

RMA N-7:

Offer an online exam to receive a discount on fishing licenses (create an incentive-based program).

| Submitted | Name | Interests in reef | interest if other | county | county if other | RMA improve reef ecosystem? | RMA improve life? | support this RMA? | support or change to support? | other comments? | Ref # |
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| 2016-03-03 22:56:15 | | DIVING | | BROWARD | | Definitely Not | Definitely Not | Definitely Not | This is the stupidest thing I've ever heard. How many people under the age of 16 are fishing on the reefs? So, the majority of the people who buy licenses and who fish off the coast are not going to be forced to demonstrate that they have knowledge of the rules? This recommendation needs to be eliminated. It would cost too much money to implement and would receive no benefit. | | 1516 |
| 2016-03-03 15:20:41 | N.P.F. | FISHING, DIVING, BOATING | | BROWARD | | Likely | Likely | Likely | Taking an online exam can help fisherman and others learn about coral reef protection. | | 1485 |
| 2016-03-01 22:49:07 | | FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION | | PALM BEACH | | Definitely So | Definitely So | Definitely So | | | 1432 |
| 2016-03-01 17:11:33 | | FISHING, DIVING | | | | Definitely So | Definitely So | Definitely So | | | 1341 |
| 2016-03-01 09:50:24 | | FISHING, BOATING, PROTECTION | | MIAMI-DADE | | Definitely So | Definitely So | Definitely So | | You guys are doing an amazing job !! Keep up the good work | 1318 |
| 2016-03-01 09:48:57 | | FISHING, BOATING, PROTECTION | | | | Definitely So | Definitely So | Definitely So | | | 1317 |
| 2016-02-29 15:09:09 | Michael Kennedy | FISHING, DIVING, BOATING | | PALM BEACH | | Definitely Not | Definitely Not | Definitely Not | This sounds good, BUT SERIOUSLY misses the point. License fees provide support for our resources and this would be counter productive. Additionally the age level requirement is meaningless. Children under 16 do not need a saltwater license. | | 1273 |
| 2016-02-29 14:26:03 | Coastal Conservation Association Florida | FISHING | | | | Likely Not | Likely Not | Likely Not | N-7 proposes to offer a reduction in licensure fees for those that take an online class regarding reef protection and boating; it would be optional for those over 16 years of age and mandatory for those under 16 years old. The establishment of an optional online education course for boaters is acceptable as long as it did not affect the funding of the FWC. CCA is concerned that if a reduction of licensure fees were imposed, the funds earmarked to protect and manage our fisheries would be reduced and would negatively impact the very resources the RMA was intended to help. Further. The age criteria of this RMA ignores the fact that children under 16 are not required to purchase a saltwater fishing license. | | 1248 |
| 2016-02-29 12:03:51 | Jack Harari | DIVING | | BROWARD | | Not Sure | Not Sure | Likely | Good idea. | | 1222 |
| 2016-02-28 10:34:55 | | FISHING, PROTECTION | | MARTIN | | Definitely So | Definitely So | Definitely So | Great Idea! There are too many uneducated boaters out there. This is a really good incentive, it should be a savings of at least 50% since the licenses are relatively inexpensive as it is. The program needs to make it so 9 of 10 people will want to save money and learn a little. Great idea though!! | | 1138 |

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| 2016-02-24 14:20:59 | christie barrett | DIVING, PROTECTION | FLORIDA | | | Definitely So | Likely | Definitely So | I think its important to educate the public about the laws/protection/safe practices etc before allowing them to harvest/collect fish. | | 1053 |
| 2016-02-17 08:18:15 | | FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION | | BROWARD | | Definitely Not | Definitely Not | Definitely Not | This needs more detail. this is extremely vague. What is the cost for this "exam". Is it for out of state residents? Out of state residents that were born in Florida (it should be). Need much more detail. | | 927 |
| 2016-02-03 10:27:41 | Victor Chamoun | FISHING, DIVING | | OTHER | Hillsborough | Definitely So | Definitely So | Definitely So | Education and enforcement are the needed keys to preserving the reefs of southeastern FL areas. | | 814 |
| 2016-01-27 17:05:20 | | FISHING | | MARTIN | | Likely | Likely | Likely | | | 673 |
| 2/17/16 12:00 | | | | MIAMI-DADE | | | | | not just exam - training/education component too | | 215 |
| 2/17/16 18:00 | ray | FISHING, DIVING, BOATING | | MIAMI-DADE | | Definitely So | Definitely So | Definitely So | all for education | | 245 |
| 2/18/16 18:00 | | | | MIAMI-DADE | | | | | change to education! What information would you want to impart by requiring a text? Check with gulf side about using BP money for an add-on to the angler reef fish survey | | 299 |