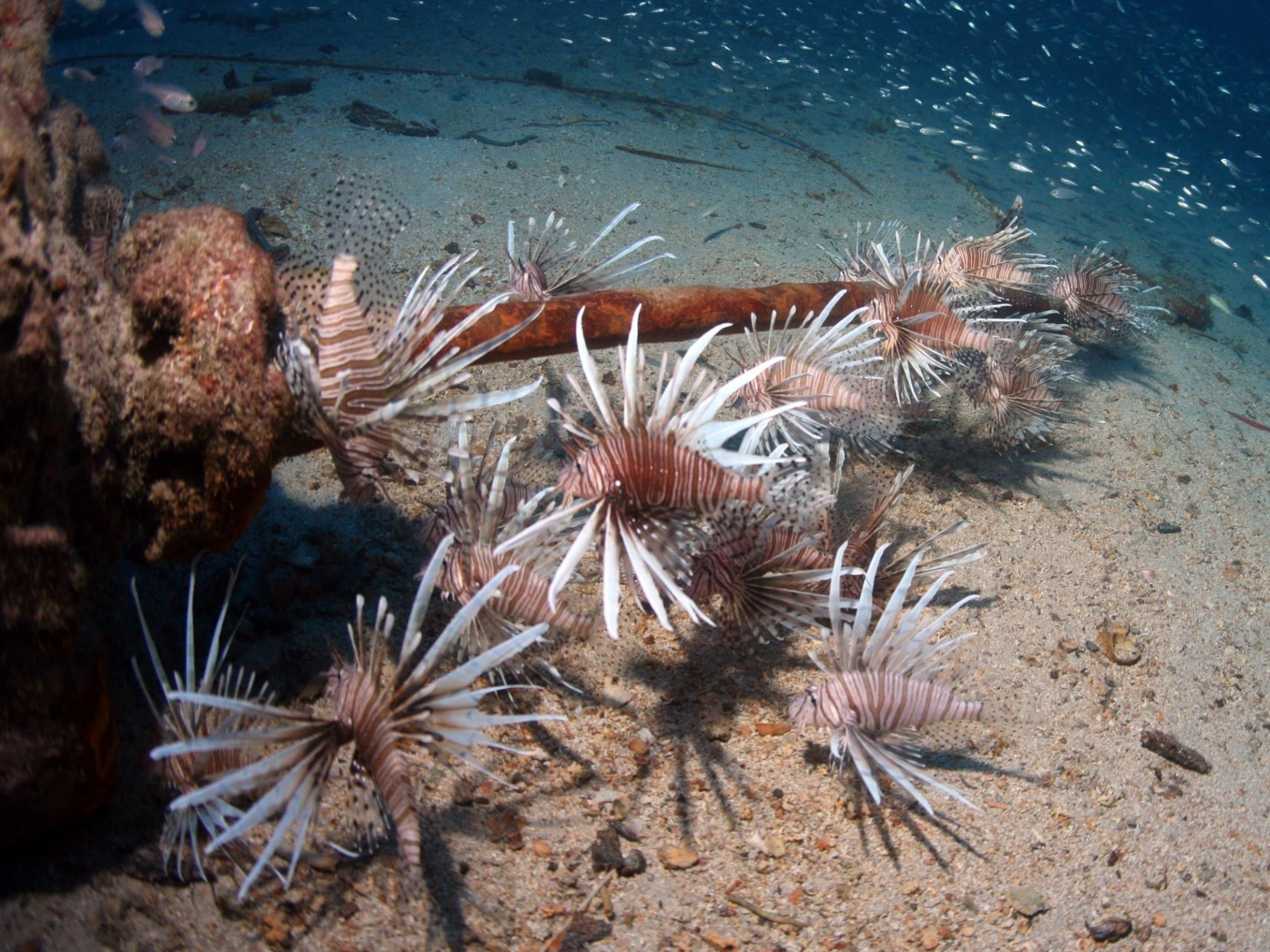
- Research Scientist, Nova Southeastern University, Halmos College of Natural Sciences and Oceanography (2011- present)
- 13+ years of computer programming experience, Ph.D. Nova Southeastern University (2015)
- 10 peer-reviewed publications on lionfish/invasive species
- Expertise in computer simulation, ocean connectivity, invasive species, GIS, and web technologies

HERE IS THE PROBLEM















Lionfish are the problem

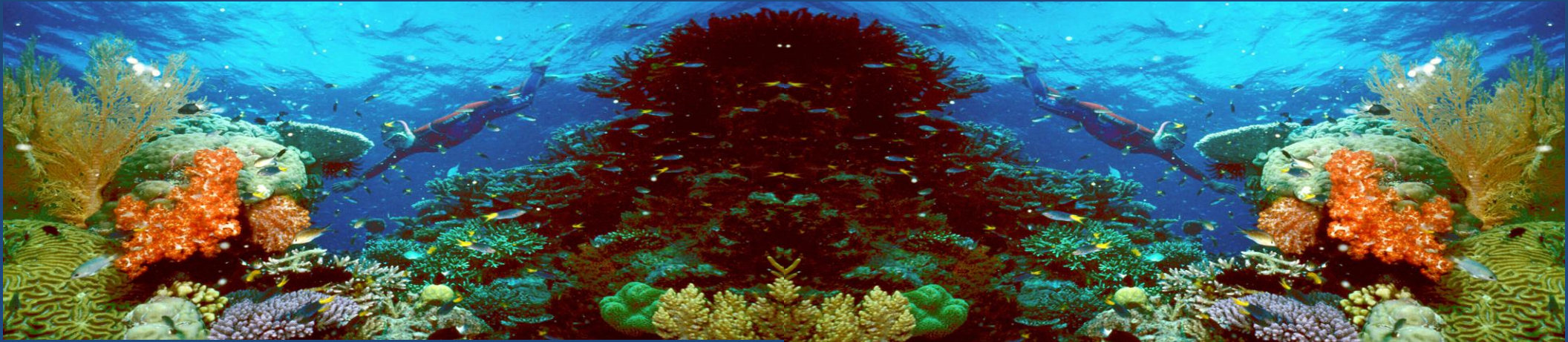
- Florida and its Caribbean neighbors have become infiltrated with Lionfish. This invasive fish is the first to become **established** in the Atlantic and coastal waters off of Florida's beaches
- And, unlike other species in Florida's waters, lionfish have no known natural predator in our waterways to control the species

Lionfish are the problem

- Invasive lionfish are impacting Florida's ecology, economy and recreation
- Left unchecked, the large population of lionfish already in Florida's waters could result in a serious decline to Florida's seafood industry and its related economies of recreational and commercial fishing
- Marine ecosystems are being negatively impacted across a broad scale by this invader which could have a serious impact on tourism experiences for visitors who come to enjoy Florida
- Native fish stocks are down as a direct and identifiable result of lionfish predation. Commercial fisheries and the lobster industry in Florida are being impacted by invasive lionfish

How did this get started

Lionfish were first reported off Florida's Atlantic Coast near Dania Beach in 1985, and have now spread north up the Atlantic Coast, into the Gulf of Mexico, and throughout the Caribbean



1985



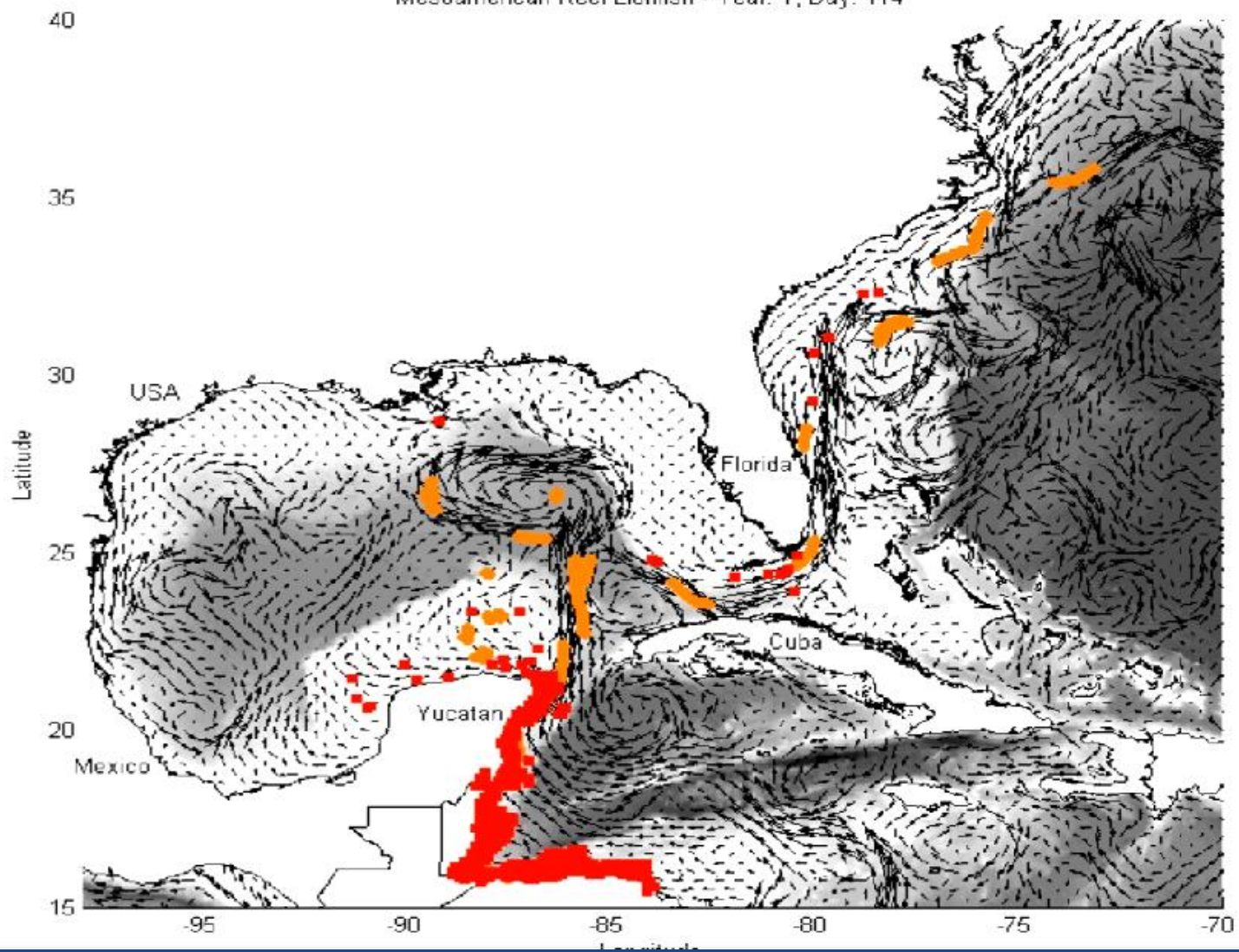
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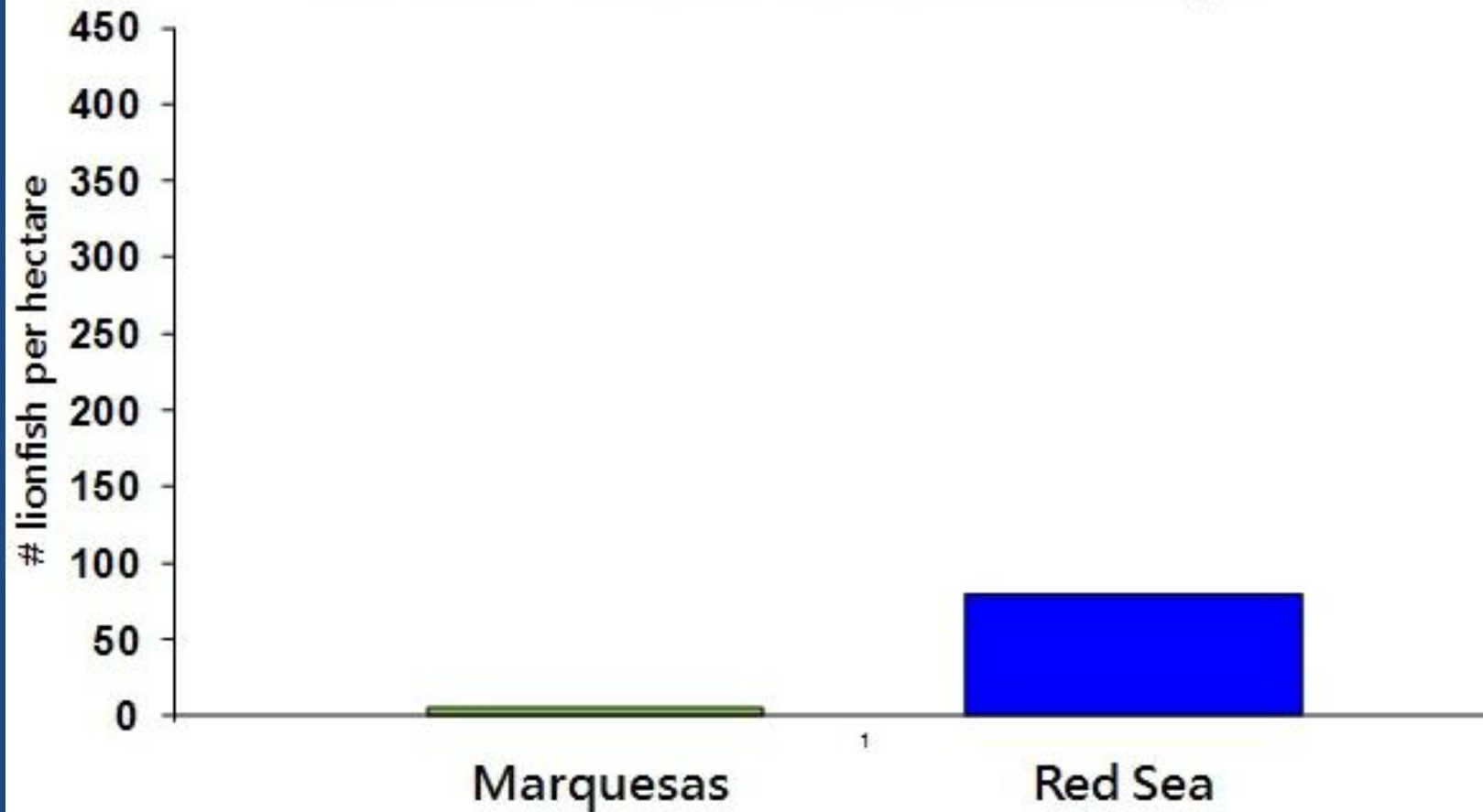
Research Concentrations

- **Modeling:** Computer simulation to help us understand how lionfish spread via ocean currents
 - Evaluate population connectivity between regions and deep/shallow waters in Florida and internationally
 - Coupled with field research, simulation useful to virtually test **where, when** , and **how** to control lionfish
 - Also useful to evaluate controls methods before deployment
- **Deep surveys:** Deep habitats beyond the reach of divers will be surveyed for lionfish using manned submersibles
- **Genetics:** Sequencing the genome can identify why lionfish are successful and help develop genetic techniques to control them

