

**STATE OF FLORIDA  
FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**WILLIAM HACKETT,**

**Petitioner,**

v.

**DOAH Case No. 20-0753  
FWC Case No. 20-0022**

**FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION,**

**Respondent.**

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**FINAL ORDER**

THIS CAUSE came before the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (Commission) on a Petition for a formal administrative hearing (Petition) filed by William Hackett (Petitioner or Hackett). The Petition challenged the Commission's determination that Petitioner was responsible for a vessel deemed derelict and abandoned.

**STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE**

WHEREAS Hackett received notification from the Commission on January 8, 2020 that he was responsible for a vessel deemed derelict and abandoned on the waters of the State of Florida. Petitioner disputed the agency action.

Petitioner filed a petition challenging the agency's determination and requested a formal hearing. The matter was referred to the Division of Administrative Hearings (DOAH) in March 2020. A hearing was held on July 23, 2020 and August 13, 2020.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Upon review of the record, the Commission makes the following legal conclusion:

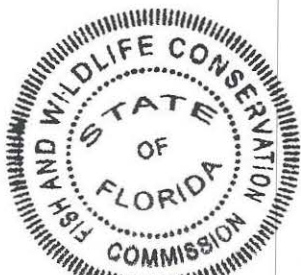
As Executive Director of the Commission or his designee, the undersigned has jurisdiction over this subject matter and authority to enter a final order pursuant to Rule 68-

1.009, Florida Administrative Code, and the Commission's Delegation of Authority, dated February 14, 2013, and in accordance with Section 120.57(2), Florida Statutes.

**ORDER**

**WHEREFORE**, the Administrative Law Judge's Recommended Order is adopted, and the Commission's action finding the vessel was a "derelict vessel" is UPHELD and this matter is closed.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Tallahassee, Florida this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September 2020.



*Thomas H. Eason, Ph.D.*  
Thomas H. Eason, Ph.D.  
Assistant Executive Director  
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation  
Commission

Filed with the Commission  
This 24 day of September 2020

ATTEST: *Jill Canfield*  
Jill Canfield, Deputy Clerk

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the above Final Order has been furnished by US mail to William Hackett, 419 Southard Street, Key West, Florida 33040 and electronically to [billy@vantagenewmedia.com](mailto:billy@vantagenewmedia.com)., and to Brandy Elliot, Assistant General Counsel, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, at [brandy.elliott@myfwc.com](mailto:brandy.elliott@myfwc.com); on this 27 day of Sept, 2020.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jill Canfield".

Jill Canfield, Deputy Clerk  
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation  
Commission  
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**NOTICE OF APPELLATE RIGHTS**

The foregoing constitutes final agency action in this matter. Any party adversely affected has the right to seek judicial review of this Final Order pursuant to Section 120.68, Florida Statutes, and Rules 9.030(b)(1)(C) and 9.110, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure. To initiate an appeal, a Notice of Appeal must be filed with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Legal Office, and the appropriate District Court of Appeal within thirty (30) days for the date this Final Order is filed with the Agency Clerk. The Notice filed with the District Court of Appeal must be accompanied by the appropriate fee required by law.