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Martin County Board of County Commissioners
c/o Sebastian Fox
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Dear Madam Chair and Commissioners of Martin County,

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) has reviewed the draft resolution of Martin County's efforts to streamline and modernize county codes and outdated special acts in statute. We support the county's efforts aimed at repealing the fish and wildlife ordinances codified in Martin County Code, Section 83.31, and in turn, recognizing the FWC's constitutional rulemaking authority and the state's preemption of the power to regulate the taking or possession of fish and wildlife, as established in Article IV, Section 9 of the Florida Constitution.

The County Commissioners and citizens of Martin County can rest assured that the repealed ordinances will not jeopardize the county's fish and wildlife resources. Federal and state law, and FWC rules, cover most, if not all, of the issues addressed in the county ordinances. Using a science-based approach, the FWC is committed to managing fish and wildlife resources for their long-term well-being and the benefit of people.

Sincerely,

Thomas Reinert, Ph.D.
Regional Director