Mesoamerican Reef Lionfish - Year: 1, Day: 114

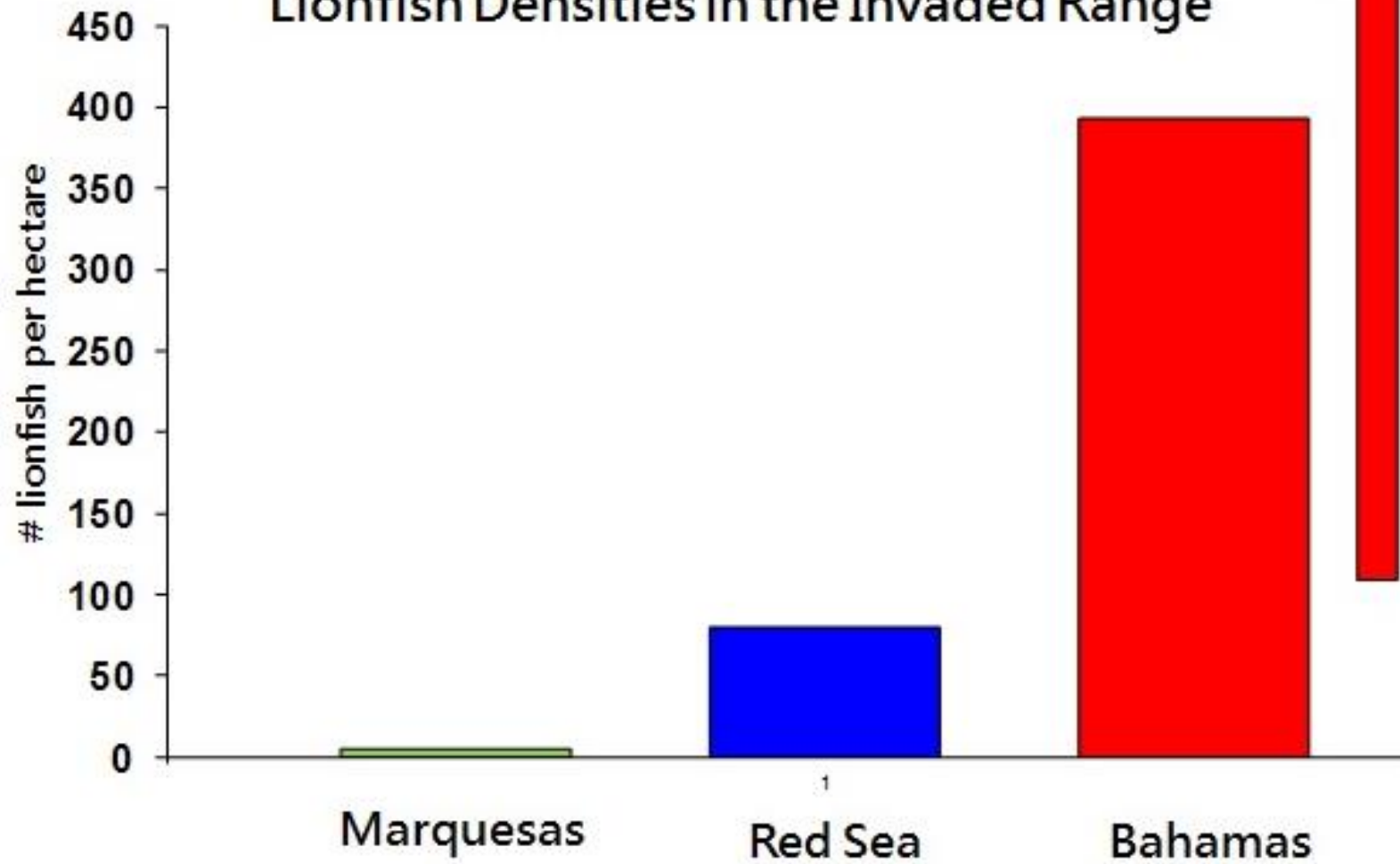


Lionfish Densities in the Native Range



Kulbikci et al 2012, Fishelson 1970

Lionfish Densities in the Invaded Range



Green & Côté 2009, Kulbicki et al 2012

Lionfish are the Problem

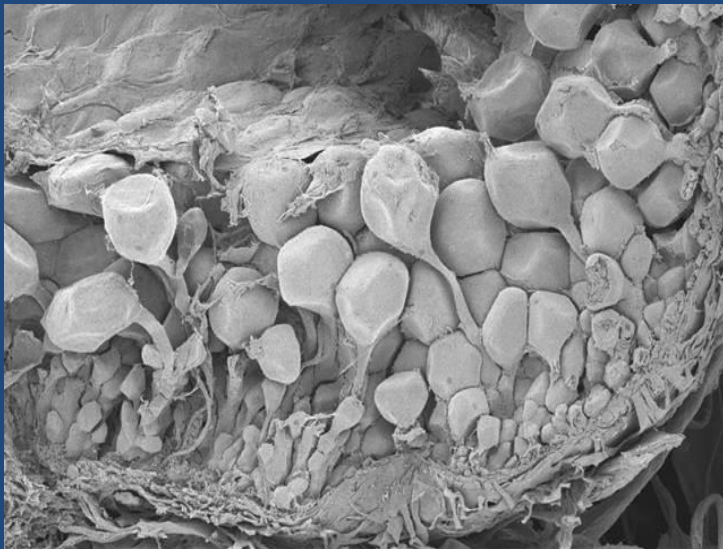
Reproduction Rate

- They reproduce at an alarming rate
- Lionfish can spawn 15,000-30,000 eggs every four days in warmer climates, releasing thousands of eggs, and up to 2 million per year

Lionfish Reproduction



- Early reproduction
- Spawn in pairs
- Female releases two buoyant egg masses
- 15-30,000 eggs per spawn
- Every four days
- Year Round



5kV X40 500µm 2025 NCCUM

Reproduction Rate



Lionfish are the Problem

“They like to eat”

- Lionfish can consume tens of thousands of prey fish every year
- A lionfish stomach can expand up to 30 times the normal volume
- They will eat anything that moves, and have been found to have more than 100 different species consumed
- They eat the same fish we like to eat



Yellow Tail Snapper



Spanish Hogfish



Redband Parrotfish



Grouper



Reef Squirrelfish



Banded Coral Shrimp

Over 100 species of different prey have been found in lionfish stomachs. They can consume prey over half their size.

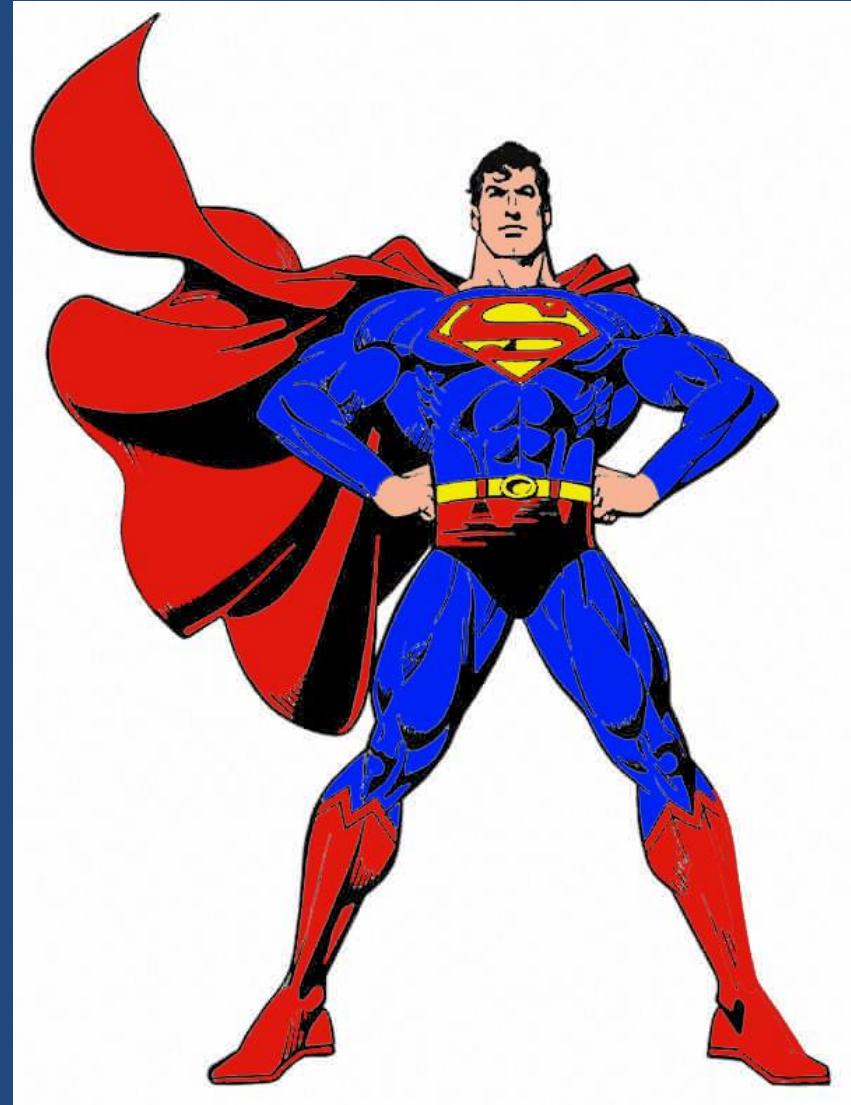
64 prey fish and 1 shrimp!





Where is Superman?

How has this
problem been
combatted so far?





Spearing





How do we successfully do this?

MORE THAN **\$3,500** IN CASH PRIZES AT EACH LIONFISH DERBY

1ST, 2ND & 3RD PRIZES FOR MOST LIONFISH, LARGEST LIONFISH, AND SMALLEST LIONFISH.



Key Largo locals Lionfish Derby

TEAM NAME	Total Fish	Largest	Smallest
Lionfish Slayers	3	338	175
No Pressure	14	292	121
Islamula Divers	77	411	87
Reef Seeker	6	350	190
Team New Yorkers	DNS	DNS	DNS
The Thunderballs	1		
Team Full Circle	35	415	162
No Complex	25	284	127

www.REEF.org/lionfish
Sponsored by SHARKEY'S Reef Environmental Education Foundation (REEF)



2015 Jacksonville Lionfish Derby



Over 2,500

lionfish removed in a single day

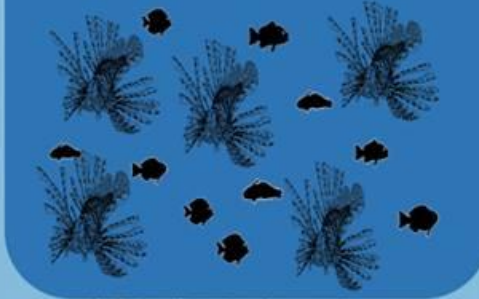
Those lionfish would have eaten

2 to 8.8 million

prey fish in the next year.

LIONFISH CONTROL

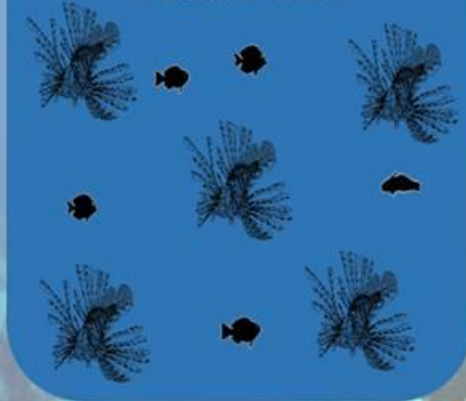
Some Bahamian reefs have up to 50 lionfish per 100m²



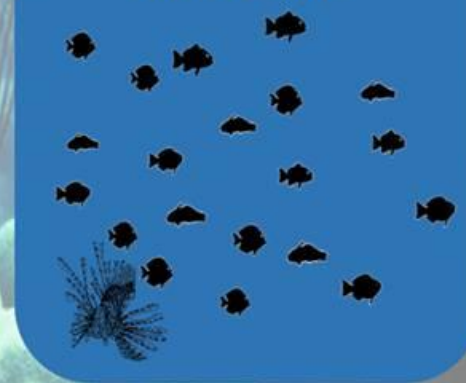
Lionfish NOT removed

Lionfish ARE removed

50% decrease in native fish



70% increase in native fish



Green et al. *In press*. Linking removal targets to the ecological effects of invaders: a predictive model and field test. *Ecological Applications*.

Lionfish Population is Increasing

- “FWC staff confirmed they are seeing a very large increase in lionfish numbers - particularly in deeper water and in the panhandle region. They’ve also noted that mid-western shelf lionfish seem to be breeding more often and produce higher numbers of eggs than in the panhandle and Louisiana. ”

Dr. Matt Johnston, Nova Southeastern

- “Our local Lionfish tournaments have seen a doubling in the number of landed fish each year, in some cases despite fewer teams participating. The winner of this years summer derby (2 man teams) collected 800 Lionfish in one day (4 dives) the tournament total last year was 1100.”

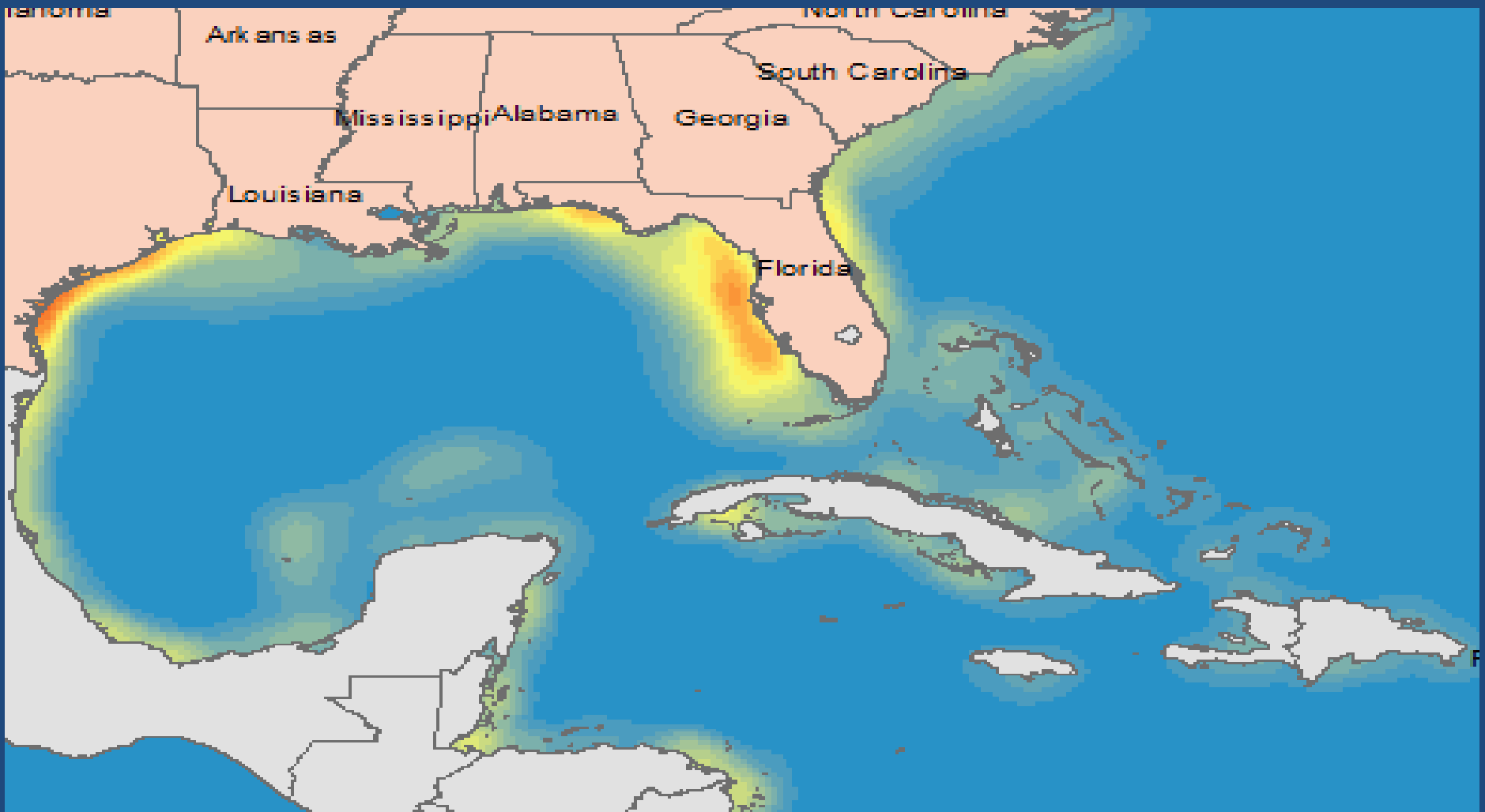
Dr. Eric Johnson, University of North Florida

