

PALM BEACH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: February 24, 2009

Consent  
 Ordinance

Regular  
 Public Hearing

Department:

Submitted By: County Attorney

Submitted For: Administration

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

**Motion and Title:** Staff recommends motion to adopt: a resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida, requesting that the State of Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission adopt additional speed restrictions in Little Lake Worth.

**Summary:** At the request of Commissioner Karen T. Marcus, the Board directed staff to draft this resolution. The resolution requests that the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission adopt additional speed restrictions in Little Lake Worth to address the threat to public safety caused by speeding vessels in the area. DISTRICT 1 (SF)

**Background and Justification:** Local residents and others who use Little Lake Worth for boating, swimming and other recreational purposes have raised public safety concerns with regard to speeding vessels in Little Lake Worth, and additional speed restrictions in the area provide the most direct means to address such safety concerns.

Attachment:

- 1. Resolution

Recommended by: Maureen Gault For Denise Niemela  
Department Director

2/12/09  
Date

Approved by: [Signature]  
Assistant County Administrator

2/18/09  
Date

**II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS**

**A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

Fiscal Years	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Capital Expenditures	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Operating Costs	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
External Revenues	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Program Income (County)	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
In-Kind Match (County)	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
<b>NET FISCAL IMPACT</b>		<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
<b># ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)</b>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Is Item Included in Current Budget? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
 Budget Account No.: Fund \_\_\_ Department \_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_  
 Object \_\_\_ Program NA

**B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

**C. Departmental Fiscal Review:** \_\_\_\_\_

**III. REVIEW COMMENTS**

**A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Development and Control Comments:**

<p><u>Jim Dink 2-17-09</u>                  OEMB  <i>LD 2/17/09 CW 2/13/09</i></p>	<p><u>Dr. J. Jewell 2/18/09</u>                  Contract Development and Control  <i>E. Jones 2/18/09</i></p>
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**B. Legal Sufficiency:**

Mark Toy 2-13-09  
 Assistant County Attorney

**C. Other Department Review:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Department Director

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This summary is not to be used as a basis for payment

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2009-**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THAT THE STATE OF FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION ADOPT ADDITIONAL SPEED RESTRICTIONS IN LITTLE LAKE WORTH.**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) has the authority to establish speed restricted areas on the waters of the state pursuant to Section 327.46, F.S.; and

**WHEREAS**, the issue of navigational safety in the Little Lake Worth area of the Lake Worth Lagoon has been and continues to be a concern of residents of Palm Beach County; and

**WHEREAS**, Little Lake Worth is a small water body primarily surrounded by residences, which based on its size and location is not conducive to high speed vessel traffic; and

**WHEREAS**, many of the residences surrounding Little Lake Worth have boats docked in Little Lake Worth, which add to vessel traffic in the area; and

**WHEREAS**, the entrance to Little Lake Worth contains a low clearance bridge and is through a narrow channel that provides limited visibility for boaters entering and exiting the area; and

**WHEREAS**, citizens using Little Lake Worth for boating, swimming, and other recreational purposes have raised public safety concerns with regard to speeding watercraft within the area; and

**WHEREAS**, speeding watercraft within Little Lake Worth present a threat to public safety, including the potential for serious physical injury or loss of life, due to the small size of the area, the narrow passageway into the area, the level of vessel traffic, the areas of obstructed visibility, and the swimming and other recreational uses of the area by residents and users; and

**WHEREAS**, the FWC is currently reviewing boat safety speed zones in Palm Beach County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County recommends additional speed restrictions as a means to address the public safety concerns within Little Lake Worth; and

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

1. The above-cited Whereas clauses are hereby adopted as findings of fact upon which this resolution is based.
2. The Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners hereby urges the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to adopt additional speed restrictions within the Little Lake Worth area of the Lake Worth Lagoon.
3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner John F. Koons, Chairman  
Commissioner Burt Aaronson, Vice Chairman  
Commissioner Karen T. Marcus  
Commissioner Shelley Vana  
Commissioner Jess R. Santamaria  
Commissioner Addie L. Greene

The Chairman thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this  
\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SHARON R. BOCK, CLERK & COMPTROLLER

By:   
Assistant County Attorney

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk