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MEMORANDUM

TO: Baldwin County Commission
FROM: LT Ryan B. Bennett, Southern District Commander
DATE: May 4th, 2023
SUBJECT: Derelict Vessel in Weeks Bay near 10681 Crescent Point Drive

Sirs and Madame,

ALEA's Marine Patrol Division respectfully requests assistance with removing a derelict sailboat that is located in Weeks Bay. We documented the vessel 18 months ago after it was abandoned and reported to us by the public. We searched for the vessel owner with no results and declared the vessel derelict under Alabama law but did not have the equipment, manpower, or funding to remove the vessel.

During the ensuing months and recent storms, the vessel has moved locations and is closer to the shoreline near Mr. Walter Kirkland's property at 10681 Crescent Point Drive off County Road 1. After meeting with Mr. Kirkland and reviewing the situation, it is my opinion that the derelict vessel places the docks along Crescent Point Road in danger the next time Baldwin County experiences coastal flooding or any other high-water event. As with any other derelict vessel, it is a hazard to navigation for any other boats traveling in the area. Any assistance the Baldwin County Commission could provide to the Marine Patrol Division in removing the derelict vessel would be greatly appreciated. Please do not hesitate to contact me for field coordination, documentation, or anything else you might require.

Respectfully,

Lt. Ryan B. Bennett