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May 12, 2000

UCC FILINGS & SEARCH SERVICES, INC. 526 EAST PARK AVE TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301

SUBJECT: MARINE ECOSYSTEMS, INC.

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We have received your document for MARINE ECOSYSTEMS, 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):

The articles of incorporation of a nonprofit corporation must be prepared in compliance with section 617.0202, Florida Statutes. Please refer to that section of the law for assistance.

YOU HAVE SHARES LISTED IN YOUR ARTICLES.

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.

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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MARINE ECOSYSTEMS, INC.

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SECRETARY OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

The undersigned Incorporator, for the purpose of forming of a corporation under the Florida For Profit Corporation Act, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

- 1. Name. The name of the corporation is Marine Ecosystems, Inc.
- Principal Office/Mail Address. The principal office of the corporation is
 2040 Tanglewood Way, N.E., St. Petersburg, FL 33702.
- 3. Purpose: The purpose of this corporation is to engage in any activity or business permitted under the laws of the United States and the State of Florida related specifically to the development, installation and maintenance of marine ecosystems for private, commercial and governmental entities. The purpose of these systems will be to provide habitat for marine organisms and enhance their capability to survive and thrive. The broader goal will be to improve and restore overall health and viabiality to marine systems that have been damaged by habitat encroachment, pollution and destruction. This corporation will not conduct a banking, safe deposit, trust, insurance, surety, express, railroad, canal, telegraph, telephone or cemetery company, a fraternal benefit society, building and loan association, mutual fire insurance association, state fair or exposition.
 - 4. **Manner in which Directors are elected**: Directors are elected by majority vote of sitting Board.

5. Initial Registered Office and Agent. The name and street address of the initial registered agent and office of this corporation is:

Gary E. Brown 2040 Tanglewood Way, N.E. St. Petersburg, FL 33702

6. **Incorporator:** The name and street address of the Incorporator is:

Gary E. Brown 2040 Tanglewood Way, N.E. St. Petersburg, FL 33702

7. **Directors.** The names and addresses of the initial directors are:

Name: Address:

Gary E. Brown 2040 Tanglewood Way, N.E. Judith A. Brown St. Petersburg, FL 33702

David Fries 775 19th Avenue N.
Carolyn A. Fries St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Charles A. Hall, Ph.D. 7428 Watersilk Drive Pinellas Park, FL 33782

- 8. **Shares.** The number of shares the corporation is authorized to issue is 10,000 all of one class, at no par value.
- 9. Amendment of Articles. The power to adopt, alter, amend, or repeal the Articles of Incorporation of this corporation shall be vested in the Directors by a one hundred percent (100%) vote.
- 10. **Indemnification.** The corporation may be empowered to indemnify any officer or director, or any former officer or director, in the manner set out and provided for pursuant to the provisions of Section 607.0850 of the Florida Statutes, as amended.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation this ninth day of May 2000.

Gary Brown, Incorporator

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the abovestated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent to act in this capacity, and I further agree to comply with the provision of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties and obligations of Section 607.0505, Florida Statutes.

Gary Brown Registered Agent

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