

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA  
MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

**THROUGH:** John A. Titkanich, Jr., County Administrator  
Kylie Yanchula, Natural Resources Director

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

**SUBJECT:** Approval to Submit an FWC Bulk Derelict Vessel Removal Grant Application

**DATE:** June 14, 2024

**DESCRIPTIONS AND CONDITIONS**

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) has authorized the removal of four (4) derelict vessels from the Indian River Lagoon within the jurisdiction 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 for the vessels to be removed and properly disposed of, improving boating safety and removing these hazards to navigation and the environment. Outlaw Maritime, LLC has provided a cost proposal to the County of \$34,500.00 to remove and dispose of the four (4) authorized derelict vessels following FWC best management practices. Staff has prepared an FWC Bulk Derelict Vessel Grant application providing detailed information on the proposed removal tasks. The FWC Bulk Derelict Vessel Removal Grant is a reimbursement grant for 100% of the costs associated with the cost of derelict vessel removal.

**FUNDING**

The cost to remove and dispose of the four (4) derelict vessels totals \$34,500.00. If awarded, the FWC Bulk Derelict Vessel Removal Grant will provide the County with 100% reimbursement of the associated costs not to exceed \$34,500.00. This task is budgeted for in the Florida Boating Improvement Program/IR Lagoon/Other Contractual Service Account #13328337-033490.

| Account Name   | Account No.     | Amount      |
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| Florida Boating Improvement Program/IR Lagoon/Other Contractual Services | 13328337-033490 | \$34,500.00 |

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the Board of County Commissioners (Board) authorize the Chair to sign the FWC Bulk Derelict Vessel Removal Grant Application. In addition, staff recommends the Board authorize the County Administrator to execute the contract documents if funds are awarded.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. FWC Bulk DV Grant July 2024

**APPROVED AGENDA ITEM FOR**

July 2, 2024