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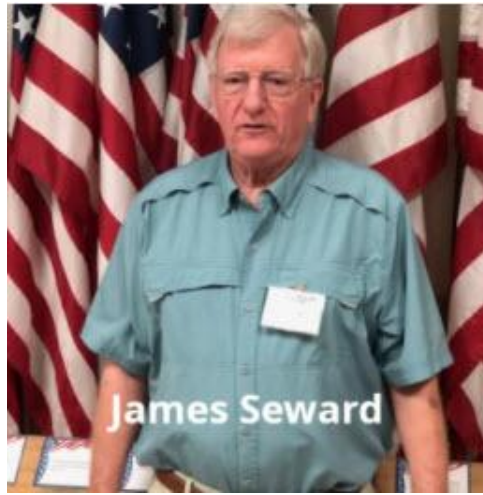
August Newsletter!

The next general membership meeting is Tuesday, August 13th. Doors open at 6:30, meeting starts at 7:00.

We will be voting on a proposed amendment to the By-Laws at this meeting.



Please welcome new member James Seward



From the FWC:

FWC approves Pasco Zone bay scallop season change

At its February meeting, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) approved a change to the bay scallop season for the Pasco Zone management region. This regulation change, which goes into effect this year, sets a 40-day season for the Pasco Zone that starts on July 10 and will run through Aug. 18 annually. The long-term season dates were informed by the 2023 post-season monitoring results by FWC’s Fish and Wildlife Research Institute as well as input received from stakeholders at virtual public workshops, in-person meetings and public comments.

“Along with moving away from the Independence Day holiday, the longer season will increase both the public’s safety and access to one of our state’s most fun family resources,” said FWC Commissioner Preston Farrior. “There will be many positive impacts for the local communities.”

The Pasco Zone bay scallop region includes all state waters between the Hernando – Pasco county line and the Anclote Key Lighthouse in northern Pinellas County, and includes all waters of the Anclote River.

The above has been withdrawn as the FWC closed the season temporarily -- see below.

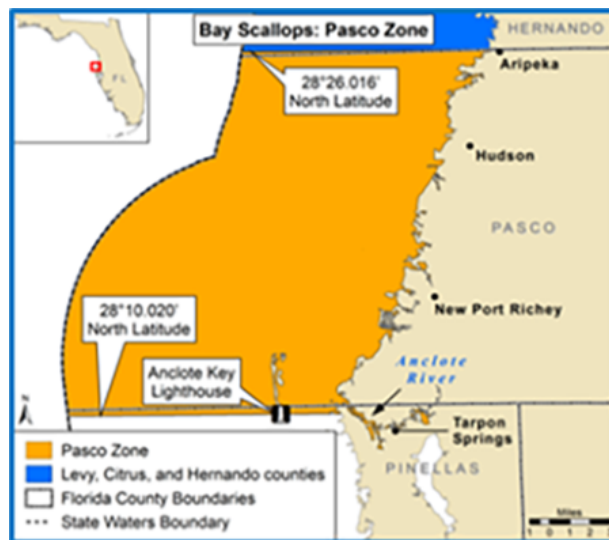


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Temporary Closure of Pasco Zone for 2024 Regional Bay Scallop Season

Today, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) announced a temporary closure of the recreational bay scallop harvest in the Pasco Zone. This area includes all state waters south of the Hernando-Pasco county line and north of the Anclote Key Lighthouse in northern Pinellas County, encompassing the Anclote River.

The FWC is tasked with proactively testing and acting to keep Floridians safe. This precautionary measure is due to the detection of saxitoxin and *Pyrodinium bahamense* at levels exceeding the safety thresholds established by the National Shellfish Sanitation Program. The Pasco Zone will reopen for scallop harvesting once tests show levels have decreased to safe limits.



In the Pasco Zone, scallop harvesting is currently suspended. However, the area is still open for other recreational activities including fishing, boating and swimming. All other [scallop harvest zones](#) continue to operate as usual.

For more information and updates, visit [MyFWC.com/Scallops](https://myfwc.com/scallops). Additional details on *Pyrodinium* can be found in the [FWC Pyrodinium bahamense factsheet](#).



July 29, 2024

FWC issues executive order modifying Gulf greater amberjack recreational season opening to Sept. 1.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) issued an executive order to modify the recreational season for greater amberjack in state waters of the Gulf of Mexico. The recreational season for greater amberjack in Gulf state waters, previously scheduled to open on Aug. 1, will now open Sept. 1 and remain open through Oct. 31, 2024. Recreational harvest of Gulf greater amberjack will remain closed during August.

