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(Florida Corporation)  
**Curriculum Vitae**

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**RESUMÉ SUMMARY**

I have been self-employed for the past 32 years as a commercial fisherman and independent wholesaler operating in state/federal waters adjacent to Monroe/Miami-Dade counties. My business is primarily engaged in the harvest of spiny lobster, stone crab and snapper/grouper species of finfish. For the past 32 years I have fished the waters of Florida Bay and the Atlantic Ocean including the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, Biscayne National Park and John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park. My eldest son Ernie, III, is following in the family tradition as a third generation commercial fisherman and my youngest son, Travis, also plans to pursue employment in the commercial fishing industry.

**PERSONAL**

- Age: 50, DOB: February 10, 1965, Place of Birth: Westwood, New Jersey
- Marital Status: Divorced
- Children: 2, Ernest, III ( Age 22) and Travis (Age 18)
- Occupation: Commercial Fisherman, Monroe County, Florida

**EDUCATION**

- Coral Shores High School, Tavernier, FL – 1984 Graduate

**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

- 1983 – Present, Commercial Fisherman, Monroe County, Florida

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE & QUALIFICATIONS**

- Commercial fisherman for 32 years
- Owner/operator, 43' Torres, single screw, commercial fishing vessel, Doc #1050078
- President, Florida Keys Commercial Fishermen's Association (2012-15), member for 13 years
- Biscayne National Park Commercial Fishing, FMP & GMP, Working Group Member
- Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, GMP, Marine Zoning Working Group Member
- Experienced seaman with extensive knowledge of diesel mechanics, hydraulic systems, first-aid, manufacturing and maintenance of lobster/stone crab gear, heavy equipment operation (fork lift, front-end loader, tractor)

**STATE/FEDERAL MARINE CERTIFICATES**

- Florida Wholesale/ Retail Licenses
- Florida Spiny Lobster License (1979)
- Florida Stone Crab License (1978)
- Florida Saltwater Products License
- FCC Radio Operator's License
- Federal Unlimited Snapper/Grouper Permit