TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Department of State Division of Corporations P. O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

SUBJECT: Florida Oyster Dealers Association

(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check for:

\$70.00 Filing Fee

\$78.75

Filing Fee &

Certificate of

Status

\$78.75

Filing Fee

\$87.50

& Certified Copy

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& Certificate

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Mr. James Rodney Bennett, Attorney FLA Bar # 384380

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Panacea, Florida 32346

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NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Katherine Harris Secretary of State

January 30, 2001

JAMES RODNEY BENNETT PO BOX 1026 PANACEA, FL 32346

SUBJECT: FLORIDA OYSTER DEALERS ASSOCIATION INC.

Ref. Number: W01000002273

We have received your document for FLORIDA OYSTER DEALERS ASSOCIATION INC. and your check(s) totaling \$78.75. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

Section 617.0803, Florida Statutes, requires that the board of directors never have fewer than three directors.

In your purpose you need to delete refrence to the laws of the United states and of this State. Instead insert activities or businesses permitted under Chapter 617.,

Please return the original and one copy of your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 487-6929.

Joey Bryan Document Specialist

Letter Number: 501A00005618

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF FLORIDA OYSTER DEALERS ASSOCIATION INC.

The undersigned subscribers to these Articles of Incorporation, each a natural person competent to contract, hereby associate themselves to form a corporation not for profit under the laws of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the corporation is Florida Oyster Dealers Association, Inc.

ARTICLE II- PERIOD OF DURATION

The corporation is to exist perpetually unless dissolved in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE III- PURPOSES AND POWERS

Provide an organization to assist shellfish processors as well as engage I any activities or businesses permitted under pursuant to chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes.

ARTICLE IV- INTIAL ADDRESS

The initial street address of the principal office of this corporation in the state of Florida is 594 Highway 98, Apalachicola, FL 32320. The Board of Direction may from time to time move the principal office to any other address in Florida. This corporation shall have the privilege of having such other places within the State of Florida or without the State of Florida and within the United State of America as may be designed from time to time by the Directors of the corporation.

ARTICLE V- DIRECTORS INFORMATION

This corporation shall not have less than one (3) director initially: elected by a majority of the members. The number of Directors may be increased from time to time by-laws adopted by the Stockholders, but shall never be less than one (1).

ARTICLE VI- DIRECTOR ADDRESS

Mr. Fred W. Thomas, PRES Mr. Grady Leavin, VP Ms. Lynn Martina, SECC/TRES

45 Allan Drive 101 Waterstreet 402 Highway 98

Apalachicola, FL 32320 Apalachicola, FL 32320 East Point, FL 32328

ARTICLE VI INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET **ADDRESS**

Pursuant to Chapter 48.091, Florida Statutes, Fred W. Thomas, 45 Allan Drive, Apalachicola, Florida 32320, is hereby named as Registered Agent to this corporation to accept service of process within the State of Florida, that the said Fred W. Thomas, by execution of these Articles, does hereby accept to act in the capacity and agrees to comply with the provisions of said Act relative to keeping open said office located at the above address.

ARTICLE VII INCORPORATOR

Mr. Fred W. Thomas 45 Allan Drive Apalachicola, FL 32320

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

Signature/Incorporator

Signature/Registered Agent