

A large sea turtle, likely a Loggerhead, is seen swimming underwater in a seagrass field. The turtle's head and front flippers are visible, and it is moving towards the viewer. The water is clear, and the seagrass is green and swaying. The text is overlaid on the image.

# **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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