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11	Senator Pruitt moved the following amendment:
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13	Senate Amendment (with title amendment)
14	Delete everything after the enacting clause
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16	and insert:
17	Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 327.73, Florida
18	Statutes, is amended to read:
19	327.73 Noncriminal infractions
20	(4) Any person charged with a noncriminal infraction
21	under this section may:
22	(a) Pay the civil penalty, either by mail or in
23	person, within 30 days of the date of receiving the citation;
24	or,
25	(b) If he or she has posted bond, forfeit bond by not
26	appearing at the designated time and location.
27 28	If the person cited follows either of the above procedures, he
20 29	or she shall be deemed to have admitted the noncriminal
30	infraction and to have waived the right to a hearing on the
31	issue of commission of the infraction. Such admission shall
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1	not be used as evidence in any other proceedings. If a person
2	who is cited for a violation of s. 327.395 can show a boating
3	safety identification card issued to him or her and valid at
4	the time of the citation, the clerk of the court may dismiss
5	the case and may assess a \$5 dismissal fee.
6	Section 2. Subsections (1) and (15) of section 328.72,
7	Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
8	328.72 Classification; registration; fees and charges;
9	surcharge; disposition of fees; fines; marine turtle
10	stickers
11	(1) VESSEL REGISTRATION FEEVessels that are
12	required to be registered shall be classified for registration
13	purposes according to the following schedule, and the
14	registration certificate fee shall be in the following
15	amounts:
16	Class A-1Less than 12 feet in length, and all canoes
17	to which propulsion motors have been attached, regardless of
18	length\$3.50
19	Class A-212 feet or more and less than 16 feet in
20	length10.50
21	(To county)2.85
22	Class 116 feet or more and less than 26 feet in
23	length18.50
24	(To county)8.85
25	Class 226 feet or more and less than 40 feet in
26	length50.50
27	(To county)32.85
28	Class 340 feet or more and less than 65 feet in
29	length82.50
30	(To county)
31	Class 465 feet or more and less than 110 feet in

1	length98.50
2	(To county)68.85
3	Class 5110 feet or more in length
4	(To county)86.85
5	Dealer registration certificate16.50
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7	The county portion of the vessel registration fee is derived
8	from recreational vessels only.
9	(15) DISTRIBUTION OF FEESMoneys designated for the
10	use of the counties, as specified in subsection (1), shall be
11	distributed by the tax collector to the board of county
12	commissioners for use as provided in this section. Such
13	moneys to be returned to the counties are for the sole
14	purposes of providing recreational channel marking and public
15	launching facilities and other boating-related activities, for
16	removal of vessels and floating structures deemed a hazard to
17	public safety and health for failure to comply with s. 327.53,
18	and for manatee and marine mammal protection and recovery. The
19	county portion of the vessel registration certificate fee
20	collected by the Fast Title Section of the Bureau of Titles
21	and Registration of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor
22	Vehicles must be returned to the vessel owner's county of
23	Florida residence.
24	Section 3. Subsection (1) of section 328.76, Florida
25	Statutes, is amended to read:
26	328.76 Marine Resources Conservation Trust Fund;
27	vessel registration funds; appropriation and distribution
28	(1) Except as otherwise specified and less any
29	administrative costs, all funds collected from the
30	registration of vessels through the Department of Highway
31	Safety and Motor Vehicles and the tax collectors of the state,

except for those funds designated for the use of the counties pursuant to s. 328.72(1), shall be deposited in the Marine Resources Conservation Trust Fund for recreational channel marking; public launching facilities; law enforcement and quality control programs; aquatic weed control; manatee protection, recovery, rescue, rehabilitation, and release; and marine mammal protection and recovery. The funds collected pursuant to s. 328.72(1) shall be transferred as follows:

- (a) In each fiscal year, an amount equal to \$1.50 for each <u>commercial</u> and <u>noncommercial</u> vessel registered in this state shall be transferred to the Save the Manatee Trust Fund and shall be used only for the purposes specified in s. 370.12(4).
- (b) An amount equal to \$2 two dollars from each noncommercial vessel registration fee, except that for class A-1 vessels, shall be transferred to the Invasive Plant Control Trust Fund for aquatic weed research and control.
- (c) An amount equal to 40 forty percent of the registration fees from commercial vessels shall be transferred to the Invasive Plant Control Trust Fund for aquatic plant research and control.
- (d) An amount equal to 40 forty percent of the registration fees from commercial vessels shall be transferred by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, on a monthly basis, to the General Inspection Trust Fund of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. These funds shall be used for shellfish and aquaculture law enforcement and quality control programs.
- Section 4. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 370.06, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
  - 370.06 Licenses.--

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(2) SALTWATER PRODUCTS LICENSE. --

(a) Every person, firm, or corporation that sells, offers for sale, barters, or exchanges for merchandise any saltwater products, or which harvests saltwater products with certain gear or equipment as specified by law, must have a valid saltwater products license, except that the holder of an aquaculture certificate under s. 597.004 is not required to purchase and possess a saltwater products license in order to possess, transport, or sell marine aquaculture products. Each saltwater products license allows the holder to engage in any of the activities for which the license is required. The license must be in the possession of the licenseholder or aboard the vessel and shall be subject to inspection at any time that harvesting activities for which a license is required are being conducted. A restricted species endorsement on the saltwater products license is required to sell to a licensed wholesale dealer those species which the state, by law or rule, has designated as "restricted species." This endorsement may be issued only to a person who is at least 16 years of age, or to a firm certifying that over 25 percent of its income or \$5,000 of its income, whichever is less, is attributable to the sale of saltwater products pursuant to a license issued under this paragraph or a similar license from another state. This endorsement may also be issued to a for-profit corporation if it certifies that at least \$5,000 of its income is attributable to the sale of saltwater products pursuant to a license issued under this paragraph or a similar license from another state. However, if at least 50 percent of the annual income of a person, firm, or for-profit corporation is derived from charter fishing, the person, firm, or 31 | for-profit corporation must certify that at least \$2,500 of

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the income of the person, firm, or corporation is attributable to the sale of saltwater products pursuant to a license issued under this paragraph or a similar license from another state, in order to be issued the endorsement. Such income attribution must apply to at least 1 year out of the last 3 years. For the purpose of this section "income" means that income which is attributable to work, employment, entrepreneurship, pensions, retirement benefits, and social security benefits. To renew an existing restricted species endorsement, a marine aquaculture producer possessing a valid saltwater products license with a restricted species endorsement may apply income from the sale of marine aquaculture products to licensed wholesale dealers.

- The commission is authorized to require verification of such income. Acceptable proof of income earned from the sale of saltwater products shall be:
- Copies of trip ticket records generated pursuant to this subsection (marine fisheries information system), documenting qualifying sale of saltwater products;
- Copies of sales records from locales other than Florida documenting qualifying sale of saltwater products;
- A copy of the applicable federal income tax return, including Form 1099 attachments, verifying income earned from the sale of saltwater products;
- d. Crew share statements verifying income earned from the sale of saltwater products; or
- e. A certified public accountant's notarized statement attesting to qualifying source and amount of income.

Any provision of this section or any other section of the Florida Statutes to the contrary notwithstanding, any person 31 who owns a retail seafood market or restaurant at a fixed

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location for at least 3 years who has had an occupational license for 3 years prior to January 1, 1990, who harvests saltwater products to supply his or her retail store and has had a saltwater products license for 1 of the past 3 years prior to January 1, 1990, may provide proof of his or her verification of income and sales value at the person's retail seafood market or restaurant and in his or her saltwater products enterprise by affidavit and shall thereupon be issued a restricted species endorsement.

- 2. Exceptions from income requirements shall be as follows:
- a. A permanent restricted species endorsement shall be available to those persons age 62 and older who have qualified for such endorsement for at least 3 out of the last 5 years.
- b. Active military duty time shall be excluded from consideration of time necessary to qualify and shall not be counted against the applicant for purposes of qualifying.
- c. Upon the sale of a used commercial fishing vessel owned by a person, firm, or corporation possessing or eligible for a restricted species endorsement, the purchaser of such vessel shall be exempted from the qualifying income requirement for the purpose of obtaining a restricted species endorsement for a period of 1 year after purchase of the vessel.
- d. Upon the death or permanent disablement of a person possessing a restricted species endorsement, an immediate family member wishing to carry on the fishing operation shall be exempted from the qualifying income requirement for the purpose of obtaining a restricted species endorsement for a period of 1 year after the death or disablement.
  - e. A restricted species endorsement may be issued on

an individual saltwater products license to a person age 62 or older who documents that at least \$2,500 is attributable to the sale of saltwater products pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph.

- f. A permanent restricted species endorsement may also be issued on an individual saltwater products license to a person age 70 or older who has held a saltwater products license for at least 3 of the last 5 license years.
- g.(I) Any resident who is certified to be totally and permanently disabled by the Railroad Retirement Board, by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its predecessor, or by any branch of the United States Armed Forces, or who holds a valid identification card issued by the Department of Veterans' Affairs pursuant to s. 295.17, upon proof of the same, or any resident certified to be totally disabled by the United States Social Security Administration, upon proof of the same, shall be exempted from the income requirements if he or she also has held a saltwater products license for at least 3 of the last 5 license years prior to the date of the disability.
- (II) A Disability Award Notice issued by the United States Social Security Administration is not sufficient certification for a resident to obtain the income exemption unless the notice certifies that the resident is totally <del>disabled.</del>

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At least one saltwater products license bearing a restricted species endorsement shall be aboard any vessel harvesting restricted species in excess of any bag limit or when fishing under a commercial quota or in commercial quantities, and such 31 vessel shall have a commercial vessel registration. This

subsection does not apply to any person, firm, or corporation licensed under s. 370.07(1)(a)1. or (b) for activities 3 pursuant to such licenses. A saltwater products license may be 4 issued in the name of an individual or a valid boat registration number. Such license is not transferable. A decal 5 shall be issued with each saltwater products license issued to 6 7 a valid boat registration number. The saltwater products license decal shall be the same color as the vessel 8 9 registration decal issued each year pursuant to s. 328.48(5) 10 and shall indicate the period of time such license is valid. The saltwater products license decal shall be placed beside 11 12 the vessel registration decal and, in the case of an undocumented vessel, shall be placed so that the vessel 13 registration decal lies between the vessel registration number 14 15 and the saltwater products license decal. Any saltwater 16 products license decal for a previous year shall be removed 17 from a vessel operating on the waters of the state. A resident shall pay an annual license fee of \$50 for a saltwater 18 products license issued in the name of an individual or \$100 19 20 for a saltwater products license issued to a valid boat 21 registration number. A nonresident shall pay an annual license fee of \$200 for a saltwater products license issued in the 22 name of an individual or \$400 for a saltwater products license 23 24 issued to a valid boat registration number. An alien shall pay an annual license fee of \$300 for a saltwater products license 25 26 issued in the name of an individual or \$600 for a saltwater 27 products license issued to a valid boat registration number. Any person who sells saltwater products pursuant to this 28 license may sell only to a licensed wholesale dealer. A 29 30 saltwater products license must be presented to the licensed 31 | wholesale dealer each time saltwater products are sold, and an

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imprint made thereof. The wholesale dealer shall keep records of each transaction in such detail as may be required by rule of the commission not in conflict with s. 370.07(6), and shall provide the holder of the saltwater products license with a copy of the record. It is unlawful for any licensed wholesale dealer to buy saltwater products from any unlicensed person under the provisions of this section, except that a licensed wholesale dealer may buy from another licensed wholesale dealer. It is unlawful for any licensed wholesale dealer to buy saltwater products designated as "restricted species" from any person, firm, or corporation not possessing a restricted species endorsement on his or her saltwater products license under the provisions of this section, except that a licensed wholesale dealer may buy from another licensed wholesale dealer. The commission shall be the licensing agency, may contract with private persons or entities to implement aspects of the licensing program, and shall establish by rule a marine fisheries information system in conjunction with the licensing program to gather fisheries data.

Section 5. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section 370.0603, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

370.0603 Marine Resources Conservation Trust Fund; purposes.--

- (2) The Marine Resources Conservation Trust Fund shall receive the proceeds from:
- (c) All fees collected pursuant to ss.  $\frac{370.062}{370.063}$ , and  $\frac{370.142}{370.063}$ .

Section 6. Section 370.0608, Florida Statutes, is renumbered as section 372.5701, Florida Statutes, and amended to read:

372.5701 370.0608 Deposit of license fees; allocation

of federal funds.--

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- (1) Except as otherwise provided in ss. 372.105 and 372.106, all saltwater license and permit fees collected pursuant to s. 372.57 All license fees collected pursuant to s. 370.0605 shall be deposited into the Marine Resources Conservation Trust Fund, to be used as follows:
- (a) Not less than 35 percent of the total fees collected shall be used for marine fisheries management, saltwater fisheries enhancement, including but not limited to, fishery statistics development, artificial reefs, and fish hatcheries. Not more than 5 percent of the total fees collected shall be used to carry out the responsibilities of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and to provide for the award of funds to marine research institutions in this state for the purposes of enabling such institutions to conduct worthy marine research projects.
- (b) Not less than 2.5 percent of the total fees collected shall be used for saltwater aquatic education purposes.
- (c)1. The remainder of such fees shall be used by the commission department for the following program functions:
- a. Not more than 5 percent of the total fees collected, for administration of the licensing program and for information and education relating to saltwater fisheries.
- b. Not less more than 30 percent of the total fees collected, for marine law enforcement.
- c. Not less than 27.5 percent of the total fees collected, for marine research.
- d. Not less than 30 percent of the total fees collected, for fishery enhancement, including, but not limited 31 to, fishery statistics development, artificial reefs, and fish

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- The Legislature shall annually appropriate to the commission from the General Revenue Fund for the activities and programs specified in subparagraph 1. at least the same amount of money as was appropriated to the Department of Environmental Protection from the General Revenue Fund for such activities and programs for fiscal year 1988-1989, and the amounts appropriated to the commission for such activities and programs from the Marine Resources Conservation Trust Fund shall be in addition to the amount appropriated to the commission for such activities and programs from the General Revenue Fund. The proceeds from recreational saltwater fishing license fees paid by fishers shall only be appropriated to the commission.
- (2) Funds available from the Wallop-Breaux Aquatic Resources Trust Fund shall be distributed by the commission between the Division of Freshwater Fisheries and the Division of Marine Fisheries in proportion to the numbers of resident fresh and saltwater anglers as determined by the most current data on license sales. Unless otherwise provided by federal law, the commission, at a minimum, shall provide the following:
- (a) Not less than 5 percent or more than 10 percent of the funds allocated to the commission shall be expended for an aquatic resources education program; and
- (b) Not less than 10 percent of the funds allocated to the commission shall be expended for acquisition, development, renovation, or improvement of boating facilities.
- (3) All license fees collected pursuant to s. 370.0605 shall be transferred to the Marine Resources Conservation 31 | Trust Fund within 7 days following the last business day of

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29 30 the week in which the license fees were received by the commission. One-fifth of the total proceeds derived from the sale of 5-year licenses and replacement 5-year licenses, and all interest derived therefrom, shall be available for appropriation annually.

Section 7. Section 370.0609, Florida Statutes, is renumbered as section 372.5702, Florida Statutes, and amended to read:

372.5702 <del>370.0609</del> Expenditure of funds.--Any moneys available pursuant to s.  $372.5701 \frac{370.0608}{(1)(c)1.c.}$  may shall be expended by the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission within Florida through grants and contracts for research with research institutions including but not limited to: Florida Sea Grant; Florida Marine Resources Council; Harbour Branch Oceanographic Institute; Technological Research and Development Authority; Florida Marine Research Institute of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; Indian River Region Research Institute; Mote Marine Laboratory; Marine Resources Development Foundation; Florida Institute of Oceanography; and Rosentiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science; and Smithsonian Marine Station at Ft. Pierce.

Section 8. Section 370.062, Florida Statutes, is renumbered as section 372.5704, Florida Statutes, and subsections (1) and (9) of said section are amended to read:

372.5704 370.062 Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission license program for tarpon; fees; penalties.--

(1) The Fish and Wildlife Conservation commission shall establish a license program for the purpose of issuing tags to individuals desiring to harvest tarpon (megalops atlantica) from the waters of the state of Florida. The tags 31 | shall be nontransferable, except that the commission may allow

for a limited number of tags to be purchased by professional fishing guides for transfer to individuals, and issued by the commission in order of receipt of a properly completed application for a nonrefundable fee of \$50 per tag. The commission and any tax collector may sell the tags and collect the fees therefor. Tarpon tags are valid from July 1 through June 30. Before August  $\underline{15}$  5 of each year, each tax collector shall submit to the commission all unissued tags for the previous  $\underline{\text{fiscal}}$   $\underline{\text{calendar}}$  year along with a written audit report, on forms prescribed or approved by the commission, as to the numbers of the unissued tags. To defray the cost of issuing any tag, the issuing tax collector shall collect and retain as his or her costs, in addition to the tag fee collected, the amount allowed under s. 372.561(7)(4) for the issuance of licenses.

(9) All tag fees collected by the commission shall be transferred to the Marine Resources Conservation Trust Fund within 7 days following the last business day of the week in which the fees were received by the commission.

Section 9. Subsection (3) of section 370.063, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

370.063 Special recreational crawfish license.—There is created a special recreational crawfish license, to be issued to qualified persons as provided by this section for the recreational harvest of crawfish (spiny lobster) beginning August 5, 1994.

(3) The holder of a special recreational crawfish license must also possess the recreational crawfish permit required by s.  $\underline{372.57(8)(e)}\underline{370.14(10)}$  and the license required by s.  $\underline{370.0605}$ .

Section 10. Subsection (3) of section 370.13, Florida

Statutes, is amended to read:

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370.13 Stone crab; regulation.--

(3) DEPREDATION PERMITS ENDORSEMENTS. -- The Fish and Wildlife Conservation commission shall issue a depredation permit upon request to any marine aquaculture producer, as defined in s. 370.26, engaged in the culture of shellfish. The depredation permit endorsement on the saltwater products license, which shall entitle the marine aquaculture producer licenseholder to possess and use up to 75 stone crab traps and up to 75 blue crab traps, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, for the sole purpose of taking incidental take of destructive or nuisance stone crabs or blue crabs within 1 mile of the producer's aquaculture shellfish beds. Any marine aquaculture producer as defined by s. 370.26 who raises shellfish may obtain a depredation endorsement by providing an aquaculture registration certificate to the commission. No stone crabs or blue crabs taken under this subsection may be sold, bartered, or exchanged, or offered for sale, barter, or exchange.

Section 11. Article III of subsection (1) and subsection (2) of section 370.19, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

370.19 Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Compact; implementing legislation. --

(1) FORM.--The Governor of this state is hereby authorized and directed to execute a compact on behalf of the State of Florida with any one or more of the States of Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia, and with such other 31 states as may enter into the compact, legally joining therein

in the form substantially as follows: 2 ATLANTIC STATES MARINE FISHERIES 3 4 COMPACT 5 The contracting states solemnly agree: 6 7 8 ARTICLE III 9 10 Each state joining herein shall appoint three representatives to a commission hereby constituted and 11 12 designated as the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission. One shall be the executive officer of the administrative 13 14 agency of such state charged with the conservation of the 15 fisheries resources to which this compact pertains or, if 16 there be more than one officer or agency, the official of that 17 state named by the governor thereof. The second shall be a member of the legislature of such state designated by such 18 legislature or in the absence of such designation, such 19 20 legislator shall be designated by the governor thereof, 21 provided that if it is constitutionally impossible to appoint a legislator as a commissioner from such state, the second 22 23 member shall be appointed in such manner as may be established 24 by law the house committee on commerce and reciprocal trade of such state. The third shall be a citizen who shall have a 25 knowledge of and interest in the marine fisheries problem to 26 27 be appointed by the governor. This commission shall be a body 28 corporate with the powers and duties set forth herein. 29 (2) COMMISSIONERS; APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL. -- In

pursuance of Article III of said compact there shall be three

31 | members (hereinafter called commissioners) of the Atlantic

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States Marine Fisheries Commission (hereinafter called commission) from this state. The first commissioner from this state shall be the Executive Director of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, ex officio, and the term of any such ex officio commissioner shall terminate at the time he or she ceases to hold said office of Executive Director of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and his or her successor as commissioner shall be his or her successor as executive director. The second commissioner from this state shall be a legislator appointed on a rotating basis by the President of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of Representatives, 12 beginning with the appointment of a member of the Senate and member of the house committee on commerce and reciprocal trade 14 (of the State of Florida, ex officio, designated by said house 15 committee on commerce and reciprocal trade), and the term of 16 any such ex officio commissioner shall terminate at the time he or she ceases to hold said legislative office as commissioner on interstate cooperation, and his or her successor as commissioner shall be named in like manner. The Governor (subject to confirmation by the Senate), shall appoint a citizen as a third commissioner who shall have a knowledge of, and interest in, the marine fisheries problem. The term of said commissioner shall be 3 years and the 24 commissioner shall hold office until a successor shall be 25 appointed and qualified. Vacancies occurring in the office of such commissioner from any reason or cause shall be filled by appointment by the Governor (subject to confirmation by the Senate), for the unexpired term. The Executive Director of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission as ex officio 29 30 commissioner may delegate, from time to time, to any deputy or 31 other subordinate in his or her department or office, the

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power to be present and participate, including voting, as his or her representative or substitute at any meeting of or hearing by or other proceeding of the commission. The terms of each of the initial three members shall begin at the date of the appointment of the appointive commissioner, provided the said compact shall then have gone into effect in accordance with Article II of the compact; otherwise, they shall begin upon the date upon which said compact shall become effective in accordance with said Article II. Any commissioner may be removed from office by the Governor upon charges and after a hearing.

Section 12. Subsection (2) of section 370.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

370.20 Gulf States Marine Fisheries Compact; implementing legislation.--

(2) MEMBERS OF COMMISSION; TERM OF OFFICE. -- In pursuance of article III of said compact, there shall be three members (hereinafter called commissioners) of the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission (hereafter called commission) from the State of Florida. The first commissioner from the State of Florida shall be the Executive Director of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, ex officio, and the term of any such ex officio commissioner shall terminate at the time he or she ceases to hold said office of Executive Director of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and his or her successor as commissioner shall be his or her successor as executive director. The second commissioner from the State of Florida shall be a legislator appointed on a rotating basis by the President of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of Representatives, beginning with the appointment of a member of the House of Representatives and a member of the house

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committee on commerce and reciprocal trade (of the State of Florida ex officio, designated by said house committee on commerce and reciprocal trade), and the term of any such ex officio commissioner shall terminate at the time he or she ceases to hold said legislative office as commissioner on interstate cooperation, and his or her successor as commissioner shall be named in like manner. The Governor (subject to confirmation by the Senate) shall appoint a citizen as a third commissioner who shall have a knowledge of and interest in the marine fisheries problem. The term of said commissioner shall be 3 years and the commissioner shall hold office until a successor shall be appointed and qualified. Vacancies occurring in the office of such commissioner from any reason or cause shall be filled by appointment by the Governor (subject to confirmation by the Senate) for the unexpired term. The Executive Director of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, as ex officio commissioner, may delegate, from time to time, to any deputy or other subordinate in his or her department or office, the power to be present and participate, including voting, as his or her representative or substitute at any meeting of or hearing by or other proceeding of the commission. The terms of each of the initial three members shall begin at the date of the appointment of the appointive commissioner, provided the said compact shall then have gone into effect in accordance with article II of the compact; otherwise they shall begin upon the date upon which said compact shall become effective in accordance with said article II. Any commissioner may be removed from office by the Governor upon charges and after a hearing.

Section 13. Paragraph (a) of subsection (6) of section

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370.25, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

370.25 Artificial reef program; grants and financial and technical assistance to local governments .--

- (6) It is unlawful for any person to:
- (a) Place artificial-reef-construction materials in state waters outside zones permitted under the terms and conditions defined in any artificial-reef permits issued by the United States Army Corps of Engineers or by the Department of Environmental Protection Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

Section 14. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) and subsection (3) of section 372.105, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

372.105 Lifetime Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund.--

- (2) The principal of the fund shall be derived from the following:
- (b) Proceeds from the sale of lifetime licenses issued in accordance with s. 372.57 with the exception of the saltwater portion of the lifetime sportsman's license.
- (3) The fund is declared to constitute a special trust derived from a contractual relationship between the state and the members of the public whose investments contribute to the fund. In recognition of such special trust, the following limitations and restrictions are placed on expenditures from the funds:
- (a) No expenditure or disbursement shall be made from the principal of the fund.
- (b) The interest income received and accruing from the investments of proceeds from the sale of lifetime freshwater fishing licenses and lifetime hunting licenses the fund shall 31 be spent in furtherance of the commission's exercise of the

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29 30 regulatory and executive powers of the state with respect to the management, protection, and conservation of wild animal life and freshwater aquatic life as set forth in s. 9, Art. IV of the State Constitution and this chapter and as otherwise authorized by the Legislature.

- (c) The interest income received and accruing from the investments of proceeds from the sale of lifetime saltwater fishing licenses shall be expended for marine law enforcement, marine research, and marine fishery enhancement.
- (d)<del>(c)</del> No expenditures or disbursements from the interest income derived from the sale of lifetime licenses shall be made for any purpose until the respective holders of such licenses attain the age of 16 years. The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission as administrator of the fund shall determine actuarially on an annual basis the amounts of interest income within the fund which may be disbursed pursuant to this paragraph. The director shall cause deposits of proceeds from the sale of lifetime licenses to be identifiable by the ages of the license recipients.
- (e) (d) Any limitations or restrictions specified by the donors on the uses of the interest income derived from gifts, grants, and voluntary contributions shall be respected but shall not be binding.
- (f) (e) The fund shall be exempt from the provisions of s. 215.20.
- Section 15. Section 372.106, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
  - 372.106 Dedicated License Trust Fund.--
- (1) There is established within the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission the Dedicated License Trust Fund. The 31 | fund shall be credited with moneys collected pursuant to s.

 $\overline{\text{ss. }370.0605}$  and  $\overline{\text{372.57}}$  for 5-year licenses and replacement 5-year licenses.

- (2)(a) One-fifth of the total proceeds from the sale of 5-year freshwater fishing and hunting licenses and replacement licenses, and all interest derived therefrom, shall be appropriated annually to the State Game Trust Fund.
- (b) One-fifth of the total proceeds from the sale of 5-year saltwater fishing licenses and replacement licenses, and all interest derived therefrom, shall be appropriated annually to the Marine Resources Conservation Trust Fund.
- $\underline{(3)(2)}$  The fund shall be exempt from the provisions of s. 215.20.

Section 16. Subsections (1) and (4) of section 372.16, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

372.16 Private game preserves and farms; penalty.--

- (1) Any person owning land in this state may, after having secured a license therefor from the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, establish, maintain, and operate within the boundaries thereof, a private preserve and farm, not exceeding an area of 640 acres, for the protection, preservation, propagation, rearing, and production of game birds and animals for private and commercial purposes, provided that no two game preserves shall join each other or be connected. Before any private game preserve or farm is established, the owner or operator shall secure a license from the commission, the fee for which is \$25 per year.
- (4) Any person violating the provisions of this section shall for the first offense commits be guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083, and for a second or subsequent offense commits shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree,

punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this section 2 3 shall forfeit, to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation 4 commission, any license or permit issued under this section the provisions hereof; and no further license or permit shall 5 6 be issued to such person for a period of 1 year following such 7 conviction. Before any private game preserve or farm is 8 established, the owner or operator shall secure a license from 9 the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, the fee for 10 which shall be \$5 per year. Section 17. Section 372.561, Florida Statutes, is 11 12 amended to read: 13 (Substantial rewording of section. See s. 372.561, F.S., for present text.) 14 15 372.561 Recreational licenses, permits, and 16 authorization numbers to take wild animal life, freshwater 17 aquatic life, and marine life; issuance; costs; reporting .--18 (1) This section applies to all recreational licenses and permits and to any authorization numbers issued by the 19 20 commission through the electronic sale of recreational 21 licenses or permits. (2) The commission shall establish forms for the 22 23 issuance of recreational licenses and permits. 24 (3) The commission shall issue a license, permit, or authorization number to take wild an<u>imal life, freshwater</u> 25 26 aquatic life, or marine life when an applicant provides proof 27 that she or he is entitled to such license, permit, or 28 authorization number. Each applicant for a recreational license, permit, or authorization number shall provide her or 29 30 his social security number on the application form.

31 Disclosure of social security numbers obtained through this

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requirement shall be limited to the purposes of administration of the Title IV-D program for child support enforcement, use by the commission, and as otherwise provided by law. The commission is authorized to establish the following, using competitive bid procedures: (a) A process and a vendor fee for the sale of licenses, permits, and authorization numbers over the telephone using a credit card. (b) A process and a vendor fee for the electronic sale of licenses, permits, and authorization numbers. (c) A process and a vendor fee for a statewide automated license system. 12 (5) Licenses and permits to take wild animal life, 14 freshwater aquatic life, or marine life may be sold by the 15 commission, by any tax collector in the state, or by any subagent authorized under s. 372.574. 16 (6) In addition to any license or permit fee, the sum 18 of \$1.50 shall be charged for each license or management area 19 permit to cover the cost of issuing such license or permit. 20 (7)(a)1. For each hunting or freshwater fishing license sold and for each sportsman's or gold sportsman's license sold, a tax collector may retain \$1. 22 2. For each management area permit sold, a tax 24 collector may retain \$1. 25 3. For each saltwater fishing tag or license sold, 26 including combination saltwater fishing and freshwater fishing 27 licenses, or combination saltwater fishing, freshwater fishing, and hunting licenses, a tax collector may retain \$1.50. 29

31 moneys, along with a report of funds collected and other

(b) Tax collectors shall remit license and permit

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required documentation, to the commission weekly. Tax collectors shall maintain records of all licenses and permits that are sold, voided, stolen, or lost. 1. The tax collector is responsible to the commission for the fees for all licenses and permits sold and for the value of all licenses and permits reported as lost. 2. The tax collector shall report stolen licenses and permits to the appropriate law enforcement agency. 3. The tax collector shall submit a written report and a copy of the law enforcement agency's report to the commission within 5 days after discovering a theft. 4. The tax collector is responsible for the fees for 13 all licenses and permits sold or lost by a subagent appointed 14 pursuant to s. 372.574. 15 (8) The commission is authorized to adopt rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement the 16 provisions of this section. Section 18. Section 372.562, Florida Statutes, is 18 created to read: 19 372.562 Recreational licenses and permits; exemptions 21 from fees and requirements. --(1) Hunting, freshwater fishing, and saltwater fishing 23 licenses and permits shall be issued without fee to any 24 resident who is certified: (a) To be totally and permanently disabled by the 25

Railroad Retirement Board, by the United States Department of

identification card issued under the provisions of s. 295.17,

upon proof of same. Any license issued under this paragraph

Veterans Affairs or its predecessor, or by any branch of the

United States Armed Forces, or who holds a valid

31 after January 1, 1997, expires after 5 years and must be

reissued, upon request, every 5 years thereafter. 1 2 (b) To be disabled by the United States Social 3 Security Administration, upon proof of same. Any license 4 issued under this paragraph after October 1, 1999, expires after 2 years and must be reissued, upon proof of 5 6 certification of disability, every 2 years thereafter. 7 A disability license issued after July 1, 1997, and before 8 9 July 1, 2000, retains the rights vested thereunder until the 10 license has expired. (2) A hunting, freshwater fishing, or saltwater 11 12 fishing license or permit is not required for: 13 (a) Any child under 16 years of age, except as 14 otherwise provided in this chapter. 15 (b) Any person hunting or fishing on her or his homestead property, or on the homestead property of the 16 17 person's spouse or minor child; or any minor child hunting or 18 fishing on the homestead property of her or his parent. 19 (c) Any resident who is a member of the United States 20 Armed Forces and not stationed in this state, when home on 21 leave for 30 days or less, upon submission of orders. (d) Any resident fishing for recreational purposes 22 only, within her or his county of residence with live or 23 24 natural bait, using poles or lines not equipped with a fishing line retrieval mechanism, except on a legally established fish 25 26 management area. 27 (e) Any person fishing in a fishpond of 20 acres or 28 less that is located entirely within the private property of 29 the fishpond owner. 30 (f) Any person fishing in a fishpond that is licensed

31 in accordance with s. 372.5705.

1	(g) Any person fishing who has been accepted as a
2	client for developmental disabilities services by the
3	Department of Children and Family Services, provided the
4	department furnishes proof thereof.
5	(h) Any resident fishing in saltwater from land or
6	from a structure fixed to the land.
7	(i) Any person fishing from a vessel licensed pursuant
8	to s. 372.57(7).
9	(j) Any person fishing from a vessel the operator of
LO	which is licensed pursuant to s. 372.57(7).
L1	(k) Any person who holds a valid saltwater products
L2	license issued under s. 370.06(2).
L3	(1) Any person recreationally fishing from a pier
L4	licensed under s. 372.57.
L5	$(\mathtt{m})$ Any resident who is fishing for mullet in
L6	freshwater and who has a valid Florida freshwater fishing
L7	license.
L8	(n) Any resident fishing for a saltwater species in
L9	freshwater from land or from a structure fixed to land.
20	(o) Any resident 65 years of age or older who has in
21	her or his possession proof of age and residency. A no-cost
22	license under this paragraph may be obtained from any tax
23	collector's office upon proof of age and residency and must be
24	in the possession of the resident during hunting, freshwater
25	fishing, and saltwater fishing activities.
26	Section 19. Section 372.57, Florida Statutes, is
27	amended to read:
28	(Substantial rewording of section. See
29	s. 372.57, F.S., for present text.)
30	372.57 Recreational licenses, permits, and
31	authorization numbers; fees established

 (1) LICENSE, PERMIT, OR AUTHORIZATION NUMBER
REQUIRED.--Except as provided in s. 372.562, no person shall hunt, fish, or take fur-bearing animals within this state without having first obtained a license, permit, or authorization number and paying the fees set forth in this chapter. Such license, permit, or authorization number shall authorize the person to whom it is issued to hunt, fish, take fur-bearing animals, and participate in outdoor recreational activities in accordance with the laws of the state and rules of the commission.

## (2) NONTRANSFERABILITY; INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION. --

- issued under this chapter are not transferable. Each license and permit must bear on its face in indelible ink the name of the person to whom it is issued and other information as deemed necessary by the commission. Licenses issued to the owner, operator, or custodian of a vessel that directly or indirectly collects fees for taking or attempting to take or possess saltwater fish for noncommercial purposes must include the vessel registration number or federal documentation number. Annual licenses must be dated when issued and shall remain valid for 12 months after the date of issuance.
- (b) The lifetime licenses and 5-year licenses authorized in this section shall be embossed with the name, date of birth, date of issuance, and other pertinent information as deemed necessary by the commission. A certified copy of the applicant's birth certificate shall accompany each application for a lifetime license for a resident 12 years of age or younger.
  - (c) A positive form of identification is required when

using a free license, a lifetime license, a 5-year license, or an authorization number issued under this chapter, or when otherwise required by a license or permit.

- ermit, or authorization number must be in the personal possession of the person to whom it is issued while such person is hunting, fishing, or taking fur-bearing animals. Any person hunting, fishing, or taking fur-bearing animals who fails to produce a license, permit, or authorization number at the request of a commission law enforcement officer commits a violation of the law.
- (4) RESIDENT HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES.--The licenses and fees for residents participating in hunting and fishing activities in this state are as follows:
  - (a) Annual freshwater fishing license, \$12.
  - (b) Annual saltwater fishing license, \$12.
  - (c) Annual hunting license to take game, \$11.
- (d) Annual combination freshwater fishing and hunting license, \$22.
- (e) Annual combination freshwater fishing and saltwater fishing license, \$24.
- (f) Annual combination hunting, freshwater fishing, and saltwater fishing license, \$34.
- (g) Annual license to take fur-bearing animals, \$25.

  However, a resident with a valid hunting license or a no-cost license who is taking fur-bearing animals for noncommercial purposes using guns or dogs only, and not traps or other devices, is not required to purchase this license. Also, a resident 65 years of age or older is not required to purchase this license.
  - (h) Annual sportsman's license, \$66, except that an

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annual sportsman's license for a resident 64 years of age or older is $12. A sportsman's license authorizes the person to whom it is issued to take freshwater fish and game, subject to the state and federal laws, rules, and regulations, including rules of the commission, in effect at the time of the taking.

Other authorized activities include activities authorized by a management area permit, a muzzle-loading gun permit, a turkey permit, a Florida waterfowl permit, and an archery permit.

(i) Annual gold sportsman's license, $82. The gold sportsman's license authorizes the person to whom it is issued.
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- sportsman's license authorizes the person to whom it is issued to take freshwater fish, saltwater fish, and game, subject to the state and federal laws, rules, and regulations, including rules of the commission, in effect at the time of taking.

  Other authorized activities include activities authorized by a management area permit, a muzzle-loading gun permit, a turkey permit, a Florida waterfowl permit, an archery permit, a snook permit, and a crawfish permit.
- (5) NONRESIDENT HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES.--The licenses and fees for nonresidents participating in hunting and fishing activities in the state are as follows:
- (a) Freshwater fishing license to take freshwater fish for 7 consecutive days, \$15.
- (c) Saltwater fishing license to take saltwater fish for 7 consecutive days, \$15.
  - (d) Annual freshwater fishing license, \$30.
  - (e) Annual saltwater fishing license, \$30.
- 29 (f) Hunting license to take game for 10 consecutive 30 days, \$25.
  - (g) Annual hunting license to take game, \$150.

- (h) Annual license to take fur-bearing animals, \$25. However, a nonresident with a valid Florida hunting license who is taking fur-bearing animals for noncommercial purposes using guns or dogs only, and not traps or other devices, is not required to purchase this license.
- (6) PIER LICENSE.--A pier license for any pier fixed to land for the purpose of taking or attempting to take saltwater fish is \$500 per year. The pier license may be purchased at the option of the owner, operator, or custodian of such pier and must be available for inspection at all times.
  - (7) VESSEL LICENSES.--
- (a) No person may operate any vessel wherein a fee is paid, either directly or indirectly, for the purpose of taking, attempting to take, or possessing any marine fish for noncommercial purposes unless he or she has been issued an authorization number or has obtained a license for each vessel for that purpose, and has paid the license fee pursuant to paragraphs (b) and (c) for such vessel.
- (b) A license for any person who operates any vessel licensed to carry more than 10 customers wherein a fee is paid, either directly or indirectly, for the purpose of taking or attempting to take marine fish is \$800 per year. The license must be kept aboard the vessel at all times.
- (c)1. A license for any person who operates any vessel licensed to carry no more than 10 customers, or for any person licensed to operate any vessel carrying 6 or fewer customers, wherein a fee is paid, either directly or indirectly, for the purpose of taking or attempting to take marine fish is \$400 per year.
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vessel carrying six or fewer customers wherein a fee is paid, either directly or indirectly, for the purpose of taking or attempting to take marine fish is \$200 per year. The license must be kept aboard the vessel at all times.

- 3. A person who operates a vessel required to be licensed pursuant to paragraph (b) or paragraph (c) may obtain a license in his or her own name, and such license shall be transferable and apply to any vessel operated by the purchaser, provided that the purchaser has paid the appropriate license fee.
- (d) A license for a recreational vessel not for hire and for which no fee is paid, either directly or indirectly, by guests for the purpose of taking or attempting to take marine fish noncommercially is \$2,000 per year. The license may be purchased at the option of the vessel owner and must be kept aboard the vessel at all times. A log of species taken and the date the species were taken shall be maintained and a copy of the log filed with the commission at the time of renewal of the license.
- (e) The owner, operator, or custodian of a vessel the operator of which has been licensed pursuant to paragraph (a) must maintain and report such statistical data as required by, and in a manner set forth in, the rules of the commission.
- (8) SPECIFIED HUNTING, FISHING, AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY PERMITS. -- In addition to any license required under this chapter, the following permits and fees for specified hunting, fishing, and recreational uses and activities are required:
- (a) An annual Florida waterfowl permit for a resident or nonresident to take wild ducks or geese within the state or 31 | its coastal waters is \$3.

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- (b) An annual Florida turkey permit for a resident to take wild turkeys within the state is \$5.
- (c) An annual Florida turkey permit for a nonresident to take wild turkeys within the state is \$100.
- (d) An annual snook permit for a resident or nonresident to take or possess any snook from any waters of the state is \$2. Revenue generated from the sale of snook permits shall be used exclusively for programs to benefit the snook population.
- (e) An annual crawfish permit for a resident or nonresident to take or possess any crawfish for recreational purposes from any waters of the state is \$2. Revenue generated from the sale of crawfish permits shall be used exclusively for programs to benefit the crawfish population.
- (f) An annual muzzle-loading gun permit for a resident or nonresident to hunt within the state with a muzzle-loading gun is \$5. Hunting with a muzzle-loading gun is limited to game seasons in which hunting with a modern firearm is not authorized by the commission.
- (g) An annual archery permit for a resident or nonresident to hunt within the state with a bow and arrow is \$5. Hunting with an archery permit is limited to those game seasons in which hunting with a firearm is not authorized by the commission.
- (h) A special use permit for a resident or nonresident to participate in limited entry hunting or fishing activities as authorized by commission rule shall not exceed \$100 per day or \$250 per week. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, there are no exclusions, exceptions, or exemptions from this permit fee. In addition to the permit fee, the 31 commission may charge each special use permit applicant a

