

Volunteers needed for post-season scallop count

The county Extension Office is seeking volunteers for the first post-season scallop count in four years, which will be conducted on Sept. 8.

The event, hosted by the Taylor County Extension Office, University of Florida, Florida Sea Grant and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation

Commission (FWC), will be a volunteer-based collection of data, which will be used to estimate the remaining scallop population after the 2021 season closes on Labor Day, Sept. 6.

Locals can get involved by bringing their boat to take surveyors out, assisting on a boat or snorkeling

or scuba diving to count scallops themselves.

“FWC-Research Institute molluscan specialists have created a one-square-mile grid along all of the coast, with sampling sites selected randomly to avoid any bias in the results. We have been in direct contact with the research group, and they already pre-

selected 100 sampling sites between Dixie and Taylor,” UF Marine Agent Victor Blanco said.

Registration for this free event is required to ensure coordination of all individuals. Register at Eventbrite.com by searching for “Scallop post-season count -- Taylor County.”

“All registered volunteers in the activity will receive a link to a short video explaining the forms to use and the methodology, and the day of the count we will have a short introduction and set up a scenario on the ground to clarify any doubt,” Blanco said.

FWC made the decision to host a post-season scallop count for 2021 -- as opposed to a pre-season scallop count -- to better determine season dates and limits.

“FWC determined (in the first post-season count in 2018) that to have a healthy scallop population during one season, it is fundamental to have at least 2.5 million scallops left in the previous season,” Blanco said.

“Those scallops are responsible for spawning and producing the new

generation of larvae, spats, juveniles and future adults to be harvested the following year,” Blanco continued.

Currently, the recreational bay scallop season runs from June 15 to Labor Day (Sept. 6) off the coast of the majority of Taylor County.

The daily bag limits are two gallons of whole bay scallops in the shell or one pint of shucked bay scallop meat per person, with a maximum of 10 gallons of whole bay scallops in the shell or 1/2 gallon (4 pints) shucked bay scallop meat per vessel. Throughout the season and region-wide, vessel limits do not allow an individual to exceed their personal bag limit.

The season dates and limits have previously been determined by the FWC’s pre-season counts.

“Pre-season counts just gave us a sense of how many scallops were available for harvesting for the season. Previously, they estimated that a count of 0.1 to 1 scallop per square meter meant a healthy population, and Taylor County was always above or just at the lower range,” Blanco explained.

Continuing, he said, “The starting population was estimated between 10 and 15 million scallops. Of those, some were subject to natural mortality and others to fishing mortality, and the remaining was considered the spawning population.”

The abundant scallop grounds off Steinhatchee and Keaton Beach bring in an estimated \$3-5 million each summer, as thousands of people flock to the Taylor County coast.

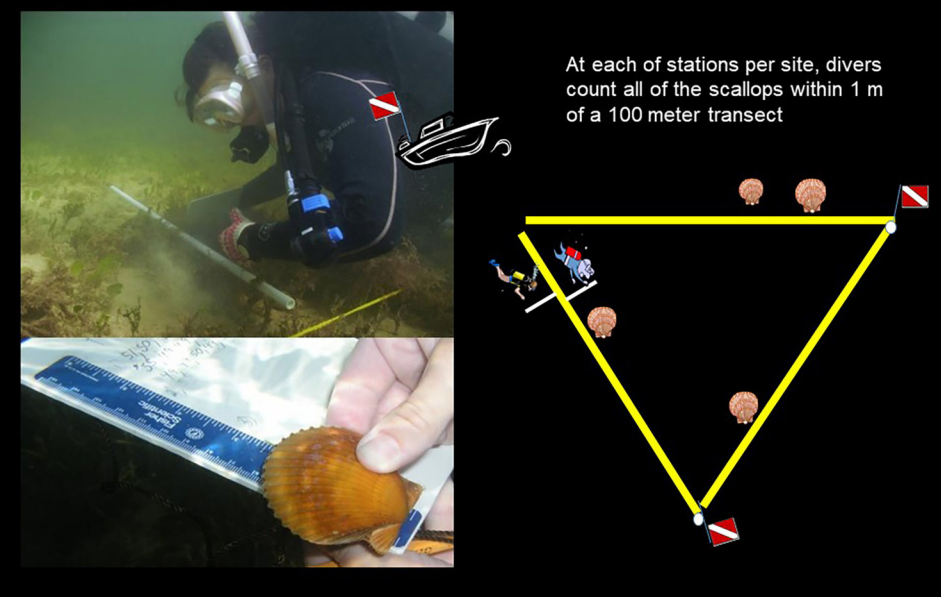
“The recreational harvesting of scallops Taylor County has been established as a very important -- if not the most important -- economic activity on the coast during summertime,” Blanco said.

“To accomplish the goal of estimating the most accurate scallop population, it is fundamental to go in the water and survey those random sites and count scallops,” Blanco continued.

As scallop season will be closed to the area at the time of the count, no scallops will be harvested -- only counted.

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Abundance Monitoring Method



At each of stations per site, divers count all of the scallops within 1 m of a 100 meter transect

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LEGALS

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a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

This hearing may be continued from time to time as may be necessary. This Notice shall be mailed to property owners within 500 feet of the property directly affected and whose address is known by reference to the latest approved ad valorem tax roll. Dated this 20th day of August, 2021

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

File No. 21000354CPC
IN RE: ESTATE OF CLARENCE WARREN PARKER SR. Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of CLARENCE WARREN PARKER SR. Deceased, whose date of death was January 11, 2021, is pending in the Circuit Court for TAYLOR County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 108 N. Jefferson St. Perry, FL 32347. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is August 20th.
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pursuant to the fictitious name statute, Chapter 20953 or Section 865.09, Florida of State, Corporation Division, Tallahassee, Florida, upon receipt of proof of publications of this notice the fictitious name, to-wit: Steinhatchee Wash and Store under which we/I will engage in business. i/we expect to engage in business in Perry, Florida and our address is: 1500 Fenway Ave., Steinhatchee, Fla., 32359 The extent of ownership is: Espenship Rentals LLC 100%

Hearing on Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the School Board Administration Building, 363 NE Crawford Street, Mayo, Florida 32066 for the purpose of amending School Board Policies. (The School Board approved for advertisement of a Public Hearing at their regular meeting on August 17, 2021). Authority for amending and adopting policies and forms is found in Article IX, Section 4(b), Constitution of the State of Florida and in Florida Statutes 1001.41.

The following policies will be considered for revision/updates:
2.03 revision Special Committees of the School Board
2.04 revision School Advisory Councils
2.091 revision Family and School

Partnership for Student Achievement
3.06 revision Safe and Secure Schools
3.09 revision A Moment of Silence
5.19 revision Student Records
5.29 revision Notification of Involuntary Examination
6.39 revision Report of Misconduct
6.80 revision Personnel Files
8.01 revision Safety
8.04 new Emergency Evacuation Drills
A. Name of person presenting the proposed policies: Mr. Robert Edwards Superintendent of Lafayette County Schools. Date of Approval by Board for Advertisement: August 17, 2021.
B. Explanation of the purpose and effect of school board policies: Provide policies required by Florida

Statutes (F.S.) State Board of Education Administrative Rules (S.B.E.R.) and other controlling regulations; and to provide policies for matters for which it appears prudent for the orderly operation of the school system.

C. A summary of the proposed policy revisions is as follows: Policies necessary for the effective operation and general improvement of the school system for the District School Board of Lafayette County, Florida.
D. Economic impact of the proposed policies: None
School Board Policies may be examined at the District School Board Office at 363 N.E. Crawford Street, Mayo, Florida between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

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