

# WANTED!

Anglers, divers and other interested people to learn about combating the invasive Pacific lionfish now populating our local offshore waters. This voracious predator has no local enemies and eats the eggs and larvae of popular fish such as grouper, gag and snapper.

Lionfish at Gray's Reef NMS



Lionfish at -2 TACT Tower



Invasive species cost Americans more than \$130 billion annually. Hidden from easy view, aquatic invasive species cause significant impacts to native ecosystems, commerce, and recreation. The Indo-Pacific Lionfish joins the Asian Green Mussel, Pacific Pink Barnacle, and Porcelain Crab on the list of aquatic invasives found in Georgia's coastal waters.

Lad Akins, Director of Special Projects for the Reef Environmental Education Foundation (REEF), a Florida based non-profit group, will speak about the current status and groundbreaking successes of partnerships and rapid response to the unprecedented invasion of lionfish along the Southeast U.S. and Caribbean. In addition, "Ocean Invaders," the award-winning short film about Lionfish in Georgia will be shown. The lectures and film are free and open to the public

## **Wednesday, July 15, 2009**

7 pm in the meeting room at the First Presbyterian Church, 520 E.Washington Ave., Savannah.

## **And again on**

## **Thursday, July 16, 2009**

7 pm in the Tybee Island Community Building (Old Guard House) next to Jaycees Park, Tybee Island. Presented in partnership with the Tybee Island Marine Science Center

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