

# Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee

Tuesday, February 02, 2016 10:30 AM Reed Hall (102 HOB)

**Action Packet** 

# Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee 2/2/2016 10:30:00AM

Location: Reed Hall (102 HOB)

**Summary:** 

#### **Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee**

Tuesday February 02, 2016 10:30 am

HB 359 Favorable With Committee Substitute	Yeas: 13	Nays: 0
Amendment 843643 Adopted		
HB 773 Favorable	Yeas: 11	Nays: 0
HB 795 Favorable	Yeas: 13	Nays: 0
HB 987 Favorable	Yeas: 13	Nays: 0
HB 1227 Favorable With Committee Substitute  Amendment 499545 Adopted	Yeas: 13	Nays: 0
HB 1273 Favorable	Yeas: 12	Nays: 0
PCS for HB 271 Favorable With Amendment(s)  Amendment PCS for HB 271 a1 Adopted	Yeas: 13	Nays: 0
Amendment PCS for HB 271 a2 Adopted		

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#### **Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee**

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#### Attendance:

	Present	Absent	Excused
Tom Goodson (Chair)	Х		
Jim Boyd	X		
Neil Combee	X		
Brad Drake	X		
Bobby DuBose	×		
Katie Edwards	Х		
Larry Lee, Jr.	Х		
Ray Pilon	X		
Jake Raburn	X		
Jimmie Smith	X		
Cyndi Stevenson	×		
Jennifer Sullivan	X		
Clovis Watson, Jr.	Х		
Totals:	13	0	0

#### **Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee**

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**Location:** Reed Hall (102 HOB) **HB 359:** Sale of Surplus Lands

X Favorable With Committee Substitute

	Yea	Nay	No Vote	Absentee Yea	Absentee Nay
Jim Boyd	X	***************************************	•		
Neil Combee	X				
Brad Drake	X				
Bobby DuBose	X				
Katie Edwards	X				
Larry Lee, Jr.	X				
Ray Pilon	X				
Jake Raburn	X				
Jimmie Smith	X				
Cyndi Stevenson	X				
Jennifer Sullivan	X				
Clovis Watson, Jr.	X				
Tom Goodson (Chair)	X	**			
	Total Yeas: 13	Total Nays: (	D		

#### **HB 359 Amendments**

#### Amendment 843643



#### **Appearances:**

Sale of Surplus Lands
Thayer, Colleen (Lobbyist) - Waive In Support
Southwest Florida Water Management District
Bureau Chief, Public Affairs
6750 Fruitville Road
Sarasota FL 34240
Phone: 941-377-3722

Sale of Surplus Lands
Minnis, Steven (Lobbyist) - Waive In Support
Suwannee River Water Management District
Governmental Affairs & Communications Director
9225 CR 49

Live Oak FL 32060 Phone: 386-362-1001

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HB 359 : Sale of Surplus Lands (continued)

**Appearances: (continued)** 

Sale of Surplus Lands
Blaschka, Steven E. (General Public) - Proponent
Southwest Florida Water Management District
Real Estate Service Manager
2379 Broad St.
Brooksville FL
Phone: 352-796-7211

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Administrative Assistant at the meeting.

Bill Number: 359 Meeting Date: 2/2/14
Fill in appropriate information:  PCB/PCS/Amendment # or  Presentation/Workshop Topic:  Sclu & Surplus Lands
Committee/Subcommittee: Az a Nat Resources Sub.
Name: Colleen Thayer
Title: Bureau Chief Public Affairs
Address: Le750 Fruitxille Rol
City: Scresote State/Zip: Ft 34240
Phone Number: 941 377 3722
Representing: SWFWW
Registered Lobbyist: YES NO State Employee: YES NO NO
I Wish To Speak: YES NO Bill Amendment
I Have Been Requested to Speak: YES NO Info Only Info Only Info Only Info Only



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Bill Number: HB359 Meeting Date: 2222016
Fill in appropriate information:  PCB/PCS/Amendment # or  Presentation/Workshop Topic:  Sale of Surplus Lads
Committee Subcommittee: ANRS
Name: Stave Minnis
Title: Governmental Affairs + Communications Director
Address: 9225 CR 49
City: State/Zip:FL 32060
Phone Number: 386.362.1001
Representing: Surance River Water Marganet Osteral
Registered Lobbyist: YES NO State Employee: YES NO NO
I Wish To Speak: YES NO Bill Amendment
I Have Been Requested to Speak: YES NO Info Only Info Only Info Only Info Only



