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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Feinsod and Members of the City Council

FROM: Kelly M. Fernandez, Esq., City Attorney

DATE: December 1, 2020

RE: Resolution No. 2020-50

At its meeting on November 17, 2020, City Council directed staff to draft a resolution opposing the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA)'s preliminary approval of wastewater discharge for a finfish marine aquaculture project in the Gulf of Mexico. In preparing the Resolution, it was determined that the EPA issued the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit for the Ocean Era, Inc. Aquatic Animal Production Facility on September 30, 2020, which became effective on October 30, 2020. Given the completion of EPA's consideration of this permit application, the more generic language from the City of Holmes Beach's adopted Resolution is being presented for consideration to City Council in lieu of the language proposed by the Environmental Advisory Board.