

**IN THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT
FOR HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. S-1998-145
(Supersedes Administrative Order S-1985-008)**

**IN RE: CONFISCATION, SEIZURE, FORFEITURE, AND DISPOSITION OF PERISHABLE
SALTWATER PRODUCTS AND GAME AND FRESHWATER FISH**

WHEREAS it is necessary for the proper and efficient administration of justice within the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, it is therefore

ORDERED:

1. When an arrest is made pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 370, Florida Statutes, and illegal, perishable products or perishable products illegally taken or landed are apprehended, upon conviction, the law enforcement agency shall be authorized by this administrative order to destroy minor amounts of perishable saltwater products without obtaining individual court orders for each case. For the purpose of this order, "minor amounts" will be defined as having no appreciable commercial value.

2. Pursuant to section 372.73, Florida Statutes, all game and freshwater fish seized under the authority of Chapter 372 may be forfeited, prior to conviction, and given to some hospital or charitable institution. Any evidentiary problem presented by the forfeiture of such game or freshwater fish may be remedied by proper authentication by Game and Fresh Water Fish Officers and proof of receipt by the hospital or charitable institution.

3. This administrative order supersedes Administrative Order S-1985-008 and is effective immediately.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers in Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida, this 23rd day of December, 1998.

\s\ F. Dennis Alvarez
F. Dennis Alvarez, Chief Judge

original to: Richard Ake, Clerk of the Court

copies to: All County Criminal Court Judges
Florida Marine Patrol
Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission