

Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission Division of Marine Fisheries Bureau of Marine Fisheries Management 620 South Meridian St. Box MF-MFM Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600

October 16, 2002

From: The Organization for Artificial Reefs, Inc.

Subject: ENDORSEMENT LETTER IN SUPPORT OF USING ARTIFICIAL REEFS, INC., QUALITY PRODUCT AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES.

Dear Honorable Commissioners of the Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission:

During the late spring, early summer of 2000, the Organization for Artificial Reefs, Inc., had the pleasure of working quite closely with Artificial Reefs Incorporated on the design and deployment of the OAR 2-K reef system consisting of Fish Haven Towers and Fish Havens in the shallow waters off St. Marks. Artificial Reefs, Inc designed this system with long term species diversity in mind and making our site very productive, especially for Red Grouper, Gag Grouper, Goliath, HogFish and numerous other species Artificial Reefs, Inc. provided a service and product that we believe gave us the most value for our grant dollars and backed up their reef system with a very professionally performed deployment.

This past June, Artificial Reefs came through in a severe time crunch for Taylor County, providing another exceptionally designed system and superb deployment, at cost, so Taylor County would not loose it FWCC Grant. Taylor County had OAR survey and work with ARI for this Buckeye Reef Enhancement Project. This designed system consisted of a combination of Fish Haven and Fish Haven Juniors, configured for habitat complexity by placing the units inside each other in their patented design.

We are quite pleased with the "Total Package" of services Artificial Reefs, Inc. provides and the quality of their Fish Haven reef modules is unsurpassed. We are again working with ARI for the development of several sites for Taylor County and the Rose City Reef in Franklin County that we will be deploying shortly. We enthusiastically recommend an urge the further use of Artificial Reefs, Inc. products and services for future reef development and monitoring projects.

Sincerely,

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