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Bill Number: HB-359 Meeting Date: 2/2/16
Fill in appropriate information:  PCB/PCS/Amendment # or  Presentation/Workshop Topic:  SALE OF SULPLUS LANDS
Committee/Subcommittee: ANDS
Name: STEUEN E BLASCH WA
Title: REAL ESMITE SERVICE UNSWAGER SWEWM)
Address: 2379 BNOAD ST.
City: Brooks VICLE State/Zip: FL
Phone Number: 352 - 796 - 7211
Representing:
Registered Lobbyist: YES NO State Employee: YES NO
I Wish To Speak: YES NO Bill Amendment
I Have Been Requested to Speak: YES NO Info Only Info Only Info Only Info Only

#### **Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee**

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Location: Reed Hall (102 HOB)

HB 773 : Special Assessments on Agricultural Lands

X Favorable

	Yea	Nay	No Vote	Absentee Yea	Absentee Nay
Jim Boyd				X	
Neil Combee	X				
Brad Drake	X				
Bobby DuBose	X				
Katie Edwards	X				
Larry Lee, Jr.	X				
Ray Pilon	X				
Jake Raburn	X		•		
Jimmie Smith	X				
Cyndi Stevenson				X	
Jennifer Sullivan	X				
Clovis Watson, Jr.	X		.,		
Tom Goodson (Chair)	X				
	Total Yeas: 11	Total Nays: 0	1		

#### **Appearances:**

Special Assessments on Agricultural Lands
Basford, Adam (Lobbyist) - Waive In Support
Florida Farm Bureau Federation
Legislative Affairs Director
315 S Calhoun St Ste 850
Tallahassee FL 32301

Special Assessments on Agricultural Lands James, Stephen (Lobbyist) - Opponent Florida Association of Counties

100 S Monroe St Tallahassee FL 32301 Phone: 850-922-4300

Phone: 850-222-2557

Special Assessments on Agricultural Lands O'Hara, Rebecca (Lobbyist) - Waive In Opposition Florida League of Cities PO Box 1757

Tallahassee FL 32302 Phone: 850-222-9684

Special Assessments on Agricultural Lands
Calhoun, H. "Butch" (Lobbyist) - Waive In Support
Florida Fruit & Vegetable Association
119 S Monroe St Ste 300
Tallahassee FL 32301

Phone: 850-521-0455



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Fill in appropriate PCB/PCS/Ament Presentation/Wo	dment # or	Special A	sesment	ton Ag L	ands
Committee/Subo	committee:	+ Natura !	Kource	J 5	
Name: M	m Bastar	d			
Title: La	zktive Af	fairs Di	rector		
Address:	15 5.Co	alhour -	#83	<u> </u>	
City: Jalla	hassee	State/Zip:	FC 3	32301	
Phone Number:	222-29	57			
Representing:	Fl Farm	Bureau			
Registered Lob	_/_	State Em	ployee: YES	NO	
I Wish To Speak:	YES NO	·	Bill	Amen	dment
	<u> </u>	Proponent	Opponent	Proponent	Opponent
I Have Been Reque	ested to Speak: YES	NO Info Only		Info Only	

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# COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE APPEARANCE RECORD

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Administrative Assistant at the meeting.

Bill Number: $\frac{773}{}$ Meeting Date: $\frac{2/2/16}{}$
Fill in appropriate information: PCB/PCS/Amendment # or Presentation/Workshop Topic:  SPECIAL ASSESSMENT
Committee/Subcommittee:  Name:  ANR  NAMES
Title:
Address: 100 S. MONEOE
City: TALLAMASSEE State/Zip: FC 3230
Phone Number: (850) 922-4360
Representing: FLA. ASSOC, OF COUNTIES
Registered Lobbyist: YES NO State Employee: YES NO NO
I Wish To Speak: YES NO Bill Amendment  Proponent Opponent Opponen
I Have Been Requested to Speak: YES NO Info Only Info Only Info Only

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Bill Number: 773 Meeting Date: 2/2/16	
Fill in appropriate information:	
PCB/PCS/Amendment # or Presentation/Workshop Topic:  Committee/Subcommittee:  Name:  Releace Mara	
Name: Rebecca O'Mara	
Title:	
Address:	
City: Tallahossee State/Zip: Fla. 3230/	
Phone Number:	
Representing: Florida langue of Cities	
Registered Lobbyist: YES NO State Employee: YES NO NO	
I Wish To Speak: YES NO Bill Amendment	7
I Have Been Requested to Speak: YES NO Info Only Info On	]



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Fill in appropriate information: PCB/PCS/Amendment # or Presentation/Workshop Topic:
Committee/Subcommittee: $Az + NR$ Name: $B_u + ch$ Ca /houn
Name: Butch Calhoun
Title:
Address: 119 S. Monroe Suite 300
Address: 1/9 S. Monroe, Suite 300  City: 1allabasser State/Zip: FC 32301
Phone Number: 571-0455
Representing: Florida Fruit & Vegetable Association
Registered Lobbyist: YES NO State Employee: YES NO NO
I Wish To Speak: YES NO Bill Amendment
I Have Been Requested to Speak: YES NO Info Only Info Only Info Only Info Only

#### **Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee**

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**Location:** Reed Hall (102 HOB) **HB 795: Dredge and Fill Activities** 

X Favorable

	Yea	Nay	No Vote	Absentee Yea	Absentee Nay
Jim Boyd	X				
Neil Combee	X				
Brad Drake	X				
Bobby DuBose	X			_	
Katie Edwards	X				
Larry Lee, Jr.	X				
Ray Pilon	X				
Jake Raburn	X				
Jimmie Smith	X				
Cyndi Stevenson	X				
Jennifer Sullivan	X				
Clovis Watson, Jr.	X				
Tom Goodson (Chair)	X				
	Total Yeas: 13	Total Nays: 0			

#### **Appearances:**

Dredge and Fill Activities

Matthews, Frank (Lobbyist) - Proponent

Association of Florida Community Developers, Inc

Attorney

PO Box 6526

Tallahassee FL 32301

Tallahassee FL 32301 Phone: 850-222-7500

Phone: 850-320-4208

Dredge and Fill Activities Kunkel, Stephanie (Lobbyist) - Opponent Conservancy of Southwest Florida, The 873 Kingsway Rd Tallahassee FL 32301

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Administrative Assistant at the meeting.

Bill Number: Meeting Date: 2 1 1 6
Fill in appropriate information: PCB/PCS/Amendment # or Presentation/Workshop Topic:
Committee/Subcommittee: AUNIV NAT- RES.
Name: FRANK MATTHEWS
Title: ATORNEY
Address: PO BOX 6526
City: TLH State/Zip: FLA 3-2301
Phone Number: 870 2227500
Representing: ASSOL OF FLOMAA COMMUNITY DEVELOPE
Registered Lobbyist: YES NO State Employee: YES NO
I Wish To Speak: YES NO Bill Amendment
I Have Been Requested to Speak: YES NO NO NO Proponent Proponent Opponent Info Only In



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Administrative Assistant at the meeting.

Bill Number:	48795	Meeting Date:	2-2-16	
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Committee/Sub	ocommittee: <u>A</u> (	9NR		
Name: St	ephanie Kunt	Kel		
Title:				
Address: <u>\$</u>	73 Kingsw	ay Rd		
		State/Zip: FL	32301	
Phone Number:	: 850-320	5-4208		
Representing:	Conservanc	4 Of Southwest	Florida	
	bbyist: YES NO	State Employee:		
I Wish To Speak:	YES NO	Bill	Amend	lment
I Have Been Requ	uested to Speak: YES		Proponent Info Only Info Only	Opponent

#### **Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee**

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Location: Reed Hall (102 HOB)

HB 987 : Solid Waste Management

X Favorable

	Yea	Nay	No Vote	Absentee Yea	Absentee Nay
Jim Boyd	X				
Neil Combee	X				
Brad Drake	X				
Bobby DuBose	X				
Katie Edwards	X				
Larry Lee, Jr.	X				
Ray Pilon	X				
Jake Raburn	X				
Jimmie Smith	X				
Cyndi Stevenson	X				
Jennifer Sullivan	X				
Clovis Watson, Jr.	X				
Tom Goodson (Chair)	X				
	Total Yeas: 13	Total Nays: (	)		

