



RESOLUTION

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

Commissioners

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Managing fish and wildlife resources for their long-term well-being and the benefit of people.

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WHEREAS, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is a duly constituted governmental agency, created to serve the Great State of Florida, and

WHEREAS, said service includes the protection and management of Florida's fish and wildlife resources; management of sustainable uses of these important resources; and support for access and opportunities associated with sustainable use for future generations, and

WHEREAS, Florida's "working waterfronts" are a critical link connecting people with Florida's rich fish and wildlife resources for commercial and recreational activities that are highly important to Florida's economy and the cultural character of the State, and

WHEREAS, working waterfronts include properties and facilities that provide access for water-dependent commercial and recreational activities and generally provide access for the public to the navigable waters of the State.

WHEREAS, the projected growth of Florida's human population over the next 50 years and other environmental and economic factors will undoubtedly present extreme challenges, and

WHEREAS, those challenges associated with growth will bring increasing economic pressures on Florida's working waterfronts likely resulting in significant changes in land use and significant loss of access to the waters of Florida for recreational and commercial activities, and

WHEREAS, those challenges, if not addressed with wise and creative solutions, threaten to erode the rich cultural heritage associated with working waterfronts and the important interface between the people of Florida and the fish and wildlife resources on the waters of the state, and

WHEREAS, it is beyond the means of the government of the Great State of Florida to purchase all the lands essential to maintaining working waterfronts that may be subject to land use changes in the years to come, and

WHEREAS, a proposed addition to the Florida Constitution -- Amendment 6, to be on the ballot for Florida's voters' approval during the November 2008 election -- would offer a meaningful solution to this issue by providing for tax incentives for landowners who wish to maintain properties in working waterfront uses, and

WHEREAS, passage of Amendment 6 requires that 60 percent of voters cast ballots in favor of its adoption:

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission that this Commission supports Amendment 6 and that, if approved by the voters, Amendment 6 will help preserve working waterfronts for the benefit of future generations of Floridians.

DONE AND RESOLVED in this duly constituted and assembled meeting at Dania Beach, Florida, this 12th day of June, 2008.

FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Attest: