INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA BOARD MEMORANDUM



TO: Jason E. Brown

County Administrator

THROUGH: Richard B. Szpyrka, P.E.

Public Works Director

FROM: Kendra Cope, M.S.

Coastal Resources Coordinator

SUBJECT: Facilities Use Agreement – St. Lucie County's Harbour Pointe

Artificial Reef Deployments 2019

DATE: July 29, 2019

DESCRIPTION AND CONDITIONS

On July 3, 2018, the County entered into a contract with McCulley Marine Services, Inc to construct artificial reefs for Indian River County for a period of one year, with up to five renewal periods. This contract was renewed on July 3, 2019. McCulley Marine has historically used Harbour Pointe Park, located in Fort Pierce, for staging and loading of artificial reef materials. This location has proved to be an effective and preferred facility due to its proximity to McCulley's reef fabrication site and the Fort Pierce Inlet. Indian River County was a recipient of a grant from Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission which provided funding to deploy two patch reefs in 2019 made up of concrete limestone modules and recycled mixed concrete. To utilize Harbour Point Park for the deployment of the funded artificial reefs, Indian River County must enter into a Facilities Use Agreement (FUA) with St. Lucie County.

The purpose of this agenda is to request Board approval of the FUA which will allow McCulley Marine to stage and load reef modules and recycled mixed concrete for the 2019 funded artificial reef deployments. The FUA will be available in the Public Works office for review.

FUNDING

Local funding for artificial reef construction includes a portion of Local Option Tourist Tax Revenue. Funding is not needed to approve the Facilities Use Agreement; however, funding in the amount of \$60,000 for the deployment of the two patch reefs is budgeted and available for Artificial Reef Construction in the Orchid Island Artificial Reef Account No. 12814472-066510-14013.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board approve the Facilities Use Agreement with St. Lucie County for Harbour Point Park, and authorize the Chairman to sign five (5) copies of the agreement.

APPROVED AGENDA ITEM FOR AUGUST 13, 2019