



**RICK SCOTT**  
GOVERNOR

May 14, 2014

Mr. Richard A. Corbett, Chairman  
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission  
620 South Meridian Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600

Dear Chairman:

Florida's natural resources are an important part of the state's economic engine. Florida saltwater fisheries contribute more than \$ 6.8 billion to the State's economy. The bay scallop fishery is especially important to Florida's "Big Bend" region, contributing millions to our economy.

Due to the significant economic impact that the recreational bay scallop season has on the "Big Bend" economy, I hereby request that you open the season early; on June 28, 2014. This opening will not harm the resource and will provide a great recreational activity that the whole family can participate in.

Thank you for your agency's dedicated service to the natural resources that make Florida special.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rick Scott".

Rick Scott  
Governor

cc: Nick Wiley, Executive Director, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission