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# FLORIDA PROFIT/NON PROFIT CORPORATION

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#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

# BIGFISH OF VENETIAN BAY, INC.

#### ARTICLE I .\_ NAME

The name of this corporation shall be BigFish of Venetian Bay, Inc.

#### ARTICLE II. COMMENCEMENT & DURATION

The commencement of this corporation's existence shall be on August 1, 2006. This corporation's duration shall be perpetual.

## ARTICLE III. PURPOSE

This corporation is being organized for the purpose of operating a retail clothing business and to engage in the transaction of any and all business activities permitted under the laws of Florida and the United States of America.

#### ARTICLE IV. CAPITAL STOCK

This corporation shall have the authority to issue 5,000 shares of common capital stock.

# ARTICLE V. SECTION 1244 STOCK

The stock of this corporation is intended to qualify under the requirements of Section 1244 of the Internal Revenue Code and the regulations issued thereunder. Such actions as are necessary will be taken by the appropriate officers to accomplish this compliance.

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## ARTICLE VI. INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The number of directors on this corporation's Initial Board of Directors shall be two. The number of directors may be increased or decreased from time to time, as provided in this corporation's bylaws, but shall never be less than one.

The name and address of the individuals who shall serve as the members of the initial Board of Directors is:

Connie A. Sims 5100 Esplanade Street Bonita Springs, FL 34134

H. Lake Sims, Jr. 5100 Esplanade Street Bonita Springs, FL 34134

## ARTICLE VII. INDEMNIFICATION

This corporation shall indemnify any officer, director, employee, or agent, and any former officer, director, employee, or agent, to the full extent permitted by law.

# ARTICLE VIII. PRINCIPAL OFFICE & INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE & AGENT

The address of this corporation's principal office shall be:

5100 Esplanade Street Bonita Springs, FL 34134

The name and address of the individual who shall serve as this corporation's initial registered agent is:

Connie A. Sims 5100 Esplanade Street Bonita Springs, FL 34134

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#### ARTICLE IX. INCORPORATORS

The names and address of the individuals who shall serve as this corporation's incorporators are:

Connie A. Sims 5100 Esplanade Street Bonita Springs, FL 34134

H. Lake Sims, Jr. 5100 Esplanade Street Bonita Springs, FL 34134

#### ARTICLE X. AMENDMENT

This corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provisions in these Articles of Incorporation, or any amendments hereto. Any rights conferred upon the shareholders shall be subject to this reservation.

Connie A. Sims - Incorporator

H. Lake Sims, Jr. - Incorporator

State of Florida County of Collier

On July 29, 2006, Connie A. Sims and H. Lake Sims, Jr., designated above as the individuals who shall serve as the corporation's incorporators, [ / ] who are each personally known to me, or [ ] who have each produced a FL driver's license as ID, personally appeared before me at the time of notarization, and acknowledged signing these Articles of Incorporation of BigFish of Venetian Bay, Inc.

Motary Public:

Typed Name of Notary:

Commission Expiration Date & Commission Number:

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JUDITH A. PIMENTEL MY COMMISSION # DD 184320 EXPIRES: September 30, 2006 Bonded Tieu Notary Public Underwiken

#### ACCEPTANCE BY RESIDENT AGENT

I hereby accept my designation as resident agent and agree to serve as the resident agent of BigFish of Venetian Bay, Inc. I hereby state that I am familiar with and accept the duties and responsibilities as registered agent.

Connie A. Sims - Resident Agent

State of Florida County of Collier

On July 28, 2006, Connie A. Sims, designated above as the individual who shall serve as the corporation's initial registered agent, [ ] who is personally known to me or [ ] produced a Florida driver's license as identification, personally appeared before me at the time of notarization, and acknowledged signing these Articles of Incorporation as resident agent.

Notary Public

JUDITH A, PIMENTEL
MY COMMISSION # DD 154020
EXPIRES: September 30, 2008
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