

**PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BOARD APPOINTMENT SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: October 21, 2008

Department: Environmental Resources Management

Advisory Board: Artificial Reef and Estuarine Enhancement Committee

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve: Two (2) re-appointments and three (3) appointments of at-large members to the Artificial Reef and Estuarine Enhancement Committee (AREEC). Seats #4 and #5 are for a term of three (3) years beginning November 2, 2008 through November 1, 2011; Seat #9 is for a term of three (3) years beginning October 21, 2008 through October 20, 2011; Seat # 10 is for a term of four (4) years beginning October 21, 2008 through October 20, 2012; and Seat #11 is for a term of three (3) years beginning October 21, 2008 through October 20, 2011.

Re-Appoint

<u>Nominees</u>	<u>Seat #</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Terms</u>	<u>Nominated By</u>
Skip Commagere	4	Commercial Scuba Diving	3	Comm. Marcus Comm. Koons Comm. Greene Comm. Santamaria Comm. Aaronson

Martin Murphy Sr.	5	Marine Industry	3	Comm. Marcus Comm. Koons Comm. Kanjian Comm. Greene Comm. Santamaria Comm. Aaronson
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Appoint

Greg Reynolds	9	Environmental Organization	3	Comm. Marcus Comm. Koons Comm. Kanjian Comm. McCarty Comm. Santamaria Comm. Aaronson
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Linda Humphries	9	Environmental Organization	3	Comm. Greene
Jim Bowser	10	General Member	4	Comm. Marcus Comm. Koons Comm. Greene Comm. Santamaria Comm. Aaronson

OR

Tom Warnke	10	General Member	4	Comm. Kanjian
Barbara Chudzik-Lea	11	General Member	3	Comm. Marcus Comm. Koons Comm. Kanjian Comm. Greene Comm. Santamaria Comm. Aaronson

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Attachments:

1. Board Appointment Information Forms
2. Current Membership and Attendance Record
3. Resolution No. R08-1511
4. September 19 memo

Recommended by:

Richard E. Wabuly
Department Director

10/7/08
Date

Legal Sufficiency:

[Signature]
Assistant County Attorney

10/10/08
Date

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Summary: Resolution No. R-08-1511 provides for an eleven-member AREEC. The membership consists of one (1) representative of the County Commission, one (1) representative of commercial SCUBA diving, one (1) representative of recreational SCUBA diving, one (1) representative of marine industry, one (1) representative of recreational fishing, one (1) representative of fisheries, one (1) representative of an environmental organization, two (2) representatives from local government and two (2) general members. On September 19, 2008, the Board was advised that three seats were vacant and that the term of Seat #s 4 and 5 expire on November 1, 2008. Countywide (HF)

Background and Justification: The AREEC is responsible for advising the Board on matters relating to artificial reefs and estuarine enhancement and restoration. The nominees meet the respective seat requirements and wish to serve on the AREEC. All appointments except Seat #10 are for a three-year term expiring October 20, 2011. Seat #10 is for a four-year term expiring October 20, 2012.

ARTIFICIAL REEF & ESTUARINE ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

SEAT ID	CURRENT MEMBER	RACE CODE	BUSINESS/ HOME PHONE	REQUIREMENT	APPOINT DATE	RE-APPT DATE	EXPIRE DATE
APPOINTED BY: PBC Board of County Commissioners							
1	Commissioner Jeff Koons District 2 301 N. Olive Avenue, 12th FL West Palm Beach, FL 33401	WM	(561) 355-2202 () -	County Commissioner	08/21/2007	//	//
APPOINTED BY: At Large							
2	Georgia Vince FL Dept. of Environmental Protection 400 Congress Avenue West Palm Beach, FL 33401	WF	(561) 681-6800 (561) 439-7239	Local Governmental Entity	09/11/2007	//	09/10/2010
3	James J. Barry III 115 Flagler Promenade North West Palm Beach, FL 33405	WM	(561) 832-4197	Local Governmental Entity	04/10/2007	//	04/10/2010
4	Skip Commagers 6542 Contempo Lane Boca Raton, FL 33432	WM	(561) 702-8621	Commercial Scuba Diving Interests	11/01/2005	//	11/01/2008
5	Martin Murphy, Sr. The Murphy Construction Co. 1615 Clare Ave. West Palm Beach, FL 33401	WM	(561) 655-3834 (561) 840-1220	Commercial Marine Industry	11/01/2005	//	11/01/2008
6	David Brant Snyder 260 Tequesta Circle Tequesta, FL 33469	WM	(561) 746-7946 (561) 746-2876	Commercial Fishing Interests	09/11/2007	//	09/10/2010
7	Tom Twyford, Assoc. Dir. WPB Fishing Club P.O. Box 468 West Palm Beach, FL 33402	WM	(561) 832-8780 ()	Recreational Fishing Club	09/06/1988	10/15/2006	11/01/2009
8	John W. Hargis 1301 SW Third Street Boca Raton, FL 33486	WM	(561) 338-1473 (561) 392-5597	Recreational Scuba Diving Club	11/03/2000	11/03/2006	11/01/2009
9	Vacant FL	UN	() ()	Environmental Organizations	//	//	11/01/2008

