

A large sea turtle, likely a hawksbill, is resting on a sandy beach. The turtle's head and front flippers are visible, and it is surrounded by green seagrass. The background is a clear, blue sky.

Trawl Data in Clearwater Harbor

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Study:

- **Between Memorial and Bellaire Causeways**
- **62 Trawls (not in grassbeds)**
- **Camp Programs find marine snails, worms, clams, octopus, urchins, sea stars, and crabs**

Species from Trawls June 2005 – June 2006

Common Name	Scientific Name	Total
Pinfish	<i>Lagodon rhomboides</i>	5554
Blue Crab	<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	1714
Stone Crab	<i>Menippe mercenaria</i>	251
Grunt	<i>Haemulon sp.</i>	135
Gray Snapper	<i>Lutjanus griseus</i>	85
Scallop	<i>Argopecten irradians</i>	82
Gag Grouper	<i>Mycteroperca microlepis</i>	33

Concerns:

- **Habitat loss due to grass bed damage**
- **Boat collisions w/ Sea turtles, boat harassment of Dolphins**
- **Lighting issues w/ Sea Turtle nestings,**
- **Debris Entanglement and Ingestion by Sea Birds and Sea Turtles**
- **Recent increase in Scallops**

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