

RMA S-67:

Provide incentives to divers and fishermen to eradicate invasive species of marine organisms proliferating the SEFCRI coral reef system to provide a natural ecological balance of marine and plant life for the coral reef system.

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 #
2016-03-01 22:44:11		FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		PALM BEACH		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So			1428
2016-03-01 19:42:32	Stephen Trbovich	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		MIAMI-DADE		Likely	Likely	Definitely So	Invasive marine species are a major issue for South Florida reefs. While targeted eradication programs cannot completely eliminate these threats, they can keep them in check. In particular, while lionfish are common at sites where there is low hunting pressure from recreational divers, at popular dive sites they are often scarce or absent. However, aside from relatively infrequent events such as localized annual culls there is little incentive aside from altruism and a lionfish dinner for most divers to pursue these animals (and risk a painful sting). Lionfish is not a widespread menu option at many restaurants and fish markets and commercial-scale consumption appears to be on an ad hoc basis. Greater incentives for targeting this and other adverse invasive species may increase the number taken (for instance, incentive for commercial spearfishers to outright target dense concentrations of lionfish or backing the development of a selective means to catch them at depths beyond the range of SCUBA divers).		1404
2016-03-01 17:07:58		FISHING, DIVING				Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So			1338
2016-02-29 23:40:02	N.P.F.	DIVING		BROWARD		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	Loved the recent lobster season rules to catch 10 lionfish and be able to legally catch one more lobster during mini-season! Incentives can be creative and just not monetary. We need to do all that we can do to help eliminate invasive species. This seems like a great way to get divers involved.		1309
2016-02-29 14:23:16	Coastal Conservation Association Florida	FISHING				Likely	Likely	Likely	CCA is in support of all 14 education and outreach RMA's. These are important and cost-effective tools that will bring awareness of the reef to all ages.		1246
2016-02-29 12:01:04	Jack Harari	DIVING		BROWARD		Likely	Likely	Likely	Nice idea. I am already actively removing lionfish from the reefs. Everytime I scuba dive, I take a lionfish spear and kill as many as possible. As an aside, I am in the water when I am spearing fish for dinner. If the RMA that bans spearfishing on scuba is put into effect, I will no longer be in the water and will no longer be removing lionfish.		1219

2016-02-28 22:27:43	Nicholas Muzia	FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		MARTIN		Likely	Likely	Definitely Not	I do not support incentives for the removal of lionfish or invasive species. I feel that there are plenty of stakeholders that are willingly going out to do there part in removing lionfish. Providing a 'no limit take' is enough incentive for me personally. I believe there more efficient uses of the resources than this RMA.	1189
2016-02-21 11:16:02	Benjamin Fallon	FISHING, DIVING	FL	BROWARD		Likely	Likely	Definitely So	Suggest to FWC for a discounted fishing license if you can kill a certain number of Lionfish. As you know Lionfish are invasive and harmful to the our Florida reefs.	1020
2016-02-21 10:12:27	Valerie Wright	PROTECTION		MARTIN		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So		1018
2016-01-31 12:41:38	Joe Bartoszek	DIVING, PROTECTION		OTHER	Brevard	Likely Not	Likely Not	Likely Not	Florida DEP and Reef.org are very well versed in this arena. No need for duplication of efforts	769
2016-01-30 12:02:04		FISHING, PROTECTION		BROWARD		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So		743
2/18/16 18:00		FISHING, DIVING, BOATING, PROTECTION		MIAMI- DADE		Definitely So	Definitely So	Definitely So	HOW? I recommend offering free fishing licenses to people who capture and kill more than 20 invasive species per year as an incentive	307