AREEC ATTENDANCE RECORD

<u>DATE</u>	<u>S. Commagere</u>	<u>M. Murphy</u>
November 3, 2005	C	C
January 12, 2006	C	C
March 9, 2006	P	A
May 11, 2006	P	P
July 13, 2006	C	C
September 14, 2006	A	P
November 9, 2006	A	A
December 14, 2006	P	P
January 11, 2007	P	P
March 8, 2007	P	P
May 10, 2007	A	A
July 12, 2007	P	P
September 13, 2007	P	P
November 8, 2007	P	P
January 10, 2008	A	P
March 13, 2008	P	P
May 8, 2008	P	P
July 10, 2008	P	P
September 11, 2008	P	P

KEY:

P= Present

A= Absent

C= Meeting Cancelled

Attachment 3

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-1511

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, CREATING THE PALM BEACH
COUNTY ARTIFICIAL REEF AND ESTUARINE ENHANCEMENT
COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR MEMBERSHIP; PROVIDING FOR
STAGGERED TERMS; PROVIDING FOR MEETINGS AND
ORGANIZATIONS; PROVIDING FOR DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS;
PROVIDING FOR BOARD ACTION ADVISORY ONLY; PROVIDING
FOR ASSISTANCE TO THE COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR
RATIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF RESOLUTION
NO. 96-1489**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County created the Artificial Reef and Estuarine Enhancement Committee (AREEC) by adoption of Resolution R-90-601, on April 3, 1990, to advise the Board of all matters relating to artificial reefs and enhancement of estuarine water bodies; and

WHEREAS, Resolution R93-586 provided for revisions to comply with County policy and included a reduction in the number of members from 16 to 9, established specific categories of membership, and added water quality to the committee responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, Resolution R96-1489 provided for staggered terms and removed the limitation on the number of consecutive terms a member may serve; and

WHEREAS, the AREEC desires to modify the membership requirements to reflect changing conditions by modifying the commercial fishing category to a fisheries category, modifying the local government category to any government, and adding two (2) general members; and

WHEREAS, this reorganization will ensure greater continuity and consistency of effort as AREEC membership changes over time and allow members with unique talents and abilities to continue to serve the Committee; and

WHEREAS, this reorganization will enable the Committee to more effectively advise the Board on the evolving challenges of artificial reef and estuarine enhancement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. Creation. Upon adoption of this Resolution by the Board of County Commissioners, there is created and established a committee to be known as the Palm Beach County Artificial Reef and Estuarine Enhancement Committee, which committee shall replace, in its entirety, that certain Artificial Reef and Estuarine Enhancement Committee created by Resolution R-96-1489.

Section 2. Membership:

a. The Artificial Reef and Estuarine Enhancement Committee shall consist of eleven (11) members appointed at large by the Board of County Commissioners. Appointments shall be based upon nominations from the following:

1. One (1) representative of the County Commission of Palm Beach County, who, at the time of the appointment, shall be an elected member of the Commission. The selected member from the County Commission shall serve as the Chair of the Committee for the duration of the selected member's term of office as a County Commissioner;
2. Two (2) members representing other governmental entities;
3. One (1) member representing commercial scuba diving interests in Palm Beach County ;
4. One (1) member representing commercial marine industry interests in Palm Beach County;
5. One (1) member representing fisheries interests in Palm Beach County ;
6. One (1) member representing a recreational fishing club in Palm Beach County;
7. One (1) member representing a recreational scuba diving club in Palm Beach County;
8. One (1) member representing an environmental organization in Palm Beach County ; and,

9. Two (2) general members who are county residents having an interest in artificial reefs and estuarine enhancement of which one would be appointed for an initial term of three (3) years and one would be appointed for an initial term of four (4) years. All subsequent appointments and/or reappointments shall be terms of three (3) years.

