

**PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date:	September 14, 2010	(X) Consent	() Regular
		() Workshop	() Public Hearing
Department			
Submitted By:	<u>Environmental Resources Management</u>		
Submitted For:	<u>Environmental Resources Management</u>		

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to:

A) **adopt** a Resolution authorizing the Clerk of the Board to disburse \$250,000 from the Vessel Registration Fee Trust Fund to cover the costs of two artificial reefs offshore of Jupiter and Juno Beach; and

B) **approve** a Budget Transfer of \$250,000 in the Environmental Enhancement Non-Specific Fund from reserves to the Jupiter/Juno Artificial Reef Project.

Summary: The Resolution and Budget Transfer from County Vessel Registration Fees will provide the estimated \$250,000 to cover costs of the Jupiter Inlet and Juno Beach Artificial Reef Projects. Reef projects would include 1) the placement of approximately 750 tons of concrete in proximity to the Jupiter Inlet in 25-30 ft. of water and 2) installation of concrete poles into the ocean bottom in 20-25 ft. of water 500-1000' east of the Juno Beach Fishing Pier to create a "bait reef". Funding for these projects will come entirely from County Vessel Registration Fees. District 1 (SF)

Background and Justification: The Board of County Commissioners enacted the Vessel Registration Fee Ordinance, No 88-40 that provides for the collection of boat registration fees. Fees are collected and deposited in the Vessel Registration Fee Trust Fund and utilized for saltwater and freshwater environmental enhancement and restoration projects. Disbursement of these funds shall only be made upon the approval of a resolution by the BCC authorizing the Clerk of the Board to disburse funds for a particular project.

Two artificial reef projects are proposed in northern Palm Beach County. The County holds a lease with Florida Power and Light for the use of the Riviera Beach Artificial Reef Staging Site. Our latest lease (R2005-1097) specifies that all concrete and limestone boulders currently stockpiled at the staging site be removed by September 2011 in preparation for the demolition and construction of the new power plant at this site. Currently, approximately 750 tons of miscellaneous concrete and rock need to be removed from the site and used to build artificial reefs. The offshore site selected to receive these materials is the Jupiter Inlet Mid-Water Reef Site in 25-30' of water. This reef will act as an intermediate habitat or "stepping stone" for migrating fish and shellfish species moving from the Loxahatchee River to the offshore reefs.

A second artificial reef will be the construction of a reef 500-1000 ft. offshore of the Juno Fishing Pier in 20-25' of water. The reef will consist of the vertical placement of concrete poles and pilings in groupings of 4-5 spread out over several thousand feet.

Attachments:


1. Resolution
2. Budget Transfer (1225)

Recommended by:


Department Director

8-27-10
Date

Approved by:


County Administrator

9/7/10
Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

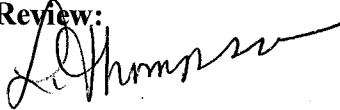
A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Capital Expenditures	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating Costs	<u>\$250,000</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____
External Revenues	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Program Income (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
In-Kind Match (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
NET FISCAL IMPACT	<u>\$250,000</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____
# ADDITIONAL FTE	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
POSITIONS (Cumulative)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Is Item Included in Current Budget? Yes _____ No X
Budget Account No.: Fund _____ Department _____ Unit _____ Object _____
Program _____


B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact \$250,000 Vessel Registration Fee Trust Fund

C. Department Fiscal Review:

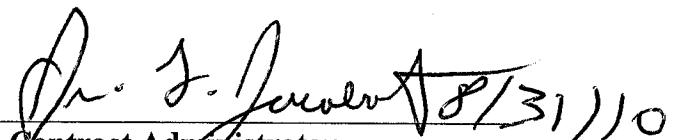


III. REVIEW COMMENTS


A. OFMB Fiscal and /or Contract Administrator Comments:


OFMB JB
8/31/10

8/31/10


Contract Administrator 8/31/10

B. Legal Sufficiency:


Assistant County Attorney 9-3-10

C. Other Department Review:

Department Director

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY,
FLORIDA TO UTILIZE A PORTION OF THE COUNTY
VESSEL REGISTRATION FEES FOR CONSTRUCTING
HABITAT ENHANCEMENT TO THE JUPITER INLET
AND JUNO BEACH ARTIFICIAL REEF SITES.**

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County enacted the Vessel Registration Fee Ordinance, No. 88-40 which began collecting fees June 1, 1989; and

WHEREAS, the Vessel Registration Fee Ordinance provides that monies collected from vessel registration fees be utilized to protect coastal marine and estuarine habitats, maintain and enhance fisheries and other salt and freshwater habitats, and construct artificial reefs; and

WHEREAS, Florida Power and Light has requested that the County initiate the removal of all materials stockpiled at the staging site in order to satisfy the terms of the lease agreement (R2005-1097); and

WHEREAS, approximately 750 tons of miscellaneous concrete materials and limestone boulders are currently stockpiled at the Florida Power and Light (FPL) Artificial Reef Staging Site; and

WHEREAS, this material will be used to create an artificial reef, one mile northeast of the Jupiter Inlet in 25-30 feet of water, that will boost fisheries and marine life habitat and provide additional areas for diving, fishing and boating activities; and

WHEREAS, County staff has received all environmental permits and completed plans for constructing a reef approximately 500' east of the Juno Fishing Pier; and

WHEREAS, the work described for both projects is estimated to cost \$250,000 and will come from the County's Vessel Registration Fee Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Environmental Resources Management recommends that the Board of County Commissioners authorize the Clerk of the Board to disburse Vessel Registration Fee monies in the amount of \$250,000 to cover the costs of the two artificial reef projects situated offshore of Jupiter and Juno Beach.

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

Section 1: The foregoing recitals are hereby adopted and ratified.

Section 2: The Board hereby authorizes the Clerk to disburse funds of \$250,000 for the environmental enhancement of Jupiter and Juno Beach Artificial Reef Projects.

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


COMMISSIONER Burt Aaronson, Chair	_____
COMMISSIONER Karen T. Marcus, Vice Chair	_____
COMMISSIONER District 2	_____
COMMISSIONER Shelley Vana	_____
COMMISSIONER Steven L. Abrams	_____
COMMISSIONER Jess R. Santamaria	_____
COMMISSIONER Priscilla A. Taylor	_____

The Chair thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this _____ day of _____, 2010.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

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

_____, Clerk

By 
Assistant County Attorney

By _____
Deputy Clerk

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

BUDGET TRANSFER

Fund 1225 Environmental Enhancement-Nonspecific

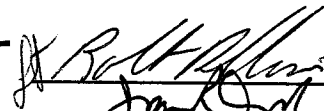

ACCOUNT NAME AND NUMBER		ORIGINAL BUDGET	CURRENT BUDGET	INCREASE	DECREASE	ADJUSTED ENCUMBERED BUDGET / Expended 8/27/2010	REMAINING BALANCE
<u>Appropriations</u>							
<u>Reserve-Non Specific Projects</u>							
380-3893	9902-Operating Reserves	1,599,373	1,867,574	0	250,000	1,617,574 0	1,617,574
<u>Jupiter / Juno Beach Artificial Reef</u>							
380-3076	3401 - Other Contractual Services	0	0	250,000	0	250,000 0	250,000
				250,000	250,000		

Environmental Resources

Management

INITIATING DEPARTMENT/DIVISION
Administration/Budget Department Approval
OFMB Department - Posted

Signatures & Dates

 8/30/10
 8-31-10

BY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AT MEETING OF

September 14, 2010

Deputy Clerk to the

Board of County Commissioners