

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Board of County Commissioners

THROUGH: John A. Titkanich, Jr., County Administrator
Kylie Yanchula, Natural Resources Director
Melissa Meisenburg, Senior Lagoon Environmental Specialist

FROM: Sara Wappes, Lagoon Environmental Specialist

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

DATE: December 20, 2024

DESCRIPTIONS AND CONDITIONS

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) has authorized the removal of two (2) 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 \$22,100.00 to remove and dispose of the two (2) 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

There is no cost associated with this item, as this item is simply authorizing submission for the grant. If the grant is accepted, another item will be brought to the Board for acceptance and costs.

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 upon concurrence from the County Attorney if funds are awarded.

ATTACHMENTS

1. FWC Bulk DV Grant Winter 2025

APPROVED AGENDA ITEM FOR

January 14, 2025