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nonrefundable application fee not to exceed \$10. (i)1. A management area permit for a resident or nonresident to hunt on, fish on, or otherwise use for outdoor recreational purposes land owned, leased, or managed by the commission, or by the state for the use and benefit of the commission, shall not exceed \$25 per year. 2. Permit fees for short-term use of land that is owned, leased, or managed by the commission may be established by rule of the commission for activities on such lands. Such permits may be in lieu of, or in addition to, the annual management area permit authorized in subparagraph 1. 3. Other than for hunting or fishing, the provisions of this paragraph shall not apply on any lands not owned by the commission, unless the commission has obtained the written consent of the owner or primary custodian of such lands. (j)1. A recreational user permit is required to hunt on, fish on, or otherwise use for outdoor recreational purposes land leased by the commission from private nongovernmental owners, except for those lands located directly north of the Apalachicola National Forest, east of the Ochlocknee River until the point the river meets the dam forming Lake Talquin, and south of the closest federal highway. The fee for a recreational user permit shall be based upon the economic compensation desired by the landowner, game population levels, desired hunter density, and administrative costs. The permit fee shall be set by commission rule on a per-acre basis. The recreational user permit fee, less administrative costs of up to \$25 per permit, shall be remitted to the landowner as provided in the lease

2. One minor dependent, 16 years of age or younger,

agreement for each area.

may hunt under the supervision of the permittee and is exempt from the recreational user permit requirements. The spouse 2 3 and dependent children of a permittee are exempt from the 4 recreational user permit requirements when engaged in outdoor recreational activities other than hunting and when 5 accompanied by a permittee. Notwithstanding any other 6 7 provision of this chapter, no other exclusions, exceptions, or exemptions from the recreational user permit fee are 8 9 authorized.

- (9)(a) RESIDENT 5-YEAR HUNTING AND FISHING
  LICENSES.--Five-year licenses are available for residents
  only, as follows:
- 1. A 5-year freshwater fishing or saltwater fishing license is \$60 for each type of license and authorizes the person to whom the license is issued to take or attempt to take or possess freshwater fish or saltwater fish consistent with the state and federal laws and regulations and rules of the commission in effect at the time of taking.
- 2. A 5-year hunting license is \$55 and authorizes the person to whom it is issued to take or attempt to take or possess game consistent with the state and federal laws and regulations and rules of the commission in effect at the time of taking.
- (b) Proceeds from the sale of all 5-year licenses shall be deposited into the Dedicated License Trust Fund, to be distributed in accordance with the provisions of s. 372.106.
- (10) RESIDENT LIFETIME FRESHWATER AND SALTWATER FISHING LICENSES.--
- (a) Lifetime freshwater fishing licenses and saltwater
   fishing licenses are available for residents only, as follows,

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2	1. Persons 4 years of age or younger, for a fee of
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4	2. Persons 5 years of age or older, but under 13 years
5	of age, for a fee of \$225 for each type of license.
6	3. Persons 13 years of age or older, for a fee of \$300
7	for each type of license.
8	(b) The following activities are authorized by the
9	purchase of a lifetime freshwater fishing license:
10	1. Taking, or attempting to take or possess,
11	freshwater fish consistent with the state and federal laws and
12	regulations and rules of the commission in effect at the time
13	of the taking.
14	2. All activities authorized by a management area
15	permit, excluding hunting.
16	(c) The following activities are authorized by the
17	purchase of a lifetime saltwater fishing license:
18	1. Taking, or attempting to take or possess, saltwater
19	fish consistent with the state and federal laws and
20	regulations and rules of the commission in effect at the time
21	of the taking.
22	2. All activities authorized by a snook permit and a
23	crawfish permit.
24	3. All activities for which an additional license,
25	permit, or fee is required to take or attempt to take or
26	possess saltwater fish, which additional license, permit, or
27	fee was imposed subsequent to the date of the purchase of the
28	lifetime saltwater fishing license.
29	(11) RESIDENT LIFETIME HUNTING LICENSES
30	(a) Lifetime hunting licenses are available to

31 residents only, as follows, for:

1	1. Persons 4 years of age or younger, for a fee of
2	\$200.
3	2. Persons 5 years of age or older, but under 13 years
4	of age, for a fee of \$350.
5	3. Persons 13 years of age or older, for a fee of
6	\$500.
7	(b) The following activities are authorized by the
8	purchase of a lifetime hunting license:
9	1. Taking, or attempting to take or possess, game
10	consistent with the state and federal laws and regulations and
11	rules of the commission in effect at the time of the taking.
12	2. All activities authorized by a muzzle-loading gun
13	permit, a turkey permit, an archery permit, a Florida
14	waterfowl permit, and a management area permit, excluding
15	fishing.
16	(12) RESIDENT LIFETIME SPORTSMAN'S LICENSES
17	(a) Lifetime sportsman's licenses are available, to
18	residents only, as follows, for:
19	1. Persons 4 years of age or younger, for a fee of
20	\$ <u>400.</u>
21	2. Persons 5 years of age or older, but under 13 years
22	of age, for a fee of \$700.
23	3. Persons 13 years of age or older, for a fee of
24	\$1,000.
25	(b) The following activities are authorized by the
26	purchase of a lifetime sportsman's license:
27	1. Taking, or attempting to take or possess,
28	freshwater and saltwater fish, and game, consistent with the
29	state and federal laws and regulations and rules of the
30	commission in effect at the time of taking.
31	2 All activities authorized by a management area

permit, a muzzle-loading gun permit, a turkey permit, an archery permit, a Florida waterfowl permit, a snook permit, 2 3 and a crawfish permit. 4 5 The proceeds from the sale of all lifetime licenses authorized 6 in this section shall be deposited into the Lifetime Fish and 7 Wildlife Trust Fund, to be distributed as provided in s. 8 372.105. (13) RECIPROCAL FEE AGREEMENTS. -- The commission is 9 10 authorized to reduce the fees for licenses and permits under this section for residents of those states with which the 11 12 commission has entered into reciprocal agreements with respect 13 to such fees. (14) FREE FISHING DAYS. -- The commission may designate 14 15 by rule no more than 2 consecutive or nonconsecutive days in 16 each year as free freshwater fishing days and no more than 2 17 consecutive or nonconsecutive days in each year as free 18 saltwater fishing days. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, any person may take freshwater fish for 19 20 noncommercial purposes on a free freshwater fishing day and 21 may take saltwater fish for noncommercial purposes on a free saltwater fishing day, without obtaining or possessing a 22 license or paying a license fee as prescribed in this section. 23 24 A person who takes freshwater or saltwater fish on a free 25 fishing day without obtaining a license or paying a fee must comply with all laws, rules, and regulations governing the 26 27 holders of a fishing license and all other conditions and limitations regulating the taking of freshwater or saltwater 29 fish as are imposed by law or rule. 30 Section 20. Section 372.571, Florida Statutes, is

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372.571 Expiration of licenses and permits.--Each license or permit issued under this chapter must be dated when issued. Each license or permit issued under this chapter remains valid for 12 months after the date of issuance, except for a lifetime license issued pursuant to s. 372.57 which is valid from the date of issuance until the death of the individual to whom the license is issued unless otherwise revoked in accordance with s. 372.99, or a 5-year license issued pursuant to s. 372.57 which is valid for 5 consecutive years from the date of purchase unless otherwise revoked in accordance with s. 372.99 or a license issued pursuant to s. 372.57(5)(a), (b), (c), or (g) or (8)(h) or (i)2. $\frac{(2)(b)}{(2)}$  or <del>(g)</del>, which is valid for the period specified on the license. A resident lifetime license or a resident 5-year license that has been purchased by a resident of this state and who subsequently resides in another state shall be honored for activities authorized by that license.

Section 21. Subsection (1) of section 372.5712, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

372.5712 Florida waterfowl permit revenues.--

(1) The commission shall expend the revenues generated from the sale of the Florida waterfowl permit as provided in s.  $372.57(8)\frac{(4)}{(a)}$  or that pro rata portion of any license that includes waterfowl hunting privileges, as provided in s. 372.57(4)(h) and (2)(i) and (14)(b) as follows: A maximum of 5 percent of the gross revenues shall be expended for administrative costs; a maximum of 25 percent of the gross revenues shall be expended for waterfowl research approved by the commission; and a maximum of 70 percent of the gross revenues shall be expended for projects approved by the 31 commission, in consultation with the Waterfowl Advisory

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    maintenance, and preservation of wetlands within the state.
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           Section 22. Subsection (1) of section 372.5715,
    Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
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           372.5715 Florida wild turkey permit revenues.--
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           (1) The commission shall expend the revenues generated
    from the sale of the turkey permit as provided for in s.
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    license that includes turkey hunting privileges as provided
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    for in s. 372.57(4)(h) and \frac{(2)}{(1)}(i) and \frac{(14)(b)}{(14)(b)} for research and
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    management of wild turkeys.
           Section 23. Subsection (7) of section 372.5717,
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    Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
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           372.5717 Hunter safety course; requirements;
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           (7) The hunter safety requirements of this section do
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    s. 372.562(2)\frac{372.57(1)}{}.
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           Section 24. Section 372.573, Florida Statutes, is
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    amended to read:
           372.573 Management area permit revenues.--The
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    commission shall expend the revenue generated from the sale of
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           Section 25. Paragraph (h) of subsection (1) and
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Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

372.574 Appointment of subagents for the sale of hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses and permits .--

- (1) A county tax collector who elects to sell licenses and permits may appoint any person as a subagent for the sale of fishing, hunting, and trapping licenses and permits that the tax collector is allowed to sell. The following are requirements for subagents:
- (h) A subagent shall weekly submit payment for and report the sale of licenses and permits to the tax collector as prescribed by the tax collector but no less frequently than monthly.
- (2) If a tax collector elects not to appoint subagents, the commission may appoint subagents within that county. Subagents shall serve at the pleasure of the commission. The commission may establish, by rule, procedures for selection of subagents. The following are requirements for subagents so appointed:
- (e) A subagent may charge and receive as his or her compensation 50 cents for each license or permit sold. This charge is in addition to the sum required by law to be collected for the sale and issuance of each license or permit. In addition, no later than July 1, 1997, a subagent fee for the sale of licenses over the telephone by credit card shall be established by competitive bid procedures which are overseen by the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. A fee for electronic license sales may be established by competitive-bid procedures that are overseen by the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
- (i) By July 15 of each year, each subagent shall 31 submit to the commission all unissued stamps for the previous

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year along with a written audit report, on forms prescribed or approved by the commission, on the numbers of the unissued stamps.

Section 26. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and subsection (2) of section 372.65, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

372.65 Freshwater fish dealer's license.--

- (1) No person shall engage in the business of taking for sale or selling any frogs or freshwater fish, including live bait, of any species or size, or importing any exotic or nonindigenous fish, until such person has obtained a license and paid the fee therefor as set forth herein. The license issued shall be in the possession of the person to whom issued while such person is engaging in the business of taking for sale or selling freshwater fish or frogs, is not transferable, shall bear on its face in indelible ink the name of the person to whom it is issued, and shall be affixed to a license identification card issued by the commission. Such license is not valid unless it bears the name of the person to whom it is issued and is so affixed. The failure of such person to exhibit such license to the commission or any of its wildlife officers when such person is found engaging in such business is a violation of law. The license fees and activities permitted under particular licenses are as follows:
- (a) The fee for a resident commercial fishing license, which permits a resident to take freshwater fish or frogs by any lawful method prescribed by the commission and to sell such fish or frogs, shall be \$25. The license provided for in this paragraph shall also allow noncommercial fishing as provided by law and commission rules, and the license in s.

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(2) The provisions of ss. 372.561 and 372.571, except those provisions relating to issuance without fee to certain classes of persons, shall apply to licenses issued under this section.

Section 27. Section 372.661, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

372.661 Private hunting preserve licenses; fees, license; exception. --

- (1) Any person who operates a private hunting preserve commercially or otherwise shall be required to pay a license fee of\$50<del>\$25</del> for each such preserve; provided, however, that during the open season established for wild game of any species a private individual may take artificially propagated game of such species up to the bag limit prescribed for the particular species without being required to pay the license fee required by this section; provided further that if any such individual shall charge a fee for taking such game she or he shall be required to pay the license fee required by this section and to comply with the rules and regulations of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation commission relative to the operation of private hunting preserves.
- (2) A commercial hunting preserve license, which shall exempt patrons of licensed preserves from the license and permit requirements of s. 372.57(4)(c), (d), (f), (h), and (i); (5)(f) and (g); (8)(a), (b), (c), (f), and (g); (9)(a)2.; (11); and (12)<del>licensure requirements of s. 372.57(2)(e), (f),</del> (g), and (i), (4)(a), (c), (d), and (e), (7), (9), and (14)(b) while hunting on the licensed preserve property, shall be \$500. Such commercial hunting preserve license shall be available only to those private hunting preserves licensed 31 pursuant to this section which are operated exclusively for

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commercial purposes, which are open to the public, and for which a uniform fee is charged to patrons for hunting privileges.

Section 28. Subsection (8) is added to section 372.711, Florida Statutes, to read:

372.711 Noncriminal infractions.--

- (8) A person who is cited for a violation of the provisions of s. 372.57 that require the possession of a license or permit may not be convicted if, prior to or at the time of his or her court or hearing appearance, the person produces in court or to the clerk of the court in which the charge is pending the required license or permit that was issued to him or her and valid at the time of his or her citation. The clerk of the court is authorized to dismiss each such case at any time before, or at the time of, the defendant's appearance in court. The clerk of the court may assess a fee of \$5 for dismissing the case under this subsection.
- Section 29. Paragraph (h) of subsection (1) of section 372.83, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:
- 372.83 Noncriminal infractions; criminal penalties; suspension and revocation of licenses and permits .--
- (1) A person is guilty of a noncriminal infraction, punishable as provided in s. 372.711, if she or he violates any of the following provisions:
- (h) Section 372.57, relating to hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses.

A person who fails to pay the civil penalty specified in s. 372.711 within 30 days after being cited for a noncriminal 31 | infraction or to appear before the court pursuant to that

section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

Section 30. Subsections (1), (2), and (4) of section 372.921, Florida Statutes, are amended, subsection (9) is renumbered as subsection (10), and a new subsection (9) is added to said section, to read:

372.921 Exhibition of wildlife.--

- (1) In order to provide humane treatment and sanitary surroundings for wild animals kept in captivity, no person, firm, corporation, or association shall have, or be in possession of, in captivity for the purpose of public display with or without charge or for public sale any wildlife, specifically birds, mammals, amphibians, and reptiles, whether indigenous to Florida or not, without having first secured a permit from the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission authorizing such person, firm, or corporation to have in its possession in captivity the species and number of wildlife specified within such permit; however, this section does not apply to any wildlife not protected by law and the rules regulations of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation commission.
- (2) The fees to be paid for the issuance of permits required by subsection (1) shall be as follows:
- (a) For not more than  $\underline{25\ \text{Class I or Class II}}\ \underline{10}$  individual specimens in the aggregate of all species, the sum of \$100 \$\frac{45}{5}\$ per annum.
- (b) For over <u>25 Class I or Class II</u> <del>10</del> individual specimens in the aggregate of all species, the sum of \$250\$ per annum.
- (c) For any number of Class III individual specimens in the aggregate of all species, the sum of \$25 per annum.

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The fees prescribed by this <u>subsection</u> section shall be submitted to the <u>Fish and Wildlife Conservation</u> commission with the application for permit required by subsection (1) and shall be deposited in the State Game Fund.

- (4) Permits issued pursuant to this section and places where wildlife is kept or held in captivity shall be subject to inspection by officers of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation commission at all times. The commission shall have the power to release or confiscate any specimens of any wildlife, specifically birds, mammals, amphibians, or reptiles, whether indigenous to the state or not, when it is found that conditions under which they are being confined are unsanitary, or unsafe to the public in any manner, or that the species of wildlife are being maltreated, mistreated, or neglected or kept in any manner contrary to the provisions of chapter 828, any such permit to the contrary notwithstanding. Before any such wildlife is confiscated or released under the authority of this section, the owner thereof shall have been advised in writing of the existence of such unsatisfactory conditions; the owner shall have been given 30 days in which to correct such conditions; the owner shall have failed to correct such conditions; the owner shall have had an opportunity for a proceeding pursuant to chapter 120; and the commission shall have ordered such confiscation or release after careful consideration of all evidence in the particular case in question. The final order of the commission shall constitute final agency action.
- (9) The commission is authorized to adopt rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement this section, including, but not limited to, rules defining Class I, Class II, and Class III types of wildlife.

