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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
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Florida

March 5, 2018

James B. Oppenborn
St. Lucie County Coastal Resources Supervisor
Public Works Department
2300 Virginia Avenue
Fort Pierce, FL 34982

Re: 2018-19 FWC Artificial Reef Construction Grant Application

Dear Mr. Oppenborn:

On behalf of the City Commission of the City of Fort Pierce, we are pleased to submit this letter in support of the St. Lucie County Artificial Reef Program. The funds requested will be used to deploy 1,500 tons of secondary concrete in 110 feet of water on the Fort Pierce Sportfishing Club site.

Deploying materials on this site is intended to compliment deepwater reefs and fishes, help fishes which recruit into shallower reefs and support both fishing and diving activities. It is our understanding that this reef will be deployed within ½ mile of an existing artificial reef and that artificial reef modules may be placed between the two artificial reefs, depending on those modules' performance in other areas.

We hope this letter supporting the County's request to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Artificial Reef Program will be useful in securing the funds you need to create additional recreational opportunities and provide habitat for a diverse fish assemblage.

Sincerely,

Linda Hudson
Mayor