- “I am currently analyzing data from Biscayne National Park's Lionfish Removal Program (2010-2015). Despite a heroic amount of effort, catch per unit effort (a proxy of abundance) has increased by over 2000% from 2010-2015. ”

Dr. Chris Stallings, University of South Florida

Western Shelf of Florida

Projected Lionfish Population Densities



What should be done?

- Need more research on other tools that can be created to track, remove and control the species spreading in Florida waters
- Develop a fisheries in Florida, increasing both supply and demand for lionfish and lionfish products, i.e., Fresh from Florida approach
- Work with local governments and other neighboring countries to control the population shifts and movement patterns
- Continue to educate the public on this issue





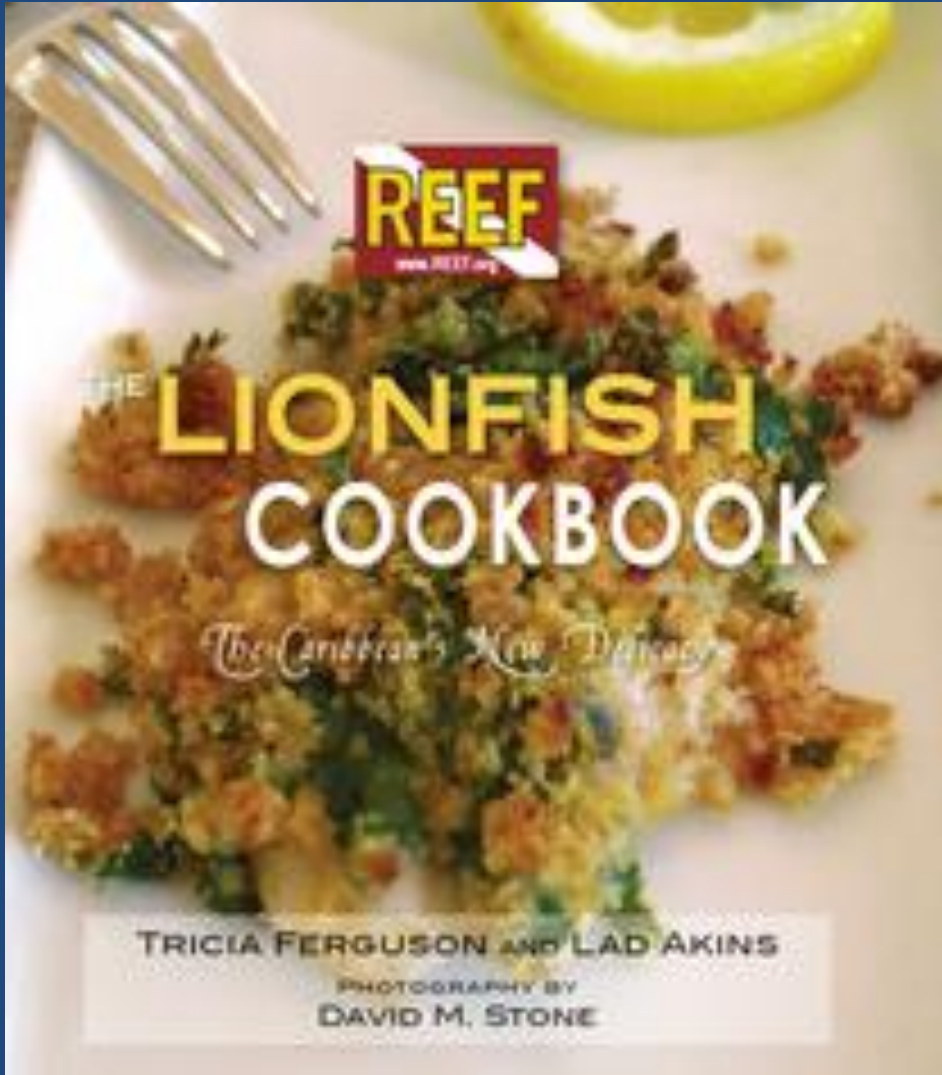
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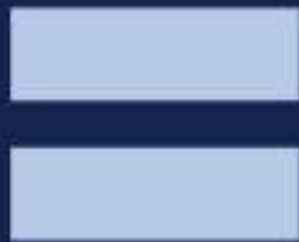


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FLORIDA FISHERIES BIG INDUSTRY