#### **Appearances:**

Solid Waste Management
Ketchel, Andrew (Lobbyist) (State Employee) - Waive In Support
DEP
Director of Legilative Affairs
3900 Commonwealth Place
Tallahassee FL 32309
Phone: 850-245-2140

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PCB/PCS/Ame	riate information: endment # or Vorkshop Topic:	Solid	wastr	mana.	gement	
Committee/Sub	bcommittee: Ay	+ nati	ural Re	Sources	Sub.	
	Idrew Ketc					
Title: Dive	ctor of Legi	Slative	Affaire	`		
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Phone Number	: <u>850 849</u>	37140			···	
Representing:	Dept. Of E	nvivoni	mental	Protect	tion	
	obbyist: YES NO			ee: YES		
I Wish To Speak:	YES NO		Bill Proponent	Opponent	Ameno	dment Opponent
I Have Been Reg	uested to Speak: YES	□ NO □	Info Only	- ^	Info Only 🔲	

#### **Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee**

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**Location:** Reed Hall (102 HOB) **HB 1227 : Crustaceans** 

X Favorable With Committee Substitute

	Yea	Nay	No Vote	Absentee Yea	Absentee Nay
Jim Boyd	X				
Neil Combee	X				
Brad Drake	X				
Bobby DuBose	X				
Katie Edwards	X				
Larry Lee, Jr.	X				
Ray Pilon	X				
Jake Raburn	X				
Jimmie Smith	X				
Cyndi Stevenson	X				
Jennifer Sullivan	X				
Clovis Watson, Jr.	X				
Tom Goodson (Chair)	X				
	Total Yeas: 13	Total Nays: 0	)		

#### **HB 1227 Amendments**

#### Amendment 499545

X Adopted

#### **Appearances:**

Crustaceans
Cullen, David (Lobbyist) - Waive In Support
Sierra Club

1674 University Pkwy. Sarasota FL 34243 Phone: 941-323-2404

Crustaceans

Sansom, Jerry (Lobbyist) - Waive In Support Organized Fishermen of Florida

Po Box 700 Cocoa FL

Phone: 321-773-0212

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Bill Number: 1227 Meeting Date: 2/2/16
Fill in appropriate information:  PCB/PCS/Amendment # or  Presentation/Workshop Topic:  TUSTALEANS
Committee/Subcommittee:
Name: JAVID CULLEU
Title:
Address: 1674 UHIVERSITY EKWY
City: State/Zip: FL 34743
Phone Number: 941-323-2494
Representing: SIERRA CLUB FLORIDA
Registered Lobbyist: YES NO State Employee: YES NO NO
I Wish To Speak: YES NO Bill Amendment
I Have Been Requested to Speak: YES NO Info Only Info On
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#### **Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee**

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HB 1273 : Manatees

X Favorable

	Yea	Nay	No Vote	Absentee Yea	Absentee Nay
Jim Boyd				X	
Neil Combee	X				
Brad Drake	X				
Bobby DuBose	X				
Katie Edwards	X				
Larry Lee, Jr.	X				
Ray Pilon	X				
Jake Raburn	X				
Jimmie Smith	X				
Cyndi Stevenson	X				
Jennifer Sullivan	X				
Clovis Watson, Jr.	X				
Tom Goodson (Chair)	X				
	Total Yeas: 12	Total Nays: 0	)		

#### **Appearances:**

#### Manatees

Kalvin, James (General Public) - Proponent

Standing Watch

President

Naples FL 34116

Phone: 239-240-60054

#### Manatees

Webster, Steven (General Public) - Waive In Support

Citizen for Florida's Waterways

President

122 S. Calhoun St.

Tallahassee FL 32301

Phone: 850-391-7674

#### Manatees

Basham, Bonnie (Lobbyist) - Waive In Support

Boat Owners Association of the United States

133 Oak St

Tallahassee FL 32301

Phone: 850-933-7277

#### Manatees

Pfanstiehl, John (General Public) - Proponent

undefined

448 Harbor Dr S

Indian Rocks Beach Florida 33785

Phone: 727-595-3740

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# Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee

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Location: Reed Hall (102 HOB)

HB 1273: Manatees (continued)

Appearances: (continued)

