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### **Coastal Mayors to hold forum in North Bay Village on health of Biscayne Bay**

*North Bay Village, FL* – Elected officials from more than a dozen coastal communities across Miami-Dade will hold a forum in North Bay Village Wednesday to address the health of Biscayne Bay.

North Bay Village Mayor Brent Latham initiated the executive session in an effort to further evaluate the quality and health of the Bay. By joining forces, municipal government leaders can define their role in addressing the main risks the Bay faces.

Last week, Miami-Dade County officials investigated a fish kill across the northern basin of Biscayne Bay. More than one-thousand pounds of fish were removed from the waters in North Bay Village, Quayside and Broad Causeway.

“North Bay Village is at the heart of Biscayne Bay. With neighboring cities whose waters flow to the Bay, we suffer when our Bay suffers. Coastal mayors, and those from across our county, are eager to work towards our common goal of a clean, vibrant Bay. This Mayors’ Forum will help us devise group actions to address the problems we face today, and work together to prevent next year’s fish kill,” said Mayor Latham, North Bay Village.

Leaders from North Bay Village, Miami Shores, El Portal, North Miami Beach, Sunny Isles, Bay Harbor Islands and several more coastal communities will discuss the challenges the Northern section of the Bay is facing and how elected officials can find a solution with the ongoing water quality crisis.

Research Assistant Professor at Florida International University Thomas A. Frankovich will share his findings on the recent fish kill and the challenges the northern portion of the Bay is facing.

Officials from Miami-Dade County continue to invest in critical, long-term and comprehensive solutions to improve the wellbeing of Biscayne Bay. Irela Bague, Chief Bay Officer of Miami-Dade County will attend the forum.

Coastal Mayors of Biscayne Bay will meet at **Shuckers Waterfront Bar & Grill** on Wednesday, November 2, 2022 at **11:00 AM**.

*North Bay Village is leading the way in environmental stewardship, we are uniquely positioned geographically and philosophically to tackle environmental issues facing our region. NBV is on the frontlines of sea level rise and climate resilience is a survival issue for us, not just a talking point. The Village received the Master Plan of the Year Award by the countywide and statewide chapters of the American Planning Association. The NBV100 Plan includes key pillars related to taking proactive measures on climate change and embracing the waterfront.*