The Gulf greater amberjack stock is overfished and experiencing overfishing and the recreational season modification is consistent with the new recreational season recommended by the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council in Gulf federal waters. Consistent state and federal recreational seasons for greater amberjack would help prevent quota overages and mitigate risks of paybacks and seasonal closures.



July 17, 2024



New name, same fish: Largemouth bass are now Florida bass

Genetics studies confirmed what many anglers and biologists have believed for a long time – Florida bass are special! Florida’s most popular freshwater game fish has a new name. The [American Fisheries Society](#) established the Florida bass as a separate species from the largemouth bass. This means that in most of Florida (except the western Panhandle) what was known as a largemouth bass is now called a Florida bass.

This name change will affect how the fish is referred to in regulations and other communications. However, it will not affect anglers fishing for this iconic freshwater sport fish.

According to [the recent research publication by Yale University](#), the study used advanced genetic analysis and determined Florida bass to be its own species. The research also identified the range of Florida bass to be larger than once believed, including not only Florida, but also parts of Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina.

The scientific names of these two bass also changed. Largemouth bass, previously *Micropterus salmoides*, is now the scientific name for Florida bass. Largemouth bass are now *Micropterus nigricans*.

Understanding and conserving fish species is crucial for sustainable recreational fishing and biodiversity preservation. The classification of species plays a key role in these efforts. Black basses (*Micropterus spp.*) are well-known freshwater fish and highly popular for recreational fishing. This new understanding of black bass diversity, distribution and classification provides a critical foundation for better managing and conserving these important and iconic fish. It will aid in ensuring their continued conservation and sustainable use for future generations.

[To learn more about the Florida bass name change](#) go to MyFWC.com, click on "Freshwater Fishing," select "Black Bass Management" and click on "Florida Bass."



The Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) is having its annual dinner

At the Spartan Manor on August 16. Vice President Chet Jasak and Past President Jack Hexter will have tickets at the meeting. Contact either of them (**coordinates below**) to reserve your seat. We ran out last year and had to turn people away. Don't miss the Silent Auction, Live Auction and Raffles. They can take cash, check or Credit/Debit cards for payment and the Banquet is only 3 days after the meeting.

Tickets are \$85-single/\$160-couple.



Here's a great story for you...

The Remarkable Catch: Mrs. A.W. Barret's Black Sea Bass of 1901

In the early 20th century, the waters around Santa Catalina Island, California, were a haven for anglers seeking to test their mettle against the ocean's giants. Among these intrepid fishermen and women, one name stands out: Mrs. A.W. Barret, who, in 1901, made a catch that would become legendary in the annals of sport fishing history.

On a clear day off the coast of Santa Catalina Island, Mrs. Barret, equipped with a rod and reel, embarked on a fishing trip that would result in an extraordinary feat. She hooked a black sea bass, a fish renowned for its size and strength. What she reeled in, however, was beyond anyone's wildest expectations: a monstrous black sea bass weighing an astonishing 416 pounds (188 kg) and measuring an impressive 7 feet 10 inches (2.3 meters) in length.

The black sea bass, also known as the giant sea bass, is a species native to the coastal waters of the northeastern Pacific Ocean. These leviathans of the sea can live for over 75 years and grow to enormous sizes, but catches as significant as Mrs. Barret's are exceedingly rare, even by the standards of the time.

Mrs. Barret's catch quickly became the talk of the town and the subject of numerous fishing tales and reports. The sheer size and weight of the fish were testament to both the bountiful waters of Santa Catalina Island and Mrs. Barret's exceptional skill and determination as an angler.

Photographs from that era show Mrs. Barret standing proudly beside her catch, the massive fish dwarfing her in size. This image encapsulates the spirit of adventure and the pioneering nature of early sport fishing enthusiasts. Her achievement not only highlighted the potential of Santa Catalina Island as a premier fishing destination but also inspired many other anglers, both men and women, to pursue the thrill of landing a giant sea bass.

The legacy of Mrs. A.W. Barret's 1901 catch endures as a remarkable chapter in the history of sport fishing. It serves as a reminder of the days when the ocean's depths held the promise of extraordinary encounters and when a single catch could cement an angler's place in history. Today, sport fishing regulations and conservation efforts strive to protect these magnificent creatures, ensuring that future generations can continue to experience the wonder of the giant sea bass.

Mrs. Barret's incredible black sea bass stands as a testament to the timeless allure of the ocean and the enduring human spirit of exploration and conquest.

Her story is not just one of a remarkable catch but of the adventurous spirit that drives us to seek out and conquer the unknown.



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General Membership Meeting Minutes – July 9, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Mark Morningstar at 7:00pm. Twenty members attended the meeting. Captain Dencil Powell (the Rajun Cajun) is on the mend and back on the water.

