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SECRETARY OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

Secretary of State
Division of Corporations
P.O. Box 6327
Tallahassee, Florida 32314

Re: The Tarpon Group, Inc.

Gentlemen:

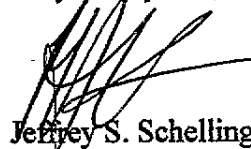
Enclosed please find the following items relating to the above-referenced corporation:

1. Original and one copy of the Articles of Incorporation;
2. Check made payable to the Florida Secretary of State in the amount of One Hundred Twenty-Two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$122.50) for the following:

A.	Filing Fee	\$ 35.00	300003471603--2
B.	Certified copy of Articles	52.50	-11/20/00--01162--018
C.	Designation of Registered Agent	35.00	****122.50 *****78.75
	Total	\$ 122.50	

Kindly forward the certified copy of the Articles to the undersigned at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your kind cooperation and assistance.

Very truly yours,


Jeffrey S. Schelling

Enclosures

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

THE TARPON GROUP, INC.

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SECRETARY OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

The undersigned subscriber to these Articles of Incorporation, a natural person competent to contract, hereby forms a corporation under the laws of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE I. NAME AND ADDRESS

The name of the corporation shall be:

THE TARPON GROUP, INC.

The principal place of business of this corporation shall be:

9220 Bonita Beach Road #105
Bonita Springs -, Florida 34 135

ARTICLE II. NATURE OF BUSINESS

This corporation may engage in or transact any and all lawful activities or business permitted under the laws of the United States, the State of Florida or any other state, territory or nation.

ARTICLE III. TERM OF CORPORATION

This corporation shall have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE IV. CAPITAL STOCK

The maximum number of shares of stock that this corporation is authorized to have outstanding at any one time is 8,400 shares of common stock.

ARTICLE V. REGISTERED AGENT

The initial registered office of the corporation shall be:

Jeffrey S. Schelling, P.A.
As Registered Agent for The Tarpon Group., Inc..
800 Seagate Drive, Suite 304
Naples, Florida 34103

and the name of the initial registered agent shall be:

Jeffrey S. Schelling, P.A.
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The Board of Directors from time to time may move the Registered Office to any other address in the State of Florida.

ARTICLE VI. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

This corporation shall have one (1) director(s) initially. The number of directors may be increased or diminished from time to time by Bylaws adopted by the shareholders, but shall never be less than one (1). The names and street addresses of the initial directors, who shall hold office for the first year of existence of this corporation, or until a successor is elected or appointed and has qualified, whichever occurs first, are set forth below:

Richard A. Lepola

3620 Lake mont Drive
Bonita Springs, Florida 34 134

ARTICLE VII. ELECTION OF SUBCHAPTER S

This corporation may elect subchapter S for taxation purposes upon consent of the shareholders.

ARTICLE VIII. INCORPORATOR

The name and street address of the person signing these Articles of Incorporation as the incorporator is:

Richard A. Lepola

3620 Lake mont Drive
Bonita Springs, Florida 34 134

ARTICLE IX. INFORMAL SHAREHOLDER ACTION

Any action of the Shareholders may be taken without a meeting if consent in writing setting forth the action so taken shall be signed by all the Shareholders entitled to vote upon such action at a meeting and filed with the Secretary of the corporation as part of the corporate records.

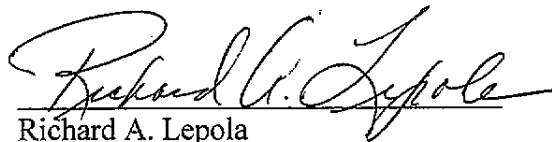
ARTICLE X. AMENDMENT

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in the manner provided by law. Every amendment shall be approved by the Board of Directors, proposed by them to the shareholders and approved at a shareholders' meeting by at least a majority of the shares entitled to vote, unless all of the directors and all of the shareholders sign a written statement manifesting their intention that a certain Amendment of the Articles of Incorporation be made.

ARTICLE XI. EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of these Articles of Incorporation shall be the date of filing.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed these Articles of Incorporation on this 7 day of November, 2000.



Richard A. Lepola
As Incorporator

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF COLLIER

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 7th day of November, 2000, by Richard A. Lepola, who is personally known to me [] or who has produced satisfactory evidence of identification.


Notary Public

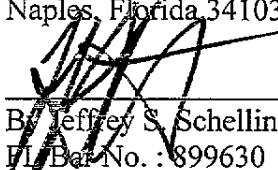
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My commission expires:

Type of Identification

ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

HAVING BEEN NAMED TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS FOR THE ABOVE-STATED CORPORATION, AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED IN THE 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, AND I ACCEPT THE DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS OF SECTION 607.325 OF THE FLORIDA STATUTES.

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By Jeffrey S. Schelling
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