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Martin County's Lionfish Program presents "Lionfish in Florida: The new normal?"

Stuart, FL – (May 30, 2014) — Martin County's Lionfish Program will be hosting Marine Ecologist Dr. Zack Jud, who will be discussing what has been learned about these natives of the Indo-Pacific since they arrived in Florida. Join us as we debunk many common myths while providing you with the most up-to-date information available regarding the lionfish invasion.

Throughout the month of June, talks will be held at three locations on the Treasure Coast and will include special sessions for adults and children.

June 5th, 2014 / 9:30am
The Lionfish Experience for Kids, by Amber Moran
Loxahatchee River Center, Jupiter, FL

June 6th, 2014 / Noon and 7pm
Loxahatchee River Center, Jupiter, FL
Bring the Kids - There will be a children's lionfish talk with educational crafts & activities,
by Nicole Sciandra

June 11th, 2014 / 7pm

Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute, Ft. Pierce, FL
Sorry - No children's activities available!

June 12th, 2014 / 7pm
Environmental Studies Center, Jensen Beach, FL
Bring the Kids - There will be a children's lionfish talk with educational crafts & activities

Lionfish Tastings will be held at the conclusion of each adult presentation!

Interested in assisting with lionfish removal? Join the MCAC Reef Fund at the 4th Annual Lionfish Round-Up that coincides with the 8th Annual Reef Builder's Tournament at the Twisted Tuna in Port Salerno. The event begins on July 11th, with the Diver's / Captain's Briefing and the Round-Up will be held on Saturday, July 12th. Cash prizes will be awarded for the most lionfish by a team and individual, as well as the largest and smallest lionfish. New this year we have added a "Lionfish Reward" which will pay \$1 for every lionfish collected by a diver or team that is turned over to the tournament to be used for research or tastings. Currently this award maxes out at \$250, but the committee is working hard to bring on additional sponsors so the reward can be extended.

This tournament helps fund the artificial reef program in Martin County. For more information visit www.mclionfish.com or call the Martin County Coastal Hotline, (772) 221-1387.