FLORIDA
FISHERIES



\$29.7
BILLION

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SPACE
INDUSTRY



\$14.5
BILLION



\$24.5 billion state ocean economy or 3.3% GDP

\$16.4 billion from recreation & tourism

\$10.7 billion in wages

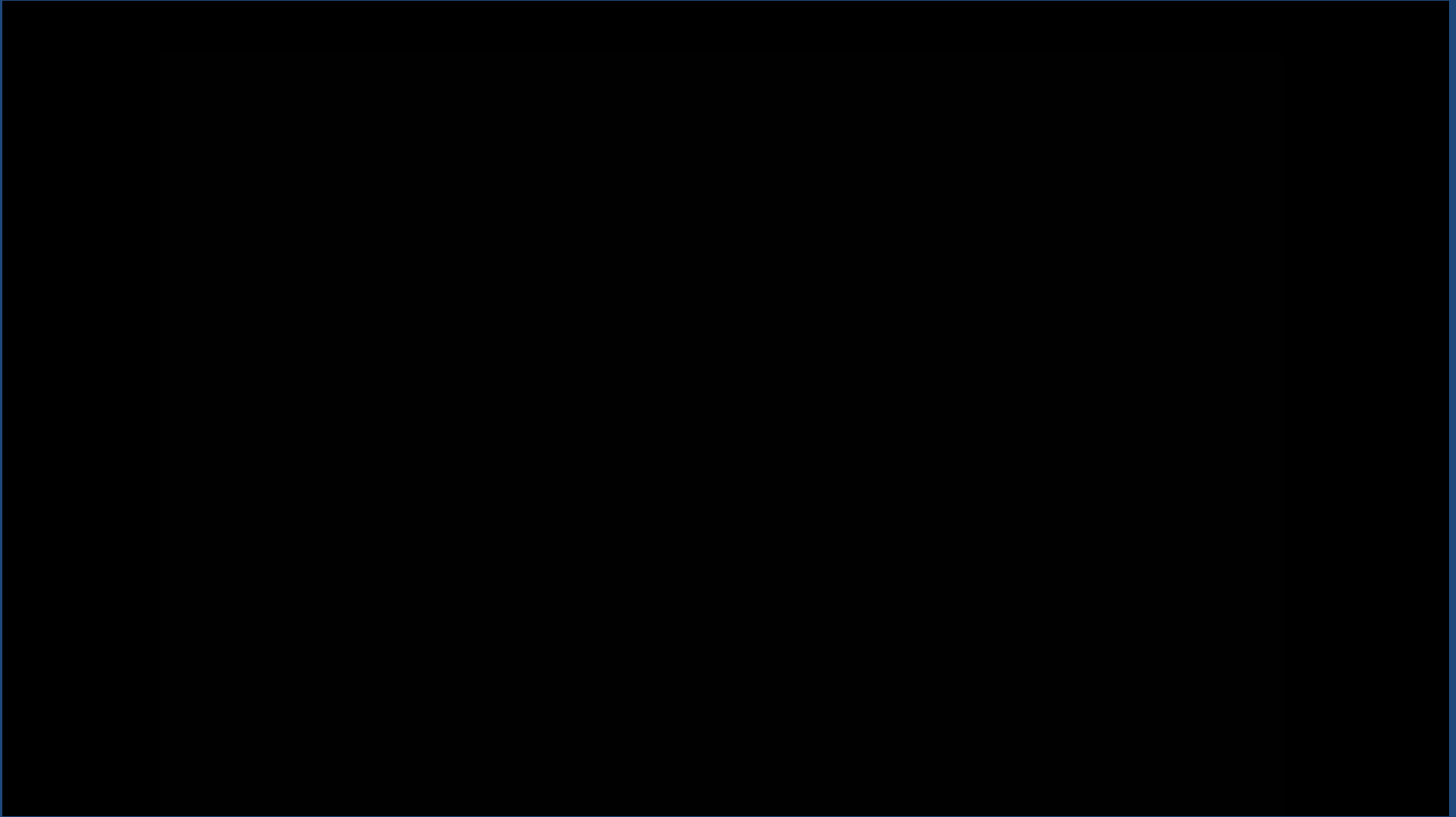
Billions \$ ■ Florida's ocean economy ■ Tourism & ■ Jobs

Lionfish Jewelry



Marketing Lionfish for Consumption

“If you can't beat them, eat them”



Proposal

In collaboration with Florida's Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), funding would be allocated to: R.E.E.F., and several Florida university partners, including the University of North Florida College of Arts and Sciences-Biology, the University of South Florida College of Marine Science, and, Nova Southeastern University Halmos College of Natural Sciences and Oceanography. The Guy Harvey Research Institute at NSU has agreed to manage any funding received for this project.

Funding is being sought in four specific areas to assist in this effort:

Research

Control

Market Development

Public Awareness/Education

Research

- Research and studies that quantifies the economic and ecological impacts of invasive lionfish on Florida's coastline communities.
- Research and studies to develop methodologies and tools to eliminate and/or control invasive lionfish species (i.e., trapping, attractants, etc.).
- Research and studies to determine priorities for directed lionfish removals including locations, timing and frequency of removal effort.
- Research and studies to determine the effectiveness of removal efforts and direct efforts to high priority areas.
- Risk assessment of other potential marine invasive species in Florida waters

Control

- Sponsorship of lionfish derbies, or other focused removal events.
- Supporting and encouraging ongoing removal efforts by individual divers.
- **Developing a commercial harvest model for lionfish**
- Training divers, snorkelers and fishermen in safe and effective collecting
- Identification of and creation of partnerships with bordering countries to help reduce lionfish abundance due to ocean currents (i.e., modeling)

Market Development

- Promotion of lionfish as viable seafood products
- Developing non-traditional uses for lionfish products (i.e. jewelry from fins, export market, medical or drug purposes, etc.)
- Minimizing regulatory hurdles for sale of harvested lionfish
- Working with restaurants and chefs to familiarize them with handling and preparation of lionfish dishes

Public Awareness and Education

- Public education/outreach and data gathering projects regarding the invasive species.
- Facilitating continuing media coverage of the lionfish issue.
- Developing messaging and materials to aid in public awareness.
- Promoting best practices to prevent other non-native species invasions.
- Organizing conferences and workshops to bring together key stakeholders to share latest research and control information.
- Demonstrating correlation between STEM careers and marine biology

For more information...

The Lionfish Hunters- A 3-part story

http://mashable.com/2015/09/08/lionfish-invasion/?utm_cid=hp-hh-pri

Cayman Islands video- proof of demand.

<https://www.facebook.com/411128245627075/videos/958563574216870/>

CBS Good Morning Show 10.11.15

<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/lionfish-from-malicious-to-delicious/>

Funding

FLERC will be seeking funding for the purposes of this project, with reports back to the Governor, and the Florida Legislature, on July 1st and January 1st of each year, on progress made on the objectives of the Consortium.

We will be happy to answer any questions you might have.

Florida's Lionfish Education and Research Consortium (FLERC)

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Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC)

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Topic lion fish

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

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Representing DEMA, REEF, UNF, USE, NOVA (lionfish consortium)

Appearing at request of Chair: Yes No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature: Yes No

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Topic INVASIVE LIONFISH

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

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Representing Reef Environmental Education Foundation, Inc.

Appearing at request of Chair: Yes No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature: Yes No

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Topic ~~ANIMAL PEST AND DISEASE PREVENTION~~ (LIONFISH) Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

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Representing UNF

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Representing USF

Appearing at request of Chair: [] Yes [X] No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature: [] Yes [X] No

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Representing Nova Southeastern University

Appearing at request of Chair: Yes No

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Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill

Senate Committee on Agriculture

Drew Bartlett

Deputy Secretary for Ecosystem
Restoration

October 20, 2015





Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill

April 20, 2010 - Explosion and oil spill

July 15, 2010 - Well capped

April 20, 2011 - BP agrees to \$1 billion in NRDA early restoration

July 6, 2012 - RESTORE Act signed into law

Early 2013 - Transocean civil settlement and criminal plea agreements with BP and Transocean. NFWF Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund established

July 2, 2015 - BP Agreement in Principle – \$18.7 billion

October 5, 2015 - NRDA Trustees propose comprehensive Gulf Restoration Plan and Consent Decree



43,300-square-mile cumulative area of detectable oil slick during the *Deepwater Horizon* spill, based on satellite images.

Resolution of Environmental Claims¹

Natural Resource Damage Assessment⁵

\$8.1B BP
(Including \$1B in Early Restoration)

Florida

\$680M
(Includes Early Restoration)

Early restoration projects were vetted by FDEP, FWC, & the Governor's office prior to submitting to the NRDA Trustees & BP for funding consideration

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RESTORE ACT³

80% of Clean Water Act Civil & Administrative Penalties

\$4.4B plus interest BP
\$800M plus interest Transocean
\$5.2B Total

1

Treasury Administered

Direct Component 35%
\$1.82B Total

20% of total to Florida

\$308M BP
\$56M Transocean
\$364M Total

Counties develop Multiyear Implementation Plans to submit to Treasury for review & approval

2

Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council Administered

Comprehensive Plan Component 30%

\$1.56B Total

No Specific Allocation⁴

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3

Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council Administered

Spill Impact Component 30%

\$1.66B Total

Florida

\$242.4M BP
\$44.1M Transocean
\$286.5M Total

Gulf Consortium develops State Expenditure Plan to submit to Governor's office for review, who will then submit to RESTORE Council for approval

4

NOAA Administered

NOAA RESTORE ACT Science Program 2.5%

\$130M Total

NOAA conducts solicitations for research proposals which it will score & review for requirement compliance & completeness for funding eligibility

5

Treasury Administered

Centers of Excellence 2.5%

\$130M Total

Florida Administered by FI Institute of Oceanography (FIO)

\$22M BP
\$4M Transocean
\$26M Total

FIO will issue Request for Proposals which it will evaluate for funding eligibility

National Fish & Wildlife Foundation²

Criminal Penalties (BP & Transocean)

\$2.544B

Florida

\$356M

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Non-Disproportionately Affected Counties ⁶			Disproportionately Affected Counties ⁶		
25%			75%		
\$77M BP			\$231M BP		
\$14M Transocean			\$42M Transocean		
\$91M Total			\$273M Total		
5.2%	Charlotte	\$4,732,000	15.1%	Bay	\$41,226,967
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Phase I –
2 projects totaling \$5.7 million



Phase II –
2 projects totaling \$6.3 million



Phase III and IV –
31 projects totaling >\$88 million

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Restoration Council
Administered**

Comprehensive Plan Component
30%

\$1.56B Total

No Specific Allocation⁴

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funding consideration



**7 Florida Sponsored
Projects –
\$18.5 million**



**4 Federal Agency
Projects –
\$12.1 million**



**8 Gulfwide Projects
with Florida benefits –
\$7.4 million**

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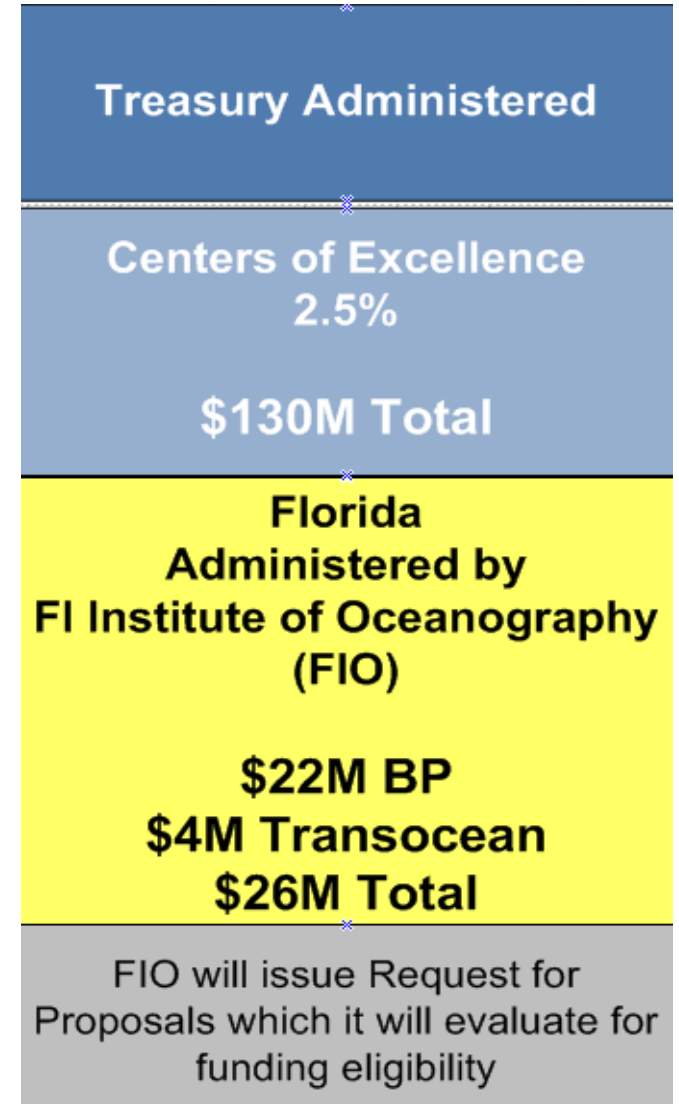
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**2013 Funding Cycle –
6 projects totaling
\$15.1 million**



**2014 Funding Cycle –
9 projects totaling
\$34.3 million**



**2015 Funding Cycle -
developing a
restoration strategy
and key projects**

**National Fish &
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Projects Authorized in Florida

- Total Deepwater Horizon projects “authorized” to date (MOEX, NFWF, NRDA Phases 1- 4)
 - > 70 projects
 - > \$170 million
- Restore Council Draft Funded Priorities List
 - Expected to become final in December 2015
 - \$38 million in projects that benefit Florida

For more information: www.dep.state.fl.us/deepwaterhorizon



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Appropriations Subcommittee on General
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Joint Administrative Procedures Committee

SENATOR DWIGHT BULLARD

39th District

October 19th, 2015

Chairman Montford,

I am requesting to be excused from our Agriculture Committee meeting on Tuesday, October 20th, 2015 due to an event that is being held in my district. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dwight M. Bullard

State Senator, District 39

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DON GAETZ
President of the Senate

GARRETT RICHTER
President Pro Tempore

CourtSmart Tag Report

Room: SB 301

Caption: Senate Agriculture Committee

Case No.:

Judge:

Type:

Started: 10/20/2015 9:05:37 AM

Ends: 10/20/2015 10:50:08 AM Length: 01:44:32

9:05:45 AM Meeting called to order.
9:05:55 AM Roll call.
9:06:14 AM Quorum present.
9:06:55 AM Introduction of new staff.
9:07:36 AM Comments from Chairman Montford.
9:08:04 AM Special meeting of Agriculture committee on November 12 in Sebring.
9:08:57 AM Chairman Montford recognizes Dr. Mike Short (State Veterinarian) to present on Tab 1.
9:09:22 AM Dr. Mike Short presents on Animal Pest and Disease Prevention & Response
9:11:19 AM Dr. Short speaks to two bureaus within Division of Animal Industry.
9:14:35 AM Dr. Short speaks to current disease issues within the State of Florida.
9:16:03 AM Economic Impact of Animal Disease Outbreaks
9:20:05 AM Concern that the vaian influenza may be introduced in the south due to bird
9:20:06 AM migration; no detection since June 2015
9:21:04 AM Florida ranks 14th nationally in egg production
9:21:54 AM State conducting surveillance, testing, training/exercises and meetings/workshops
9:23:52 AM Legislative budget request for \$10.3 billion for new diagnostic facilities
9:24:40 AM Chairman Montford thanks Dr. Short for his presentation.
9:25:03 AM Chairman Montford recognizes Dr. Trevor Smith, Director, Division of Plant Industry.
9:25:29 AM Dr. Plant presents update on recent Oriental Fruit Fly discovery.
9:27:09 AM Division partners with USDA to prevent fruit fly establishment in Florida.
9:28:02 AM Chairman Montford asks Dr. Smith if release of sterile flies works.
9:28:07 AM Dr. Smith responds.
9:28:30 AM Dr. Smith continues with the presentation.
9:30:05 AM Dr. Smith presents previous Florida detection of fruit flies.
9:31:38 AM Dr. Smith talks about quarantine impact to businesses and agriculture lands.
9:34:19 AM Dr. Smith presents information regarding control of fruit flies.
9:34:53 AM Chairman Montford asks Dr. Smith about control efforts within neighborhoods.
9:35:12 AM Dr. Smith responds that outreach is key.
9:35:31 AM Senator Galvano responds.
9:35:47 AM Senator Garcia recognized.
9:36:05 AM Senator Garcia asks Dr. Smith regarding quarantine areas and farmers - what
9:36:11 AM happens to produce that is lost?
9:36:20 AM Dr. Smith responds there is no compensation at this time.
9:36:47 AM Ad must be run in paper for 48 hours before quarantine - then shut down.
9:37:36 AM Harvest has to be destroyed, kept in quarantine area or produced (post harvest).
9:37:57 AM Dr. Smith continues presentation.
9:38:58 AM Dr. Smith speaks to regulatory activities with businesses.
9:39:48 AM Only two repeat violators.
9:40:51 AM Quarantine requirements - post- and pre-harvest.
9:41:17 AM Dr. Smith speaks to outreach efforts.
9:43:45 AM Life cycle is key to eradication process.
9:44:36 AM Senator Garcia recognized.
9:44:51 AM What happens with quarantine areas?
9:44:57 AM Dr. Smith responds.
9:45:35 AM Dr. Garcia for follow up.
9:45:41 AM Dr. Smith responds.
9:46:39 AM Senator Garcia for follow up question.
9:46:58 AM Dr. Smith responds.
9:47:29 AM Senator Garcia - at what point do they have to dispose of their produce?
9:47:44 AM Dr. Smith responds.
9:48:10 AM Senator Garcia for additional follow up.
9:48:18 AM Dr. Smith responds.

