



ITEM NO. (ID # 4617)

DATE: 09/05/2017

AGENDA REQUEST

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**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

**PRESENTED BY:** James Oppenborn, Coastal Res. Supervisor

**SUBMITTED BY:** Public Works

**SUBJECT:** Requesting Approval of the 1st Amendment with Florida Atlantic University Contract for the Artificial Reef Program

**BACKGROUND:**

January 10, 2017 the Board of County Commissioners accepted a grant from The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) in the amount of \$54,750 through FWC Grant 16-145 to conduct a fishery-independent assessment of the fish communities on St. Lucie County's deepwater artificial reefs using both fishing and diving techniques. The County contracted (C-17-05-339) researchers at Florida Atlantic University's Harbor Branch campus (FAU-HBOI) to conduct the research using SeaRover Services, the County's last artificial reef consultant under continuing contract

The Public Works Department is seeking Board approval to amend the current contract with FAU-HBOI. An additional \$29,000 is needed to enable FAU-HBOI to assume the tasks formerly assigned to SeaRover Services. This will bring the total FAU contract to \$57,250 (\$28,250 (original contract) plus \$29,000 (contract modification).

**PREVIOUS ACTION:**

April 25, 2017 Board of County Commissioners accepted a contract with the Florida Atlantic University for scientific evaluation of fish communities in the amount of \$28,250.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Funds are available in account string 184228-4117-534000-39003 and 184001-4117-534000-39003 (Other Contractual Services).

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends Board approval of the 1st Amendment to Contract 17-05-339 in the amount of \$29,000.00 and approval for the Chairman to sign all documents as approved by the County Attorney.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

Coordination/Signatures

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Susan Durden, Executive Assistant

8/16/2017

*Daniel S. McIntyre*

Daniel S. McIntyre, County Attorney

8/18/2017

*Mark Satterlee*

Mark Satterlee, Deputy County Administrator

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