



Mackerel Tournament Donation Permit
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
Division of Marine Fisheries Management
620 S. Meridian St., Mail Station 1V, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600
Phone: 850-487-0554 • Fax: 850-487-4847

Issued to: Robert Cox
MBARA
202 Coral Dr
Pt. St. Joe, FL 32456

Permit Number: 0206
Effective Date*: 07/25/2026 12:00 am.CST
Expiration Date*: 07/25/2026 6:00 p.m.CST

*Tournaments must have 10 or more participants, have written rules and regulations, require an entry fee and award prizes to competitors. Donated fish must be caught during the tournament.

Authorized Activities: To allow the tournament organizers of the Mexico Artificial Reef Association 30th King Mackerel Tournament to donate tournament caught king and Spanish mackerel to Water Street Seafood (WD-4050), who then sell the fish and give the proceeds to Franklin Counties Promise Coalition on the tournament's behalf.

Permittee Signature

Date

6-11-2026

Not valid unless signed. By signature, confirms that all information provided to issue this permit is accurate and complete, and indicates acceptance and understanding of the provisions and conditions listed below. **Any false statements or misrepresentations when applying for this permit may result in felony charges and will result in revocation of this permit.**

Authorized by: Jessica McCawley, Division Director

for: Roger Young, Executive Director

Authorizing Signature

Date

5-19-26

Permit Conditions and Provisions

Purpose: A permit is required to meet the requirements of 50 C.F.R. § 622.386(e). To allow tournament organizers to donate tournament caught king and Spanish mackerel to wholesale dealers, who then sell the fish and give the proceeds to a charity on the tournament's behalf pursuant to 68B-2.010, F.A.C.

Permit Conditions

1. Permit only issued to the director of an organized tournament that has provided FWC with information required by rule.
2. Spanish and king mackerel caught in an organized tournament can be donated to a licensed wholesale seafood dealer only. Donation of tournament fish as authorized by this permit does not constitute a sale.
3. A licensed wholesale dealer must be present at the tournament check in location to receive the tournament-caught fish.
4. The tournament organizer may not also be the licensed wholesale seafood dealer accepting donated fish from the tournament.
5. Proceeds from the sale of the fish must be donated to a charitable organization.
6. Proceeds cannot be used for tournament expenses or prizes.
7. Tournament organizers must ensure that donated fish are properly handled and iced according to seafood safety standards 68E-5.002(1), F.A.C.
8. Fish must be reported by the wholesale dealer as tournament-caught on trip tickets pursuant to subsection 68E-5.002(1) and (2), F.A.C.



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Complete all information that is applicable to your permit request. If additional space is required other than what is provided on the form, you may provide additional attachments as long as they are clearly marked and identifiable.

(Please Print or Type)

A. GENERAL APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Robert Cox
Organization Name: Mexico Beach Artificial Reef Association (MBARA)
Organizer's
Mailing Address: 202 Coral Dr
City: Port St Joe State: FL Zip: 32456
Phone Number: (850) 527-6306
Email Address**: mexicobeachreefs@gmail.com

**To provide more timely exchange of information please check this box:

I authorize FWC to send me future correspondence regarding this application, including requests for additional information and final agency permitting actions by either e-mail or express delivery. Future agency actions will be provided henceforth by either e-mail or express delivery.

Applicant Signature: Robert Cox Date: 04/16/2026
Certification: I hereby swear and affirm by signature that the information submitted in this application and supporting documents is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any false statements or misrepresentations when applying for this permit may result in revocation of this permit and the denial of future permit applications.

A. ELIGIBILITY. A Mackerel Tournament Donation Permit may only be issued to the director of a fishing tournament that agrees to the following permit conditions:

1. Permits only issued to the director of an organized tournament that has provided FWC with information required by rule
2. King or Spanish mackerel caught in an organized tournament may be donated to a licensed wholesale seafood dealer. Donation of tournament fish as authorized by this permit does not constitute a sale
3. A licensed wholesale dealer must be present at the tournament check in location to receive the tournament-caught fish
4. The tournament organizer may not also be the licensed wholesale seafood dealer accepting donated fish from the tournament
5. Proceeds from the sale of the fish must be donated to a charitable organization
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7. Tournament organizers must ensure that donated fish are properly handled and iced according to seafood safety standards
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B. TOURNAMENT INFORMATION.

I. Tournament Name: 2026 30th MBARA Kingfish Tournament

II. Number of active participants. Tournaments must have 10 or more active participants for a Mackerel Tournament Donation Permit to be valid.
 Number of Tournament Participants: Estimate 150-180 boats

III. Entry fee. Does the tournament require an entry fee? Check one: YES NO

IV. Prizes. Does the tournament award prizes? Check one: YES NO

V. When will the tournament occur? List the dates and start and finish times when tournament-related fishing activities will occur:
25 Jul 2026 12:00 AM to 6:00 PM

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VI. Tournament location. Where will the landing and weigh-in take place? Provide location name(s) and physical address(es) if applicable.
Mexico Beach Boat Ramp, Mexico Beach, FL 32456

VII. Wholesale Seafood Dealer Information. Provide all of the following information for the licensed wholesale dealer that will be accepting fish donated from the tournament:

Wholesale Dealer Name: Water Street Seafood Wholesale Dealer License Number: 4050
 Contact Person: Steven Rash Phone Number: (850) 653-8902
 Business Address: P.O. Box 121
 City: Apalachicola State: FL Zip Code: 32329

*Call
Steven
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653-8902*

VIII. Charitable Organization Information. Provide all of the following information for the charitable organization that will be accepting the monetary donation from the wholesale dealer:

Organization Name: Franklin's Promise Coalition Incorporated
 Tax ID Number: 30-0115977 Phone Number (850) 653-8199
 Mailing Address: 192 14th Street.
 City: Apalachicola State: FL Zip Code: 32320

C. APPLICATION SUBMISSION.

Applications may be submitted electronically to Marine@MyFWC.com, may be faxed to (850) 487-4847, or may be mailed to the following address:

FWC – Division of Marine Fisheries Management
 620 S. Meridian St., Mailbox 4B3
 Tallahassee, FL 32399-1600

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Documents submitted separately from an application form should be marked (or files named) with the applicant's name and organization.

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