

MEETING DATE:	September 1, 2020
NAME/DEPARTMENT/AGENCY:	UF/IFAS Franklin County Extension Program
TOTAL ATTACHMENTS:	None

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# **Informational Items**

### General Extension Activities:

- 1. During this period, the Extension office assisted citizens on the topics of injured wildlife, fertilization of zoysia grass, soil test results, diagnosis on fungal disease, citrus greening, and more.
- 2. Extension Director assisted with hosting a webinar by the Natural Resources Program Team on the topic of "Invasive Hitchhikers: how we move pest species around when transporting ornamental plants". The Cuban tree frog is one that is starting to show up in our Panhandle area.
- 3. Extension Director participated in a webinar by USDA about the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) to learn about assistance to various aquaculture crops that are now included. Our local producers of oysters and clams are not eligible under this program because they are eligible to receive assistance under the CARES Act assistance program.

## Sea Grant Extension:

- 4. Extension Director participated in a webinar hosted by Auburn University titled: "Seafood in the Diet: Consumption Patterns at Retail and Food Service outlets." Related to how Covid has affected distribution and sales of seafood products.
- 5. Extension Director is coordinating with other Sea Grant agents who have seafood interests in their region to partner with FDACS, industry representation, and the ISSC to develop a virtual HACCP training module specifically for molluscan shellfish. An initial conference call between groups will take place soon.

## 4-H Youth Development:

- 6. A new adult volunteer will be completing her certification process soon to lead a club in Eastpoint and surrounding area. Focus areas will include leadership, and agriculture/aquaculture production.
- 7. 4-H clubs are still not meeting in-person due to the virus but a large number of programs are being conducted online with great success and high numbers of youth participating.

## Family and Consumer Sciences:

8. Transition to a distance learning platform continues for programs to use when school begins.