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Ms. Melissa Long City of Jacksonville Environmental Quality Division 214 N. Hogan St, 5th Floor Jacksonville, FL 32202

RE: Notice of Conceptual Approval for Artificial Reef Funding during FY 2025-2026

Dear Ms. Long:

Thank you for your proposal submitted on March 14, 2025, for artificial reef construction grant funding.

This letter constitutes conceptual approval of a \$120,000 fiscal year 2025-2026 artificial reef grant request for the deployment of concrete artificial reef materials within the City of Jacksonville Harms Ledge permitted area SAJ-2007-00264-SCW. The grant number assigned is FWC-25013.

Our staff will begin drafting the formal contract agreement documents and will be in contact regarding details of the draft scope of work, including specifications for the proposed concrete materials. Please make note construction must be completed by August 31, 2026. We look forward to working with the City of Jacksonville and local partners on this important project and collaborating to identify local concrete materials, staging areas and vendor solicitation options.

Artificial reef program staff will work closely with you to ensure successful completion of this project. Carolyn Kalinowski will be the grant manager for your project. Please do not hesitate to call Carolyn at 1-850-766-1125, or carolyn.kalinowski@myfwc.com if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Keith J. Mille, Biological Administrator

Florida Artificial Reef Program

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cc: Joe Kistel Marc Hardesty