PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

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II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

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RESOLUTION NO. 2012-

A RESOLUTION OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; RECOGNIZING THE NEED FOR COLLABORATIVE, MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL INPUT ON CONSERVATION MEASURES PROPOSED **FLORIDA** COASTAL SOUTHEAST THE SOUTHEAST FORCE COMPOS THE **FLORIDA** TABLISHING **COMPOSED** OF TASK COASTAL CITY COMMISSIONERS OUNTY AND **FROM** PPOINTED OFFICIALS THE FLORID/ DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND THE FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND REPRESENTATIVES SELECTED STAKEHOLDER ORGANIZATIONS; PROVIDING FOR DUTIES THE TASK STAFF SUPPORT; PROVIDING FOR PROVIDING FOR REPORTING AND MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, southeast Florida has long depended upon coastal ocean waters for recreation, fishing, and commerce; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that coastal ocean waters are under great user pressure, suffer from water quality degradation from human inputs, and climate change impacts; and

WHEREAS, collaborative, multi-agency conservation planning activities have been underway for the coral reefs of southeast Florida through the coordination of the Southeast Florida Coral Reef Initiative (SEFCRI) since 2004; and

WHEREAS, the vision of SEFCRI is "To develop an effective strategy to preserve and protect southeast Florida's coral reefs and associated reef resources, emphasizing balance between resource use and protection, in cooperation with all interested parties."; and

WHEREAS, SEFCRI's program plan for 2010 to 2017 and beyond will develop, prioritize, and implement conservation management alternatives through a publicly vetted, working group process; and

WHEREAS, implementation of some of the alternatives will likely require support from elected officials; and

WHEREAS, elected officials should be involved in the prioritization process in its early stages in order to be fully informed of the environmental and economic consequences of all management strategies.

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

- Section 1. The BCC supports the Coastal Ocean Task Force ("COTF").
- Section 2. The purpose of the COTF is to:
 - (a) Learn about the accomplishments of SEFCRI.
 - (b) Review the Florida coral reef management priorities proposed by the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration and Florida Department of Environmental Protection Coral Reef Conservation Program.
 - (c) Serve as the liaison between SEFCRI and SEFCRI's representative governments.
 - (d) Endorse final reports with recommendations for reef management and conservation priorities and strategies.
 - (e) Make recommendations regarding conservation of coastal ocean resources in southeast Florida.
- Section 3. The COTF shall be composed of representatives of the following entities:
 - (a) Four (4) county elected officials, one (1) from each county, appointed by the respective county commissions of Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, and Martin counties.
 - (b) Three (3) municipal elected officials from each county appointed by the respective county League of Cities, with emphasis on achieving appointments providing geographic representation from a municipality in the north, central, and south regions of each County.
 - (c) One (1) member from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) which shall be the Secretary or designee.
 - (d) One (1) local commissioner from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) appointed by FWC.
 - (e) One (1) member from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) appointed by NOAA.
 - (f) One (1) recreational fishery representative.
 - (g) One (1) commercial fishery representative.
 - (h) One (1) marine industry representative.
 - (i) One (1) charter dive industry representative.
 - (j) One (1) representative of a Port Pilot Association (or equivalent)
 - (k) One (1) representative of commercial port interests

- (I) One (1) representative from an environmental organization
- (m) One (1) representative from an academic institution

Representatives for categories 3(f)-3(m) will be appointed by a majority vote of the members of categories 3(a)-3(e) based on a pool of applicants who submit a letter of interest. When making appointments, each entity shall consider and balance its appointments to reflect the diverse racial, ethnic, religious, economic, and geographic representation within the region.

Section 4. The COTF shall meet on a frequency determined by the COTF for an 18-month period following its initial organizational meeting. The time period may be modified at the discretion of a majority of the COTF members. The COTF shall, at its organizational meeting, elect a Chair and Vice-Chair, adopt rules of procedure, including provisions for quorum, voting, and consideration of motions and other items, and establish such standing committees as necessary to conduct the work of the COTF.

Section 5. Broward County Natural Resources Planning and Management Division shall provide staff support to the COTF in collaboration with technical staff from partner agencies.

Section 6. Support staff will prepare meeting notices and minutes, maintain records, coordinate or prepare draft reports, and prepare final reports containing the findings and recommendations of the COTF.

Section 7. The governmental entities adopting this resolution recognize and agree their participation as members of the COTF is a voluntary effort. The participating governments further recognize that any final reports issued by the COTF shall not be construed as imposing any mandates upon the participants or other government entities. It is understood and desired, rather, that the collaborative work of the COTF serve as recommendations regarding conservation of coastal ocean resources in southeast Florida.

Section 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-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 Shelley Vana, Chair Commissioner Steven L. Abrams, Vice Chairman Commissioner Karen T. Marcus Commissioner Paulette Burdick Commissioner Burt Aaronson Commissioner Jess R. Santamaria Commissioner Priscilla A. Taylor The Chair thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this day of , 2012. PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Sharon R. Bock, Clerk & Comptroller Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY