

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA  
MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

**THROUGH:** John A. Titkanich, Jr., County Administrator

**THROUGH:** Richard B. Szpyrka, P. E., Public Works Director

**THROUGH:** Eric Charest, Natural Resources Manager

**FROM:** Melissa Meisenburg, Lagoon Plan Environmental Specialist

**SUBJECT:** Approval of FWC Grant for Indian River County Derelict Vessel Removal Project

**DATE:** June 30, 2023

**DESCRIPTIONS AND CONDITIONS**

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) has awarded Indian River County a \$31,295.00 Bulk Derelict Vessel Removal Grant to reimburse the costs associated with the removal and disposal of three (3) derelict vessels from the Indian River Lagoon and St. Sebastian River within the jurisdictional boundaries of Indian River County. Officers from FWC have investigated the vessels and determined the vessels as derelict in accordance with sections 705.101 (3) and 823.11, Florida Statutes. The derelict designation from FWC allows the County to have the vessels removed and disposed of, improving boating safety and removing these hazards to navigation and the environment. FWC is preparing the grant agreement (Contract No. 22299) and will forward it to the County for review and execution upon completion.

Outlaw Maritime, LLC has been the County's contractor in prior derelict vessel removal projects, adhering to FWC's Best Management Practices for derelict vessel removal. Outlaw Maritime, LLC has provided a cost proposal to the County of \$31,295.00 to remove all three (3) currently authorized derelict vessels following the same protocols as previous removal tasks.

**FUNDING**

The cost to remove and dispose of the three (3) derelict vessels totals \$31,295.00. The FWC Grant will provide the County with 100% reimbursement of the associated costs not to exceed \$31,295.00. This task is budgeted for in the Florida Boating Improvement Program – Other Contractual Service Account #13321072-033490.

Account Name	Account No.	Amount
Florida Boating Improvement Program/Other Contractual Services	13321072-033490	\$31,295.00

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the Board of County Commissioners authorize the County Administrator to sign and execute Contract 22299 in the amount of \$31,295.00 on behalf of the County upon receipt.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. FWC Grant Sample Agreement
2. July 2023 IRC DV Removal Map

**APPROVED AGENDA ITEM FOR**

July 11, 2023