

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

**TRAVIS HOWARD,**

**Petitioner,**

v.

**DOAH Case No. 21-1111  
FWC Case No. 21-0015**

**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 Travis Howard (Petitioner or Howard). The Petition challenged the Commission's determination that Petitioner was responsible for a vessel deemed derelict and abandoned.

**STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE**

WHEREAS Howard received notification from the Commission that he was responsible for a vessel deemed derelict and abandoned and of the Commission's intent to destroy the derelict vessel. Petitioner disputed that the vessel was his.

The matter was referred to the Division of Administrative Hearings (DOAH). Subsequently, the Commission staff received additional information that the Petitioner removed the subject vessel from the waters of the state on his own without Respondent involvement. Accordingly, the matter is now moot. DOAH has closed its file and relinquished jurisdiction back to FWC.

**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 October 2020, and in accordance with Section 120.57(2), Florida Statutes.

**ORDER**

**WHEREFORE**, since the issue is now moot and DOAH has closed its case and relinquished jurisdiction back to the Commission; it is **ORDERED** that this matter is closed.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Tallahassee, Florida this 7th day of June, 2021.

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

Filed with the Commission  
This 7th day of June, 2021

ATTEST:   
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 Travis Howard, 326 First Street, Suite 500, Annapolis, MD 21403 and electronically to [Zephyrine67@gmail.com](mailto:Zephyrine67@gmail.com), and to Brandy Elliott, Assistant General Counsel, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, at [brandy.elliott@myfwc.com](mailto:brandy.elliott@myfwc.com); on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.



  
Jill Canfield, Deputy Clerk  
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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.