

Florida Sea Grant College Program

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Active Gulf Hard Clam Lessee(s)

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RE: Florida Sea Grant Clam Buyback Program

Email sent September 4, 2020

This LETTER is a notification of an email you are being sent on September 4, 2020, to **[E-mail]** with the subject "Florida Sea Grant Clam Buyback Program." That email contains an offer to participate in a buyback of some of your clams. You will need to follow the instructions in the email in order to apply. The online application form will open at **noon, Saturday, September 12th**, and preference will be given to those replying first.

In summary, our program received funds from NOAA's National Sea Grant Program to purchase up to 450,000 clams for a restoration project. At this time we anticipate participation by 100 growers which means each would receive \$540 for 4,500 clams.

For more information on this opportunity, you must reply to the instructions sent to the email address listed above that you provided FDACS for your lease(s). Why are we using email? We need to communicate quickly as the planned delivery dates are in September and October. Should there be any last minute changes to the delivery schedule, such as poor weather conditions at the harvest or planting sites, we will need to email (and potentially call) you to reschedule.

If you have any questions about the restoration program, please visit the project website (<http://FLSeaGrant.org/clams>). If you did not receive the email or have other questions, please email the program at clams@ifas.ufl.edu or call Sandi Reveille at 352-392-5870.



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