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Mr. David Mann, Director
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Dear Mr. Mann:

This letter is to certify to you that the *Florida Foundation For Responsible Angling, Inc.* is a duly authorized citizen support organization which is under contract to provide support for the Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Marine Resources in accordance with Section 370.0205, of Florida Statutes.

Sincerely,

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Edwin J. Conklin, Jr.
Director
Division of Marine Resources

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attachments

Pursuant to F.S. 617.0122
this filing is exempt from
any fees required for
incorporation as a non-profit
organization when certified
by the Dept. of Environmental
Regulation

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"Protect, Conserve and Manage Florida's Environment and Natural Resources"

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

The Florida Foundation For Responsible Angling, Incorporated

The undersigned, acting as incorporators of a Corporation pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

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ARTICLE I

The name of the Corporation shall be: The Florida Foundation For Responsible Angling, Incorporated.

ARTICLE II

The principle place of business of this Corporation shall be: 3900 Commonwealth Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000.

ARTICLE III

PURPOSE

This corporation is organized exclusively for charitable purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code of 1986, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code. More particularly, to conduct programs and activities, sponsor promotions, raise funds, request and receive grants, gifts, contributions, dues and bequests of money, real and personal property; or acquire, receive hold, invest and administer, in its own name, securities, funds, objects of value, or other property, real or personal; and make expenditures and distributions to or for the benefits of the Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Marine Resources and Florida's recreational fishing public.

Specifically, this Corporation will carry out these purposes by providing financial support for angler education and conservation programs through gifts, donations, bequests and grants. This corporation will also promote public awareness of and encourage the protection of marine fisheries and coastal habitats via programs to develop responsible angling practices. The period of the duration of this corporation is perpetual unless dissolved according to law. Subject to the limitations applicable to Section 501(c)(3) organizations, the corporation shall have the general powers set forth in Section 617.0302, Florida Statutes.

ARTICLE IV

PUBLICLY SUPPORTED TAX-EXEMPT NONPROFIT CORPORATION

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall enure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article IV hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by: (a) a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code; or (b) a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE V

DISSOLUTION

1. Upon the dissolution of the corporation, all liabilities and obligations shall be paid and discharged and all remaining assets shall be deposited in the Marine Resource Conservation Trust Fund or its successor, pursuant to these Articles of Incorporation and Section 617.0202(2)(f). These funds shall be used exclusively for the purposes hereinabove set forth, provided necessary legislative spending authority approval and provided that such does not impair or destroy the tax exempt status to donations, contributions, legacies or dues received by this corporation to the extent that such tax exempt status shall be allowed under any applicable law or regulation.

2. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the assets of the Corporation are hereby irrevocably dedicated to charitable use. Accordingly, in the event the Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Marine Resources of the State of Florida, or its successor, fails to qualify to receive or otherwise fails to accept the Corporation's assets upon dissolution, the residual assets of the Corporation shall be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) and Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding sections of any prior or future law, or to a federal, state or local government for exclusive public purposes(s).

ARTICLE VI

The method of election of the board of directors is as stated in the bylaws. This corporation is a nonmembership organization.

ARTICLE VII

The names and addresses of the individuals, each of whom are 18 years of age or older, to serve on the initial Board of Directors are as follows:

Doug Haymans
Florida Department of Environmental
Protection
3900 Commonwealth Boulevard
Mail Station 240, Room 853
Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000

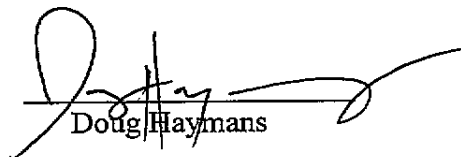
Scott Nichols
Coastal Conservation Association
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Suite 355
Winter Park, FL 32792

Tom Putnam
Half Hitch Tackle
2206 Thomas Drive
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Marsha Bierman
601 Northwest 110th Ave.
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned subscriber has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 8th day of May, 1998.

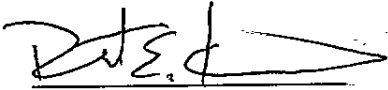

Doug Haymans

REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

The corporation's Registered Office is located at 3900 Commonwealth Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000. Robert E. Kramer is named as the Registered Agent.

ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated corporation, at the place designated in these Articles of Incorporation, I hereby agree to act in this capacity, and I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties.



Robert E. Kramer

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