#### Manatee

Cisarik, Kelly (At Request Of Chair) (General Public) - Proponent Pinellas county residents affected by new manatee slow speed zones undefined 448 Harbor Dr. South Indian Rocks Beach FL 33785

Phone: 727-595-3740

#### Manatee

Mathews, Peggy (Lobbyist) - Waive In Support American Watercraft Association Florida Representative 1520 Big Sky Way Tallahassee FL 32317

Tallahassee FL 32317 Phone: 850-566-6778



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Bill Number: 1273 Meeting Date: 2216
Fill in appropriate information:  PCB/PCS/Amendment # or  Presentation/Workshop Topic:
Committee/Subcommittee: NGtural ROSCHVCEL
Name: James Kalvin
Title: Dresident
Address:
City: Mades State/Zip: FL 34116
Phone Number: 239 280 6054
Representing: Stanling Watch
Registered Lobbyist: YES NO State Employee: YES NO
I Wish To Speak: YES NO Bill Amendment
Proponent Opponent Opponent Info Only Info Onl



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Bill Number: 1273 Meeting Date: 2016
Fill in appropriate information:  PCB/PCS/Amendment # or  Presentation/Workshop Topic:
Committee/Subcommittee: Notural Resources Police
Name: Steven Welster
Title: Oresident
Address: 122 S Calhoun St.
City: Tallahassee State/Zip: FC 32301
Phone Number: <u>850 391 7674</u>
Representing: Citizens For Floridas Waterways
Registered Lobbyist: YES NO State Employee: YES NO
I Wish To Speak: YES NO Bill Amendment
I Have Been Requested to Speak: YES NO Info Only Info On





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Administrative Assistant at the meeting.

Bill Number: 1273 Meeting Date: 2/3/16
Fill in appropriate information: PCB/PCS/Amendment # or Presentation/Workshop Topic:
Name: Danie As-Jam
Title:
Address: 133 Oak St, # 15
City: State/Zip: 32301
Phone Number: 810 933 7277
Representing: BOAT US
Registered Lobbyist: YES NO State Employee: YES NO
I Wish To Speak: YES NO Bill Amendment
I Have Been Requested to Speak: VES NO Info Only Info On







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Bill Number:	HB 1273 : Manatees	Meeting Date:	Feb 2 2016 10:30AM
PCB/PCS/Amer Presentation/Wo			
Committee/Sub	committee: Agricul	ture & Natural Resources Su	ıbcommittee
Name:	Pfanstiehl, John		
Title:	Mr.		
Address:	448 Harbor Dr S		
City:	Indian Rocks Beach	State/Zip:	Florida 33785
Phone Number:	7275953740		
Representing:			
Regis	tered Lobbyist: No	State Employee:	No
I Wish To Speak	K: Yes	Bill	Amendment

N/A

I Have Been Requested To Speak: No Proponent





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Bill Number:	HB 1273 : Manatees		Meeting Date:	Feb 2 2016 10:30AM
PCB/PCS/Amer Presentation/Wo		Manatee		
Committee/Sub	committee:	Agriculture &	Natural Resources Su	ubcommittee
Name:	Cisarik, Kelly			
Title:	Homeowner			
Address:	448 Harbor Dr	. South		
City:	Indian Rocks I	Beach	State/Zip:	FL 33785
Phone Number:	7275953740			
Representing:	Pinellas county	residents affec	ted by new manatee sl	low speed zones
Registered Lobbyist: No		State Employee:	No	

I Wish To Speak: Yes Bill Amendment
I Have Been Requested To Speak: Yes Proponent N/A





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Bill Number: $\sqrt{273}$ Meeting Date: $\sqrt{2-2-16}$
Fill in appropriate information: PCB/PCS/Amendment # or
Presentation/Workshop Topic:
Committee/Subcommittee: 9 + N. Resources Subconnette
Name: Joseph Mathews
Title: Fepzenertative
Address: 1520 Bry Star Way
City: Lall State/Zip: Fr 333/7
Phone Number: 850 566-6778
Representing: American Watercroft assoc
Registered Lobbyist: YES NO State Employee: YES NO NO
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I Wish To Speak: YES NO Bill Amendment
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# Citizens For Florida's Waterways

P.O. Box 541712 Merritt Island, FL 32954-1712 <u>www.cffw.org</u> • 850-391-7674

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Steven Webster swebster@mwconsult.us 850-391-7674 (o) 321-693-2370 (m)

# Support for HB 1273 SB 1506 (Ahern, Brandes manatee protection)

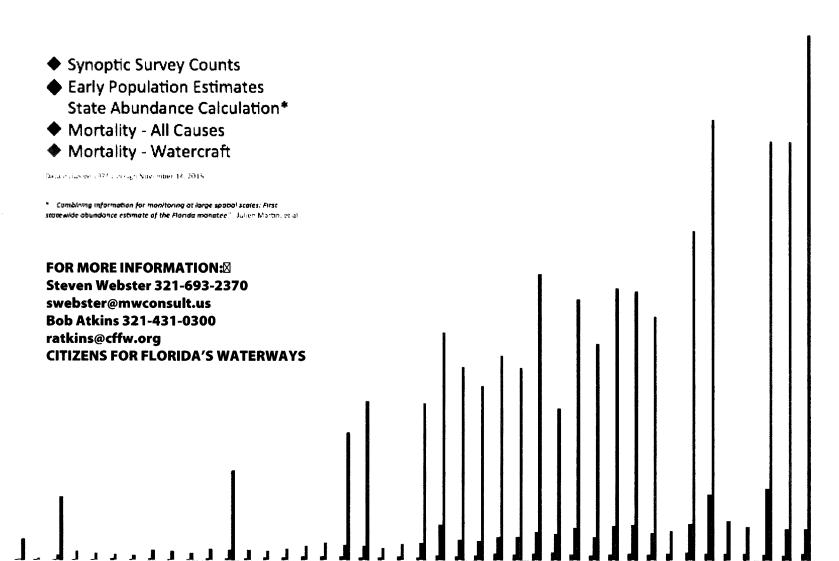
- 1. Bill will settle the question: under what conditions are manatee speed zones effective? The lack of science about speed zones is "a criticism well-taken" (FWC)
- 2. Requested by leadership
- 3. FWC is officially neutral on the bill, and offering guidance on additional language
- 4. Strongly supported by *all* marine-related groups: NMMA, MIAF, Standing Watch, Citizens For Florida's Waterways
- 5. Strong support by counties
  - a. Unanimous resolution by Brevard County in support
  - b. New 2015 Pinellas speed zones sparked two *successful* citizen lawsuits, and prompted filing of this bill
- 6. Manatee Sanctuary Act is "at war with common sense" and must be updated (Rules Subcommittee)
- 7. Boat strikes are not an extinction threat (FFWRI, USGS).
- 8. Manatees are recovered (FWC)

### We also strongly support:

SB 1454 BH 703 (Hutson, Workman; careless operation) SB 1044 HB 833 (Brandes, Caldwell; forfeiture)

Citizens For Florida's Waterways (cffw.org) is Florida's oldest organization advocating on behalf of recreational boaters. Many members are bona fide "rocket scientists" (NASA, Boeing, Lockheed Martin, Space X, and others), who have led the effort to ensure that species management is based on accurate scientific findings.

# **40 Years of Data and Observations**



Why change the Manatee Sanctuary Act? What's Wrong with it? Why now?

In order to answer these questions, one must recall and understand the time-frame and the generally accepted *opinions* that shaped the thinking of that time.

- 1. The manatee is endangered, moreover in immediate threat of extinction.
- 2. Watercraft mortality is the greatest threat to the manatee survival.
- 3. Slow speed is the best if not the only method we have to save the manatee from extinction.

These opinions became the basic assumptions, which formed the framework of the Act and the activity that has followed. These are the basic principals upon which all manatee management is based.

The fact is, we had a minimal amount of data upon which to base any of these assumptions. Population figures prior to 1991 were at best a SWAG. Today, it is a difficult task to recover these abundance estimates made prior to '91 and impossible to reconstruct the data upon which they were based. In those days, we combined these SWAG assessments with actual mortality counts to assess the manatee population. Every year, more and more manatees were dying. With so few estimated and so many dying, the masses concluded that assumption one was OBVIOUSLY TRUE. We must do ANYTHING we can to stop this eventuality.

As has been the case now for over 40 years, manatee mortality is more reflective of an increasing manatee abundance than any other single factor. But looking at mortality data, watercraft looked to be our best target of opportunity. So, in times of minimal factual abundance data, our SIMPLEST best hope to save the manatee, was to protect them from boats.