Socials: Our next club picnic is set for October 19 and we're looking for volunteers to assist.

An amendment to our By-Laws was presented to the club for review. They will be presented again at the next general membership meeting prior for our vote of adoption.

Wish to Fish: With the 25 Girl Scouts a month ago. Slow fishing but fun was had by all. They are already looking forward to the trip next year! Two more trips are scheduled with dates to be determined.

Fishing reports: Several members gave excellent local and Key West fishing reports. Sharks are an increasing problem in all areas. Members also stated that fish are not as big as they normally are perhaps due to the sharks.

Tournaments: Free-to-play (all members can join in):

September – grouper and trout

October – redfish and hogfish

Prizes – 1/2/3 - \$25/15/10

Pay-to-play:

September – November snook \$20 longest fish; winner takes all

The next general membership meeting will be August 13.

The 50/50 winner was Mike Spanhel- \$45

The guest was Captain Ed Walker of Tarpon Springs. He is a representative on the Gulf of Mexico Fisheries Management Council and a recreational representative for the State of Florida. He was nominated to this position by Governor Ron DeSantis. Captain Ed knows what 'right' looks like and is working to pass legislation and fishing seasons that make sense. He is also an accomplished offshore charter guide with 44 world records to his name and boat. Contact him at capted@gmail.com.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15.

From notes taken in my absence (thank you Bruce Archambault),

Respectfully submitted,

John Grieder



Meeting of June 24, 2024
Fish on Fishing Club Board meeting minutes

**** Meeting called to order at 7:00 by President Mark Morningstar. Also in attendance: Chet Jasak, Bruce Archambault and John Grieder. Absent: Mike Spanhel, Stu Johnson, Jack Hexter**

***The minutes of the previous board meeting of April 29 were accepted as written.**

*** Treasurer's report: General fund - \$3,086.85; Cash - \$156. There are 60 members.**

*** The speaker for the July meeting will be Captain Ed Walker.**

*** Tournaments: None presently scheduled but Bruce will set up several tournaments that will start in September and will include gag grouper, snook and other species dependent upon their specific seasons allowed by FWC. They will be presented to the BOD at our next meeting.**

***Wish to Fish report: The charter with the Girl Scouts worked out quite well and all had a good time.**

***By-Laws update: Chet presented the changes that were agreed upon by the board and they were unanimously accepted. In accordance with provisions for amendments to the By-Laws, the secretary will send the proposed amendments to the membership so they will all know status for discussion at the next general membership meeting. The proposed amendments will then be voted on at the August general membership meeting.**

***The next general membership meeting will be July 9.**

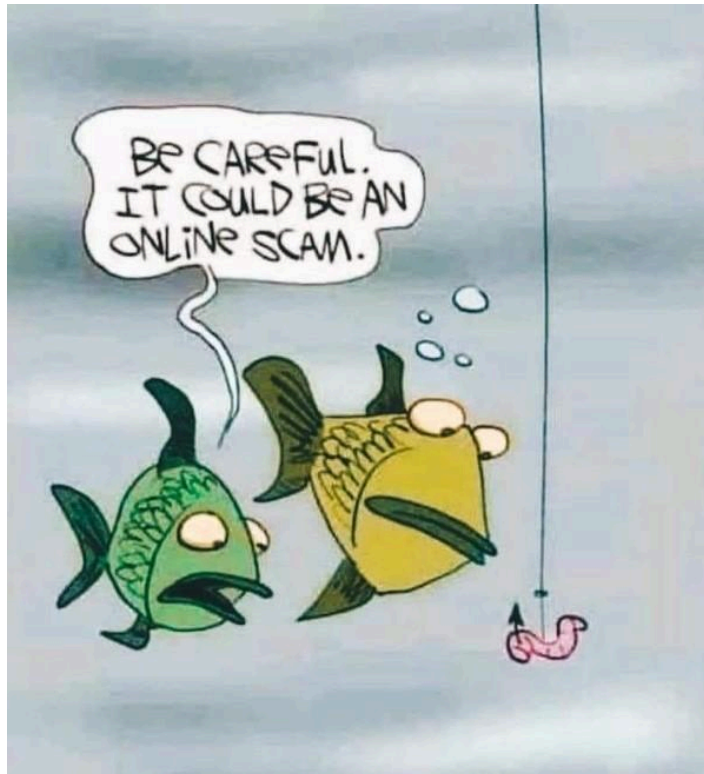
*** The next board meeting will be July 29 venue to be determined.**

*** Meeting adjourned at 7:50.**

Respectfully submitted,

John Grieder





See you all at the meeting!

Tight lines!!

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