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**Joint Statement from FWC and Office of the Mayor
regarding Hatchery Project**

“The City of Pensacola and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) agree that construction commenced as contemplated, that no violations of the lease have occurred and that the project is moving forward as planned. At the time the project was discussed, the parties were aware that the project required public meetings and other agency involvement. Thus the lease, as approved, balanced the risk of undue delay or stagnation with a negotiated provision for commencement of construction as agreed to by the parties to trigger a completion of construction deadline. The City has been apprised of FWC’s progress throughout, and the parties are in agreement that the completion of construction deadline is February 14, 2020. To not honor the lease would be a violation of the contract.”

-City of Pensacola Mayor Ashton Hayward and FWC Executive Director Nick Wiley