This brings us to Assumption 3. Once again, the obvious solution was based on opinion restricting operations of boats by making them go slower is obviously the path to success. So for the last 37 years, the majority of content of the Act remains exactly that a boating regulatory law.

The ACT, in its original form of 1979, was very specific in the areas that needed to be regulated to protect manatees from boats. Even today, the vast majority would agree that restricting, potentially even eliminating boats altogether from the many of these named high manatee concentration areas was, and is, the RIGHT thing to do. But for the last four decades, the law, as written, has been a forcing function for more and more regulation on large area of Florida waterways which do not exhibit these kinds of manatee concentration on a regular basis, if at all.

All of this ever increasing and continuing regulation still finds its basis on those same THREE ERRONEOUS ASSUMPTIONS. Even if you believed that boating mortality was the worst threat to manatee survival in the 70s or even into the 90s, a simple look at the DATA should completely eliminate any such thought.

We are not here today to throw the Manatee Sanctuary Act out. We're simply here asking to take a step back and look at where we are. And, ask the hard questions about what is an effective protection and management strategy, based on our improved understanding of the real situation. But, not just ask the questions - seek answers and use them to develop a more effective and comprehensive Manatee Protection and Management Plan in balance with the current data and analysis.

- 1. Assumption 1 FALSE
- 2. Assumption 2 FALSE
- 3. Assumption 3 It's long overdue to test the assumption and to understand where regulation adds value and where it does not. This is what we are asking you to VOTE FOR TODAY.

It's time to take the focus of recreational boating and put our resources to work on more important holistic questions of managing an ever-increasing population which is doubling every 12-15 years and is under no threat of extinction.

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#### **Poster Child for Government Overreach**

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FWC is eliminating watersports in areas where manatees are never hurt and rarely sighted

<u>Background:</u> Manatees are an extremely rare sight in the Indian Rocks Beach cove (basin) between Harbor Drive N and S. In 21 years, my wife and I have seen only one (and our offices overlook the cove). This deep-water cove has no seagrass for them to eat. And no manatee has ever been injured in this cove.

Overreach: The FWC is making this cove a Manatee zone (i.e. no wake) ostensibly to protect manatees. The FWC ignores the law because they must show that "manatees are frequently sighted and the best available scientific evidence . . . supports the conclusion that manatees inhabit such waters periodically."

<u>Unforeseen consequences</u>: Kids use these waters for watersports, away from TV, computers and off their cell phones enjoying the Florida waters and physical activities. We should be encouraging this. Perhaps more importantly, they are boating within view of their parents or grandparents, and are close to home when our thunderstorms pop up. **FWC's ruling endangers children** by requiring that they go into the intracoastal waterway to seek out the few remaining areas for watersports that will now be very crowded (or go into the Gulf).

FWC again ignores the law because they are only allowed to set manatee zones, without **unduly restricting "the rights of fishers, boaters, and water skiers** using the areas for recreational and commercial purposes" as set forth in Section 379.2431(2)(k), Florida Statutes.



Voters (in blue tee shirts) are outraged when they learn of unjustified FWC rulings

When home owners and boat owners see the new restricted manatee zone signs go up, these **voters will be outraged**, as they were in IRB - by far the largest protest to the commission in years. The majority of the people affected by these rulings are unaware of them; FWC has made no mailings to the affected parties.

#### **Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee**

2/2/2016 10:30:00AM

Location: Reed Hall (102 HOB)

PCS for HB 271: Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University Industrial Hemp Program

X Favorable With Amendment(s)

	Yea	Nay	No Vote	Absentee Yea	Absentee Nay
Jim Boyd	X				
Neil Combee	X				
Brad Drake	X				
Bobby DuBose	X				
Katie Edwards	X				
Larry Lee, Jr.	X			_	
Ray Pilon	X				
Jake Raburn	X				
Jimmie Smith	X				
Cyndi Stevenson	X				
Jennifer Sullivan	X				
Clovis Watson, Jr.	X				
Tom Goodson (Chair)	X				
	Total Yeas: 13	Total Nays: 0	)		

#### **PCS for HB 271 Amendments**

#### Amendment PCS for HB 271 a1

X	Adopted
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#### Amendment PCS for HB 271 a2

X	Adopted
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#### **Appearances:**

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