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| **Issued To**: | Dr. Robert D. Ellis  Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission  Florida Fish and Wildlife Research Institute  100 8th Ave. SE  St. Petersburg, FL 33701 | **License Number**: | SAL-22-2346-SRP |
|  | **Effective Date**: | 04/01/2022 |
| **Expiration Date**: | 07/31/2022 |
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**Purpose**: Temporary possession of marine organisms for scientific research purposes pursuant to 68B-8, F.A.C.

**Project Title**: Genetic diversity and relative abundance of juvenile goliath grouper in Florida.

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Not valid unless signed. By signature, confirms that all information provided to issue the license is accurate and complete, and indicates acceptance and understanding of the provisions and conditions listed below. **Any false statements or misrepresentations when applying for this license may result in felony charges and will result in revocation of this license.**

Authorized by: Pamela Gruver, Biological Scientist IV for: Eric Sutton, Executive Director

Authorizing Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Authorized Activities**: Authorized to conduct the FWRI Goliath Grouper Catch-and-Release Event. Event participants must be individually licensed by the FWC (see “Waiver” attached).

**Authorized Locations**: State waters of Charlotte, Collier, Hillsborough, Lee, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, and Sarasota Counties, with the following specifications and exceptions:

1. This license does not authorize any activity in federal waters, unless species-specific FWC regulations are extended into federal waters by FWC rule.
2. This license does not authorize any activity within any state park, unless a state park permit has also been obtained from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Recreation and Parks.
3. This license does not authorize any activity within any federal park, unless a federal park permit has also been obtained from the National Park Service.
4. This license does not authorize any activity within any Manatee Limited Entry Area (No Entry or Motorboat Prohibited Zones – list attached to this license).

Authorized Personnel: Keith S. Carver, Robert D. Ellis, as well as individual event participants holding a valid Waiver (see attached).

**Authorized Gear**: Hook and line only.

Any manatee entanglements must be immediately reported to 888-404-FWCC (3922).

**Reporting Requirements**: Future SALs and SAL renewals are contingent upon successful fulfillment of reporting requirements. In order to complete the licensing process and fulfill reporting requirements, the following documentation must be submitted to SAL@MyFWC.com upon license renewal or within 30 days after expiration of the SAL, whichever occurs first:

1. An activity report detailing all SAL-related harvest or sampling activities that resulted in the permanent retention of marine organisms. The activity report is a report other than any publications or technical, monitoring, or final reports. The activity report must include common and scientific names of the marine organisms harvested (both targeted and incidental), numbers and sizes harvested, locations of harvest by county, and disposition of all marine organisms harvested. The activity report for a Scientific Research SAL involving prohibited species must also include the specific harvesting gear used. If mortality of a prohibited species occurred during harvest or subsequent possession, the report must indicate the cause of death if known. If SAL-related activities did not result in the permanent retention or mortality of any marine organism, the SAL holder must submit a statement to that effect.
2. A copy of any publications, technical, monitoring, or final reports that were generated as a result of work conducted pursuant to the SAL. These reports must include the notation that research was conducted pursuant to the specific Commission Special Activity License.

**License Conditions and Provisions**

Law Enforcement Notification: The holder of a SAL must notify the nearest Commission Law Enforcement Dispatch Center not later than 24 hours prior to conducting activities under a SAL. Notification may consist of a float plan detailing locations, dates, and times of activities. Deviations from the float plan are permitted only after 24-hour advance notification to the nearest Commission Law Enforcement Dispatch Center. Float plans are valid for the duration of the SAL unless rescinded by the SAL holder.

Prohibited Activities:

1. The following are considered prohibited species and may not be harvested or possessed unless specifically authorized by this license:
   1. Invertebrates: anemone, giant Caribbean (Genus Condylactis), conch, queen (*Strombus gigas*); coral, black (Order Antipatharia); coral, fire (Genus *Millepora*); coral, hard and stony (Order Scleractinia); live rock (non-aquacultured; includes any formations created by tube worms of the family Sabellariidae); sea fan, common (*Gorgonia ventalina*); sea fan, Venus (*Gorgonia flabellum*); starfish, Bahama (*Oreaster reticulatis*); urchin, longspine (*Diadema antillarum*).
   2. Bony Fishes: bonefish (Family Albulidae); grouper, Goliath (*Epinephelus itajara*); grouper, Nassau (*Epinephelus striatus*); silverside, key (*Menidia conchorum*); spearfish, longbill (*Tetrapturus pfluegeri*); spearfish, Mediterranean (*Tetrapturus belone*); sturgeon (Family Acipenseridae); topminnow, saltmarsh (*Fundulus jenkinsi*).
   3. Cartilaginous Fishes: dogfish, spiny (*Squalus acanthias*); sawfish, largetooth (*Pristis pristis*); sawfish smalltooth (*Pristis pectinata*); shark, Atlantic angel (*Squatina dumeril*); shark, basking (*Cetorhinus maximus*); shark, bigeye sand tiger (*Odontaspis noronhai*); shark, bigeye sixgill (*Hexanchus nakamurai*); shark, bigeye thresher (*Alopias superciliosus*); shark, bignose (*Carcharhinus altimus*); shark, Caribbean reef (*Carcharhinus perezii*); shark, Caribbean sharpnose (*Rhizoprionodon porosus*); shark, dusky (*Carcharhinus obscurus*); shark, Galapagos (*Carcharhinus galapagensis*); shark, great hammerhead (*Sphyrna mokarran*); shark, lemon (*Negaprion brevirostris*); shark, longfin mako (*Isurus paucus*); shark, narrowtooth (*Carcharhinus brachyurus*); shark, night (*Carcharhinus signatus*); shark, sandbar (*Carcharhinus plumbeus*); shark, sand tiger (*Carcharias taurus*); shark, scalloped hammerhead (*Sphryna lewini*); shark, sevengill (*Heptranchias perlo*); shark, silky (*Carcharhinus falciformis*); shark, sixgill (*Hexanchus griseus*); shark, smalltail (*Carcharhinus porosus*); shark, smooth hammerhead (*Sphyrna zygaena*); shark, tiger (*Galeocerdo cuvier*); shark, whale (*Rhincodon typus*); shark, white (*Carcharodon carcharias*); ray, manta (species of the genus Manta and Mobula); ray, spotted eagle; (*Aetobatus narinari*).
2. Special Activity Licenses do not authorize any harvest of marine mammals or marine turtles, but may authorize the harvest of any other marine organism identified as a Florida Endangered or Threatened Species, or a Species of Special Concern, pursuant to Chapters 68A-27 and 68B-8, F.A.C. (list available here: <http://myfwc.com/media/1515251/threatened-endangered-species.pdf>).
3. Marine organisms harvested pursuant to a SAL may not be sold or consumed unless specifically authorized by this license.

## General License Conditions:

1. Any authorized personnel conducting activities pursuant to a Special Activity License (SAL) must have a copy of the license signed by both the Commission and the licenseholder, complete with all attachments as specified on the license, in his/her possession while conducting any activities requiring the SAL.
2. Special Activity Licenses may be suspended or revoked if authorized personnel listed on the permit have violated FWC rules or policies, terms or conditions of the license, or have submitted false or inaccurate information on their application.
3. Special Activity Licenses are non-transferable.

**Possession after SAL Expiration**:  The Commission recognizes that marine organisms harvested or possessed pursuant to a SAL may need to be retained for a period of time that extends beyond the expiration date of the SAL issued for such activities.  For this purpose, the following conditions must be met for marine organisms harvested or possessed pursuant to a SAL to be legally possessed beyond the expiration of a SAL:

1. All documentation required for reporting must be submitted to the Commission within 30 days of expiration of the SAL.
2. Following the expiration date of the SAL, the original SAL or a copy is sufficient documentation to authorize possession of a marine organism previously harvested or possessed pursuant to a SAL. Such documentation must be promptly produced at the request of an authorized law enforcement officer.

**Transferability of Marine Organisms**: A SAL is not required if a marine organism harvested or possessed pursuant to a SAL is being moved through formal transfer or loan between facilities that meet the eligibility requirements in 68B-8.003(1), F.A.C., and are certified aquaculture facilities or are conducting scientific research, education, or exhibition activities.  A marine organism authorized for sale under 68B-8.003(11) is not considered a transfer or loan.  In lieu of a SAL, documentation must be permanently maintained by a facility that possesses a marine organism harvested or possessed pursuant to a SAL and transferred or loaned to that facility.  The documentation must include the following:

1. A copy of the SAL authorizing the harvest or possession of the marine organism.
2. The chain of possession from initial harvest to current possession.
3. If the transfer or loan involves a certified aquaculture facility, a copy of the aquaculture facility’s valid certification.
4. A detailed description of each marine organism being transferred or loaned including common name, scientific name, size, and sex.
5. Number of each type of marine organism being transferred or loaned.
6. Date of transfer, or beginning and ending date of loan.
7. Name, address, and contact person for the transferring facility and for the receiving facility.
8. Signatures from representatives of the transferring and receiving facilities acknowledging that the transfer was completed or the loan was initiated.

**Attachments to Follow:**

* FWC Division of Law Enforcement, Special Activity License Notification Locations & Numbers
* Manatee Limited Entry Areas
* Waiver

***A person whose substantial interests are affected by FWC’s action may petition for an administrative proceeding (hearing) under sections 120.569 and 120.57 of the Florida Statutes. A person seeking a hearing on FWC’s action shall file a petition for hearing with the agency within 21 days of receipt of written notice of the decision. The petition must contain the information and otherwise comply with section 120.569, Florida Statutes, and the uniform rules of the Florida Division of Administration, chapter 28-106, Florida Administrative Code. If the FWC receives a petition, FWC will notify the Permittee.***