

TELEVISION QUARTERLY ISSUES-PROGRAMS REPORT

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ISSUE/description: 5. ENVIRONMENT. Maintaining the quality of life desired within our community; protecting wildlife and their natural habitat; maintaining the proper balance between development and protection of resources.

How Issue was treated (Program, PSA, etc.):

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1. Channel 3 News at 9PM On WFGX	05/19/17	09:00PM/3 minutes	News	*

* A married environmental scientist and a physicist are leading the charge to rid our waters of the dreaded lionfish. Bryan and Anna Clark are researching traps, how they work and if they're effective. From Pensacola to Panama City, our edge of the Gulf has the highest concentration of the destructive predatory fish than anywhere else, even in its native Indian and Pacific oceans. Bryan and Anna Clark formed Coast Watch Alliance after the BP oil spill to protect our local reefs. The Clarks and Coast Watch Alliance volunteers are working with NOAA research scientists and the University of Georgia to test lionfish traps. The traps could be the ultimate win-win; turn a profit while removing a delicious predator. You can taste and see lionfish this weekend at the Lionfish Awareness and Removal Day. The festival will be held in Pensacola on Palafox Pier. The Lionfish Tournament goes on Saturday and Sunday. Last year, divers hauled in more than 8,000 lionfish over the two-day event.

2. Channel 3 News at 9PM On WFGX	05/22/17	09:00PM/1-minute	News	**
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** Two organizations hosted Hands Across the Sand on Casino Beach Saturday morning. Oceana and 350 Pensacola say they are sending a message to President Trump: protect our coast from dirty and dangerous offshore drilling and seismic air-gun blasting - a proposal that puts all of the risk on coastal communities while only promising benefits to the oil and gas industry.

3. Channel 3 News at 9PM On WFGX	05/22/17	09:00PM/1-minute	News	***
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*** The third annual Pensacola Lionfish Removal and Awareness Day was held Saturday and Sunday to support the efforts to combat invasive lionfish and protect Florida's native ecosystems. It all happened at Plaza de Luna. There were demonstrations on how to cook the invasive fish and also tastings. Organizers say you don't have to be a diver to help combat the lionfish.

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4. Channel 3 News at 9PM On WFGX	05/23/17	09:00PM/2 minutes	News	****

**** This year's federal red snapper season for recreational fishermen is set to be the shortest in history, only 4 days, and local folks aren't happy about it. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) recently made the announcement, and now Escambia County Commissioner Doug Underhill is calling for immediate action to extend the season to prevent negative impact to our local economy. He blames the shortened season on a flawed science. "The federal government measures the snapper population nationwide and then makes decisions about how we should fish in the gulf, based on that," he said. "The reality is, artificial reefs and other conservation efforts have allowed red snapper to flourish". His suggestion is to extend the snapper season to somewhere between 7 and 11 three-day weekends. He urged the County Commission to send a letter to the federal delegation and the Trump Administration concerning the shortened snapper season.

5. The Right Side with Armstrong Williams	06/11/17	12:00PM/30 minutes	Public Affairs	*****
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***** This week's topic was "Sustainable Energy and Climate Change". Dr. Michael MacCracken, Chief Scientist for the Climate Change Program; Bruce Fein, Esq.; and Akili West discussed their respective views on climate change.

6. 3 in the Morning	06/14/17	09:00PM/1-minute	News	*****
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***** It appears red snapper season won't be so short after all. A spokesperson for Alabama Congressman Bradley Byrne said that federal red snapper season is expected to be extended through Labor Day. It will only extended on weekends -- Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays -- through Sept. 4. In May, Escambia County Commissioner Doug Underhill suggested extending the federal red snapper season to somewhere between seven and 11 three-day weekends. It was originally only supposed to run from June 1-4, the shortest season in history.