- b. Appointment of new members to fill vacancies and reappointment of members whose terms have expired shall be made at large by the Board of County Commissioners. Should a vacancy occur among the nine (9) group representative members that cannot be filled by that group, that vacancy may be filled by a county resident having an interest in artificial reefs and estuarine enhancement.
- c. With the exception of the County Commission representative, the term for all members shall be three (3) years. The terms shall be staggered over a three (3) year period such that the terms of no more than four (4) members expire in any one year.
- d. The term expiration date for all current committee members will remain in effect.

Section 3. Meetings and Organization. The Committee shall establish a time and place for holding meetings as may be necessary and shall adopt such rules of organization and procedure as may be required. The Committee may establish subcommittees for specific subjects or tasks and may invite participation in said subcommittees by nonmembers in order to obtain input from other segments of the public interested in the artificial reef and estuarine enhancement program, provided however, that such members of the public shall not be considered members of the Artificial Reef and Estuarine Enhancement Committee and shall have no official voting powers or related rights and duties.

Section 4. Duties and Functions. The Committee shall have the following duties and functions.

- a. To make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners regarding objectives and policies relative to the County's artificial reef and estuarine enhancement programs as they relate to management and coordination of such programs including, but not limited to, the review of existing and future artificial reef and estuarine enhancement locations, materials to be used in the construction of artificial reefs and estuarine enhancement projects, water quality, and other considerations relating to the management, implementation, and coordination of the artificial reef and estuarine enhancement programs.

Section 5. Committee Action Advisory Only. The actions, decisions, and recommendations of the Artificial Reef and Estuarine Enhancement Committee shall not be final or binding on the Board of County Commissioners but shall be advisory only.

Section 6. Assistance to the Committee. The Artificial Reef and Estuarine Enhancement Committee may call upon any department or other agency of the County, regional, state, federal, or local governments for information or advice in the performance of its work. Staff from the Department of Environmental Resources Management shall provide administrative support to the Committee. The County Attorney's office shall act as legal counsel to the Artificial Reef and Estuarine Enhancement Committee at all its meetings and shall provide such legal advice and assistance as may be requested by the Artificial Reef and Estuarine Enhancement Committee. The Board of County Commissioners may, on behalf of the Artificial Reef and Estuarine Enhancement Committee, accept donations or other monetary or physical assistance from the general public to aid the Artificial Reef and Estuarine Enhancement Committee in fulfilling its duties as provided herein.

Section 7. Ratification. Notwithstanding anything contained herein, this Resolution also hereby acknowledges, ratifies, and confirms all actions of the advisory committee known as the Artificial Reef and Estuarine Enhancement

Committee, as was previously approved and organized by the Board of County Commissioners, prior to the formal adoption of this Resolution.

Section 8. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Resolution is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holdings shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution.

Section 9. Repeal of R-96-1489. This Resolution expressly repeals and supersedes Palm Beach County Resolution R-96-1489.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner

Marcus who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jeff Koons and upon being put to a vote, was as follows:

	ABSENT	AYE	NAY
COMM. ADDIE L. GREENE, CHAIRPERSON	_____	<u>Aye</u>	_____
COMM. JEFF KOONS, VICE CHAIR	_____	<u>Aye</u>	_____
COMM. KAREN T. MARCUS	_____	<u>Aye</u>	_____
COMM. ROBERT J. KANJIAN	_____	<u>Aye</u>	_____
COMM. MARY MCCARTY	_____	<u>Aye</u>	_____
COMM. BURT AARONSON	_____	<u>Aye</u>	_____
COMM. JESS R. SANTAMARIA	_____	<u>Aye</u>	_____

The Chair thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this 9th day of September, 2008.

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA,
BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

BY: [Signature]
County Attorney

[Signature]
Sharon Bock Clark & Comptroller Deputy Clerk


Attachment 4



INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM
Palm Beach County
Environmental Resources Management

DATE: September 19, 2008

TO: Commissioner Addie L. Greene, Chairperson
and Board of County Commissioners

FROM:  Richard E. Walesky, Director
Environmental Resources Management

SUBJECT: ARTIFICIAL REEF AND ESTUARINE ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

There are currently three vacancies that need to be filled on the Artificial Reef & Estuarine Enhancement Committee (AREEC). On September 9, 2008, the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) approved adding two new seats to the Committee and there is one existing vacant seat that needs to be filled. Five residents have submitted letters of interest and staff requests that the BCC submit nominations for three vacant seats. Additionally, the terms for two seats expire in November 1, 2008 and staff requests the BCC approve the reappointment of two current members of the AREEC. Please select one nominee for each seat and return the Board Appointment Nomination Forms by September 25.

