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Department of State  
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**SUBJECT:** The Forgotten Coast Tarpon Conservation, Inc.  
**(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)**

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

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**FROM:** Thomas M. Shuler, PA  
Name (Printed or typed)

40 4th Street  
Address

Apalachicola, FL 32320  
City, State & Zip

(850) 653-1757  
189 Avenue B Telephone number

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E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

In compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit)

**ARTICLE I    NAME:**

The name of the corporation shall be: The Forgotten Coast Tarpon Conservation, Inc.

**ARTICLE II    PRINCIPAL OFFICE:**

Principal street address	Mailing address, if different is:
189 Avenue B	n/a
Apalachicola, Florida 32320	

**ARTICLE III    PURPOSE:**

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is: The specific and primary purpose of this non-profit corporation is to support, assist and encourage the conservation of Tarpon along the Forgotten Coast of Florida; specifically including scientific research into their migration routes, reproduction, life cycle and environment; to solicit, receive, maintain and make donations for these purposes; to encourage compliance with the fishing laws of the State of Florida and the United States of America, and such other and further charitable purposes as are allowed by law in furtherance of these purposes.

Said corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes, 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 the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

**ARTICLE IV    MANNER OF ELECTION AND MEMBERSHIP:**

The powers of this corporation shall be exercised, its properties controlled, and its day-to-day affairs governed by a Board of Directors. The number, term and method of election of such directors shall be set forth in the bylaws.

**ARTICLE V    INITIAL OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS:**

Name and Title:	Thomas Michael Morgan	President/Director
Address:	189 Avenue B Apalachicola, Florida 32320	

Name and Title: Captain David Mangum Treasurer/Director  
Address: 156 Adams Way  
Santa Rosa Beach, Florida 32459

Name and Title: Christopher Robinson Secretary/Director  
Address: 211 Avenue H  
Apalachicola, Florida 32320

**ARTICLE VI CAPITAL STOCK:**

No stock shall be authorized or issued. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure 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 Third 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 or in opposition to 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 (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

If reference to federal law in articles of incorporation imposes a limitation that is invalid in your state, you may wish to substitute the following for the last sentence of the preceding paragraph: "Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation."

**ARTICLE VII DISSOLUTION:**

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

**ARTICLE VIII REGISTERED AGENT:**

The name and Florida street address of the registered agent is:

Name: Thomas Michael Morgan  
Address: 189 Avenue B  
Apalachicola, Florida 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.

  
Required Signature of Registered Agent

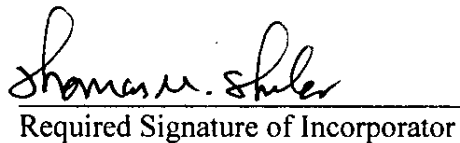
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**ARTICLE IX INCORPORATOR:**

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

Name: The Law Office of Thomas Michael Shuler, P.A.  
Address: 40-4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Apalachicola, Florida 32320

I submit this document and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that any false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third degree felony as provided for in s.817.155, F.S.

  
Required Signature of Incorporator

Date: March 7, 2012

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COUNTY OF FRANKLIN

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by Thomas M. Shuler, Esquire, Incorporator, who is personally known to me, on this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012..

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*Kim L. Johnson*  
Notary Public. My Commission Expires:  
Print/Type Notary Name and Number.