1 Section 31. Subsection (5) of section 372.922, Florida 2 Statutes, is amended to read: 3 372.922 Personal possession of wildlife.--4 (5) Any person, firm, corporation, or association 5 exhibiting or selling wildlife and being duly permitted as 6 provided by s. 372.921 shall be exempt from the fee 7 requirement to receive obtain a permit under the provisions of this section. 8 9 Section 32. Section 374.977, Florida Statutes, is 10 amended to read: 374.977 Inland navigation districts; manatee 11 12 protection speed zones, responsibility for sign posting. -- Each inland navigation district shall be responsible for posting 13 14 and maintaining regulatory markers, as approved by the Fish 15 and Wildlife Conservation Commission Department of Environmental Protection, for manatee protection speed zones. 16 17 Such responsibility shall not be limited to the intracoastal waterway, but shall include all waters within each member 18 county for which regulatory markers must be posted. Sign 19 locations shall be jointly selected by the Fish and Wildlife 20 21 Conservation Commission Department of Environmental Protection and the appropriate inland navigation district, pending 22 necessary federal, state and local approvals. Should an inland 23 24 navigation district lack the resources or otherwise be unable 25 to carry out its sign posting and maintenance duties, this responsibility shall then be assumed by the Fish and Wildlife 26 27 Conservation Commission Department of Environmental 28 Protection. 29 Section 33. Subsection (3) of section 705.101, Florida 30 Statutes, is amended to read:

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"Abandoned property" means all tangible personal property that does not have an identifiable owner and that has been disposed on public property in a wrecked, inoperative, or partially dismantled condition or has no apparent intrinsic value to the rightful owner. However, Vessels determined to be derelict by the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission or a county or municipality in accordance with the provisions of s. 823.11 are not included within this definition.

Section 34. Paragraph (b) of subsection (8) of section 212.06, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

212.06 Sales, storage, use tax; collectible from dealers; "dealer" defined; dealers to collect from purchasers; legislative intent as to scope of tax. --

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The presumption that tangible personal property used in another state, territory of the United States, or the District of Columbia for 6 months or longer before being imported into this state was not purchased for use in this state does not apply to any boat for which a saltwater fishing license fee is required to be paid pursuant to s. 372.57(7) 370.0605(2)(b)1., 2., or 3., either directly or indirectly, for the purpose of taking, attempting to take, or possessing any marine fish for noncommercial purposes. Use tax shall apply and be due on such a boat as provided in this paragraph, and proof of payment of such tax must be presented prior to the first such licensure of the boat, registration of the boat pursuant to chapter 328, and titling of the boat pursuant to chapter 328. A boat that is first licensed within 1 year after purchase shall be subject to use tax on the full amount of the purchase price; a boat that is first licensed in the second 31 | year after purchase shall be subject to use tax on 90 percent

of the purchase price; a boat that is first licensed in the third year after purchase shall be subject to use tax on 80 percent of the purchase price; a boat that is first licensed in the fourth year after purchase shall be subject to use tax on 70 percent of the purchase price; a boat that is first licensed in the fifth year after purchase shall be subject to use tax on 60 percent of the purchase price; and a boat that is first licensed in the sixth year after purchase, or later, shall be subject to use tax on 50 percent of the purchase price. If the purchaser fails to provide the purchase invoice on such boat, the fair market value of the boat at the time of importation into this state shall be used to compute the tax.

Section 35. Paragraph (1) of subsection (4) of section 215.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

215.20 Certain income and certain trust funds to contribute to the General Revenue Fund. --

- (4) The income of a revenue nature deposited in the following described trust funds, by whatever name designated, is that from which the deductions authorized by subsection (3) shall be made:
- (1) The Marine Resources Conservation Trust Fund created by s. 370.0603 370.0608, with the exception of those fees collected for recreational saltwater fishing licenses as provided in s. 372.57 370.0605.

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The enumeration of the foregoing moneys or trust funds shall not prohibit the applicability thereto of s. 215.24 should the Governor determine that for the reasons mentioned in s. 215.24 the money or trust funds should be exempt herefrom, as it is the purpose of this law to exempt income from its force and 31 effect when, by the operation of this law, federal matching

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funds or contributions or private grants to any trust fund would be lost to the state. 3 Section 36. State agencies and water management 4 districts that manage lands for public hunting are encouraged to authorize the release and feeding of breeder-raised and 5 6 wild quail on such lands to increase quail hunting 7 opportunities and replenish quail population in the state. 8 Section 37. Sections 370.0605, 370.0615, and 370.1111, and subsections (10) and (11) of section 370.14, Florida 9 10 Statutes, are repealed. 11 Section 38. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001. 12 13 14 ======== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ========= 15 And the title is amended as follows: 16 Delete everything before the enacting clause 17 and insert: 18 19 A bill to be entitled 20 An act relating to funding for the Fish and 21 Wildlife Conservation Commission; amending s. 327.73, F.S.; providing for dismissal of 22 violations of boating safety identification 23 24 card possession requirements under certain conditions; providing a fee; amending s. 25 328.72, F.S.; specifying source of the county 26 27 portion of vessel registration fees; providing for the return of certain vessel registration 28 fees to the vessel owner's county of Florida 29 30 residence; amending s. 328.76, F.S.; clarifying provisions relating to distribution and uses of 31

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funds in the Marine Resources Conservation Trust Fund; amending s. 370.06, F.S.; recognizing the Railroad Retirement Board for making certain disability determinations; renumbering and amending s. 370.062, F.S., relating to issuance of license tags for harvesting tarpon; modifying date for tax collector's return of unissued tags; deleting provisions relating to transfer of tag fees to the Marine Resources Conservation Trust Fund within a specified period; amending s. 370.0603, F.S.; specifying the uses of designated funds deposited into the Marine Resources Conservation Trust Fund; renumbering and amending s. 370.0608, F.S.; providing for the deposit of licenses and fees into the Marine Resources Conservation Trust Fund; revising purposes for which licenses and fees may be used; renumbering and amending s. 370.0609, F.S.; providing for the expenditure of funds through grants and contracts to specified research institutions; amending s. 370.13, F.S.; renaming depredation endorsements as depredation permits; providing permit requirements; amending s. 370.19, F.S.; providing for legislative appointments to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries commission; amending s. 370.20, F.S. providing for legislative appointments to the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission; amending s. 370.25, F.S.; transferring the responsibilities

1 for issuing artificial-reef permits to the 2 Department of Environmental Protection; 3 amending s. 372.105, F.S.; revising provisions 4 relating to sources and uses of funds in the 5 Lifetime Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund; amending s. 372.106, F.S.; specifying distribution of 6 7 certain funds in the Dedicated License Trust Fund; amending s. 372.16, F.S.; increasing the 8 9 license fee for private game preserves and 10 farms; amending s. 372.561, F.S.; revising provisions relating to issuance of recreational 11 12 licenses, permits, and authorization numbers to take wild animal life, freshwater aquatic life, 13 and marine life, and administrative costs and 14 15 reporting related thereto; creating s. 372.562, 16 F.S.; providing exemptions from recreational 17 license and permit fees and requirements; amending s. 372.57, F.S.; revising and 18 reorganizing provisions specifying fees and 19 20 requirements for recreational licenses, 21 permits, and authorization numbers, including hunting licenses, saltwater and freshwater 22 fishing licenses, 5-year licenses, and lifetime 23 24 licenses; creating an annual gold sportsman's license; increasing the fee for a nonresident 25 26 Florida turkey permit; providing for pier 27 licenses and recreational vessel licenses, and fees therefor; providing for snook permits and 28 crawfish permits, and uses thereof; amending 29 30 ss. 370.063, 372.571, 372.5712, 372.5715, 372.5717, 372.573, and 372.65, F.S.; correcting 31

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cross references; deleting obsolete language; amending s. 372.574, F.S.; revising subagent duties and reporting requirements; amending s. 372.661, F.S.; increasing the license fee for a private hunting preserve; amending s. 372.711, F.S.; providing for dismissal of violations of license or permit possession requirements, under certain conditions; providing a fee; reenacting s. 372.83(1)(h), F.S.; reenacting a provision referencing penalties for violations of hunting, fishing, and trapping license requirements; amending s. 372.921, F.S.; including amphibians in provisions relating to exhibition of wildlife; increasing permit fees; providing rulemaking authority; amending s. 372.922, F.S.; requiring a permit for personal possession of wildlife by an exhibitor or seller; providing a fee exemption; amending s. 374.977, F.S.; conforming the responsibilities for posting and maintaining regulatory waterway markers with the transfer of duties to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; amending s. 705.101, F.S.; including derelict vessels within the definition of "abandoned property"; amending ss. 212.06 and 215.20, F.S.; correcting cross references; encouraging the release and feeding of certain quail; repealing s. 370.0605, F.S., relating to saltwater fishing licenses and fees; repealing s. 370.0615, F.S., relating to lifetime saltwater fishing licenses; repealing s. 370.1111, F.S.,

1	relating to snook fishing permits; repealing s.
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