The vacant seat descriptions are:

- Environmental organization (seat #9) – county resident representing an environmental organization in Palm Beach County. This seat has a three year term.
- General members (seats #10 and #11) – county residents having an interest in artificial reefs and estuarine enhancement. These seats were added by Resolution 08-1511 and have staggered initial terms of three years (seat #10) and four years (seat #11).

Environmental Organization

Three residents have sent a letter of interest requesting consideration for appointment to seat #9. Please select one nominee from the following:

1. **Gregory Reynolds (LagoonKeepers.org):** Mr. Reynolds is the Founder and Executive Director of LagoonKeepers.org, a not-for-profit volunteer organization whose primary mission since 2003 has been to improve water quality of the Lake Worth Lagoon through the removal of debris and boating hazards. They patrol the Lagoon daily and respond to calls from law enforcement for assistance in removing boating hazards and provide assistance during volunteer clean-up events. Mr. Reynolds is responsible for the DAVE (Derelict and Abandoned Vessel Eradication) Initiative which is a fund raising effort to enable the removal of derelict and abandoned vessels. He also has served on the Lake Worth Lagoon Symposium committee.
2. **Linda Humphries (Audubon Society of the Everglades):** Ms. Humphries is President of Audubon Society of the Everglades, Past President of Friends of the Okeehchee Nature Center and has participated in a number of volunteer activities. The Audubon Society has been active in local environmental issues, owns land on the Lagoon and has worked as a partner with Palm Beach County to manage some of their property, and conduct bird counts throughout the county.
3. **Tom Warnke (Surfrider Foundation):** Mr. Warnke was the founder of the Palm Beach County chapter of Surfrider Foundation in 1997 and currently serves as the secretary of the Executive Board. The Foundation is a volunteer organization with a focus on coastal water quality and environmental protection. He is a lifelong resident of PBC with a home on the Lagoon, served on the Lake Worth Lagoon Steering Committee, and currently serves on the Boynton Inlet Committee which is evaluating potential redesign of the inlet.

A. Greene
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General Member

Two residents have sent a letter of interest requesting consideration for appointment to seats #10 and #11. Please select two nominees from the following:

1. **James Bowser:** Mr. Bowser is currently the Town Engineer with the Town of Palm Beach holding that position for 22 years. He has worked closely with ERM on all the Town's estuarine enhancement projects (including artificial reef, mangrove restoration and stormwater retrofit projects) and coordinated with ERM on John's Island restoration and the proposed Ibis Isle restoration. Mr. Bowser has bachelor degrees in Environmental Resources Management and Civil Engineering for Penn State University and University of Florida, respectively, and a master's degree in Environmental Pollution Control from Penn State. In recognition of Mr. Bowser's extensive background and expertise, staff recommends that Mr. Bowser be considered for seat #11 which has a four year initial term.
2. **Barbara Chudzik-Lea:** Ms. Chudzik-Lea is a marine biologist with an interest in artificial reefs and the Lake Worth Lagoon. She has an educational and professional background in reef monitoring and experience in sea turtle monitoring. Ms. Chudzik-Lea is a waterfront property owner in West Palm Beach and supports continued development of environmental restoration projects in Lake Worth Lagoon.

Re-appointments

The terms for two seats expire November 1, 2008 and the existing members have requested re-appointment. Mr. Skip Commagere represents the commercial scuba diving interests (seat #4) and has served on the committee since November 1, 2005. Mr. Martin Murphy, Sr. represents commercial marine industry interests (seat #5) and has also served on the board since November 1, 2005. Mr. Commagere and Mr. Murphy have both provided outstanding service to the AREEC since their appointments. Nominations for re-appointment to seats #4 and #5 are submitted for Board consideration.

The following information is provided:

1. Board Appointment Information Forms
2. Current Membership
3. Attendance Record

Please return one nomination for each of the five seats (#4, #5, #9, #10, and #11) on the attached Board Appointment Information Forms, to Mr. Brock Stanaland, Senior Environmental Analyst, no later than Thursday, September 25, 2008. An agenda item is being prepared for Board appointments to be approved at the October 21, 2008 meeting of the BCC.

REW:PD
Attachments