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NHS Students Study Lion Fish

Gina Emery's Biology I and AICE Marine classes at Niceville High School recently participated in a Lion Fish presentation and dissection. The activity was sponsored by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

Hanna Tillotson with the Division of Marine Fisheries Management Lionfish Outreach gave a short presentation to the classes regarding the invasion of the lion fish to the warm coastal waters of Florida over the past 30 years and the impact this invasion has had to the natural habitats of these waters. The presentation also described the anatomy and physiology of a lionfish for which the students were able to see first hand as they participated in a hands-on dissection of a lionfish.

"This lesson and dissection improved my understanding of lionfish and their environmental impact," said Emily Reid, a Biology I Honors student.

Jazlyn Lantz, a Biology I Honors student, commented, "It's amazing to be able to dissect a lionfish from your own backyard".

"This was an amazing experience because this is my field of interest for the future," said Lena Walker, a Biology I Honors student.

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