Sea Grant Florida

Steps to Organize a LOCAL DERELICT TRAP REMOVAL EVENT

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GO TO FWC WEBSITE: HTTP://MYFWC.COM/FISHING/SALTWATER/TRAP-DEBRIS/VOLUNTEER-PROGRAM/

- ☐ Read Frequently Asked Questions
- ☐ Read regulations for derelict trap removal
- ☐ Download application form
- ☐ Read manual on derelict trap removal: http://myfwc.com/fishing/saltwater/trap-debris/

CALL THE FWC DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES MANAGEMENT 850-487-0554 TO

- ☐ Start application and get assistance with local resources and trap disposal locations

BLUE CRAB

TARGET AREA

- ☐ Identify areas for trap removal
- ☐ Is target area shoreline or in-water?
- ☐ Select shore or boat ramp staging area and location for derelict trap disposal

SELECT A DATE

- ☐ In-water clean-ups can occur during open or closed season EXCEPT during the first 15 days after the season closes for lobster and stone crab. Shoreline clean-ups can occur during open or closed season.
- ☐ Consider tides and seasonal weather patterns
- ☐ Select a back up date for inclement weather

STONE CRAB

LOBSTER

RECRUIT VOLUNTEERS AND VESSELS

- ☐ Ensure volunteers understand expectations and safety
- ☐ Arrange appropriate vessels for debris and volunteers

PLAN YOUR EVENT

- ☐ Organize dumpster access and landfill locations
- ☐ Obtain shoreline or boat ramp authorizations
- ☐ Notify law enforcement about your activities
- ☐ Equipment - gloves, shovel, hook, wire cutters, binoculars etc.
- ☐ Make boat assignments and float plan
- ☐ Vessel Safety Equipment - life vests, First Aid kits
- ☐ FWC Application/Maps/Authorization
- ☐ Coordinate volunteers
- ☐ Plan for snacks and water
- ☐ 24 hours prior to event contact the FWC regional communication center - phone number provided on FWC authorization

DAY OF EVENT

- ☐ Orientation - Derelict trap types and derelict trap rules, data collection and safety
- ☐ Boat assignments, location assignments, and final derelict trap disposal sites

AFTER EVENT

- ☐ Report to FWC
- ☐ Report to volunteers

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