9:48:38 AM Senator Garcia - no subsidies?
9:48:51 AM Dr. Smith responds - no.
9:49:06 AM Senator Garcia to Chairman Montford regarding subsidies.
9:50:09 AM Chairman Montford responds.
9:51:05 AM Chairman Montford asks Dr. Smith about screw worms - what about mosquitoes and yellow flies?
9:51:07 AM Dr. Smith responds - the same process doesn't work.
9:51:26 AM Dr. Smith recognized to present on giant african land snail eradication program.
9:51:54 AM Dr. Smith concludes his presentation.
9:54:42 AM Bob Harris recognized to present Marketing Lionfish for Consumption.
9:55:05 AM Lad Akins introduced to assist with presentation.
9:56:27 AM Mr. Harris introduces scientists who are assisting to committee.
9:57:21 AM Mr. Smith proposes creation of a lionfish consortium.
9:58:24 AM Diving community is aware of the lionfish issue.
9:59:09 AM Mr. Smith speaks to problem of lion fish - most invasive species.
10:00:25 AM No natural predators in Atlantic or Gulf waters.
10:00:56 AM Mr. Akins speaks to widespread area of lionfish in waters.
10:02:50 AM Mr. Smith speaks to reproduction rate of lionfish.
10:03:53 AM Lionfish like to eat - consume anything that moves.
10:04:35 AM Mr. Akins adds additional information.
10:05:53 AM Only targeted way to take lionfish is one at a time.
10:06:51 AM Mr. Akins adds information regarding lionfish - need for educated divers.
10:07:24 AM Mr. Smith states there needs to be additional methods to catch fish.
10:08:00 AM One way is a Lionfish Derby - to assist in eradication.
10:08:26 AM Control studies from other areas information presented to committee.
10:09:42 AM What should be done?
10:10:55 AM Need for research.
10:11:04 AM Develop a fisheries.
10:11:25 AM Work with local governmentsw and other countries.
10:12:19 AM Educate public.
10:12:26 AM Florida fisheries is \$29.7 billion industry in Florida.
10:13:47 AM Mr. Smith speaks to Shark Tank episode regarding lionfish consumption/issue.
10:14:47 AM Proposal introduced.
10:15:39 AM Other countries working to address issue.
10:16:22 AM Senator Dean recognized.
10:17:59 AM What's largest lionfish you've seen?
10:18:06 AM Mr. Akins - 477 mm - 19"
10:18:24 AM Chairman Montford thanks presenters.
10:18:43 AM Chairman Montford recognizes Drew Bartlett.
10:19:00 AM Drew Bartlett, Deputy Secretary, DEP, re: Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill.
10:19:27 AM Slick was approximately size of Virginia - after spill.
10:20:30 AM Tarball is what is left.
10:20:44 AM Mr. Bartlett hands out tarballs to senators.
10:20:56 AM Federal laws took effect after spill.
10:21:44 AM Mr. Bartlett speaks to timeline of oil spill.
10:22:31 AM References graphic - which was handed out to Senators.
10:23:34 AM Attorney General taking lead on economic penalty.
10:24:06 AM 15 payments will be made to State of Florida with settlement funds.
10:25:28 AM Chairman Montford asks about projects that may be recommended.
10:25:49 AM Mr. Bartlett responds - oyster bed reconstruction.
10:26:00 AM Chairman Montfords asks series of follow up questions.
10:26:15 AM Mr. Bartlett responds.
10:26:22 AM Senator Sobel recognized.
10:26:32 AM How many counties effected by spill?
10:27:14 AM Mr. Bartlett responds.
10:27:21 AM Environmental damages mainly in Panhandle area; but other areas suffered economic damages.
10:27:50 AM Senator Sobel for follow up.
10:27:58 AM Mr. Bartlett responds.
10:28:05 AM Chairman Montford for question.
10:28:20 AM Mr. Bartlett responds.
10:28:30 AM Recreation losses is equated to economic damages in Florida.
10:28:52 AM

10:29:04 AM Chairman Montford for follow up.
10:29:18 AM Boat ramp can be justified under settlement?
10:29:30 AM Yes. Due to recreational losses.
10:29:42 AM Montford - who makes the decision as to whether a project is approved?
10:29:58 AM The trustee council.
10:30:20 AM Montford - Where does local government fit in?
10:30:40 AM Mr. Bartlett - they make decisions and become local partners.
10:30:56 AM Senator Sobel recognized.
10:31:29 AM Mr. Bartlett continues with presentation.
10:31:49 AM Civil penalties - funding streams on handout provided.
10:32:31 AM Portion of money goes to counties. Counties submit plan. Approved by feds.
10:32:38 AM Chairman Montford for question.
10:32:50 AM Mr. Bartlett responds.
10:33:26 AM Mr. Bartlett continues.
10:35:06 AM Chairman Montford for question.
10:35:11 AM Mr. Bartlett responds.
10:35:25 AM Chairman Montford for follow up.
10:35:38 AM Mr. Bartlett answers.
10:36:16 AM Senator Montford - can money be spread out through state?
10:36:46 AM Must be related to Gulf Coast - environmental issues.
10:36:50 AM Mr. Bartlett continues.
10:37:49 AM Gulf Consortium Council - establishes their own expenditure plan.
10:39:16 AM Chairman Montford.
10:39:28 AM Mr. Bartlett responds.
10:39:39 AM Chairman Montford for follow up.
10:40:04 AM Departmental staff responds to Chair Montford.
10:41:23 AM Funding payments go through 2018.
10:41:34 AM Chairman Montford poses question to Mr. Bartlett.
10:41:48 AM Mimi Drew, DEP staff, responds.
10:42:05 AM Chairman Montford for follow up.
10:42:14 AM Ms. Drew responds.
10:42:41 AM Economic settlement handled by Attorney General's office.
10:42:54 AM Mr. Bartlett to summarize presentation.
10:43:48 AM Authorized projects in Florida.
10:44:44 AM Chairman Montford - Is there a "czar" over all the spill?
10:45:06 AM Mr. Bartlett responds - FWC and DEP work together to provide leadership.
10:45:25 AM Chairman Montford for follow up regarding interaction with local governments.
10:45:36 AM Mr. Bartlett responds "we can't do it without local governments."
10:45:52 AM Chairman Montford - does any money go directly to county commission?
10:45:59 AM Ms. Drew responds.
10:46:14 AM Chairman Montford for follow up.
10:46:18 AM Ms. Drew responds.
10:47:36 AM Chairman Montford for follow up.
10:47:48 AM Does state have any veto power over what counties decide to do with money?
10:48:00 AM Ms. Drew - decision made by counties.
10:48:33 AM Chairman Montford for follow up.
10:48:43 AM Ms. Drew responds.
10:49:40 AM Chairman Montford for comment.
10:49:59 AM Meeting adjourned.