

RESOLUTION NO. 2003- 131

A RESOLUTION OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA, RESTRUCTURING THE MARINE ADVISORY NARROWS WATERSHED ACTION COMMITTEE.

WHEREAS, Indian River County is greatly affected by, dependant upon, and served by the Indian River Lagoon; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens of Indian River County to maintain, preserve and enhance the natural beauty, water quality and usefulness of the Indian River Lagoon as an irreplaceable natural resource; and

WHEREAS, the Marine Advisory Board has recommended that the above purposes and the intergovernmental coordination requirements of the Local Government Comprehensive Planning and Land Development Regulation Act, F.S. 163.3177(4)(a) and F.S. 163.3177(6)(h), can be best advanced by expanding the Marine Advisory Board to also serve as the Narrows Watershed Action Committee for the Marine Resources Council of East Florida; and

WHEREAS, it is the will of the Board of County Commissioners to restructure the composition of the Marine Advisory Narrows Watershed Action Committee in light of recent ordinance changes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

1. **ESTABLISHMENT.**

The Marine Advisory Narrows Watershed Action Committee is hereby reestablished and restructured. This resolution repeals and replaces Resolution 89-25 and Resolution 89-152.

2. **MEMBERSHIP.**

The Marine Advisory Narrows Watershed Action Committee shall be composed of fifteen members, each members must be a resident of Indian River County with membership as follows:

- a. A representative of a local environmental organization, such as, but not limited to, the Audubon Society, the Sierra Club, or the Florida Defenders of the Environment;
- b. A representative of recreational fishermen, preferably a person affiliated with a recreational fishing organization;

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- c. A representative of commercial fishermen, preferably a person affiliated with a commercial fishing organization;
- d. A representative of recreational boats, preferably a person affiliated with a recreational boating organization;
- e. At least two persons, not necessarily affiliated with a particular user group of the Indian River Lagoon, but who have expressed an interest in the objectives of this committee;
- f. One person from each governmental agency having jurisdiction for land or water management within the Narrows Watershed including the Indian River Farms Water Control District, the Florida Wildlife Commission, the Fellsmere Water Control District, the Indian River County Mosquito Control District and the City of Vero Beach.

3. **TERM OF OFFICE.**

The term of office for each member shall be two years.

4. **POWERS AND DUTIES.**

The Marine Advisory Narrows Watershed Action Committee shall have the power and duty to:

- a. Prepare and recommend policies, and, where possible, specific plans relating to:
 - 1. Preservation and enhancement of recreational uses in the Indian River Lagoon.
 - 2. Protection and improvement of water quality and marine habitat in the Indian River Lagoon.
 - 3. Minimization of the adverse impacts on the Indian River Lagoon from all forms of pollution, development, stormwater run-off and over-fishing.
 - 4. Utilization of the Indian River Lagoon and its renewable resources in ways proven not to degrade water quality, marine habitat, recreational utility and natural beauty.
 - 5. Intergovernmental coordination with respect to surface and stormwater management, stormwater/fresh water flow, wetlands protection, wetlands, seagrass and flood plain management and pollution loading.

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- 6. Such recommendations shall be forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners and the Marine Resources Council of East Florida.

5. ADVISORY STATUS.

The Marine Advisory Narrows Watershed Action Committee shall be advisory only and the members shall serve without compensation.

6. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

The provisions of Title 1, Chapter 103, relating to advisory boards and commissions shall apply to this Committee. The Committee shall elect from among its voting members a chairman and a vice chairman annually at its first meeting in January, or at its next meeting if no meeting is held in January. A County Commissioner shall serve as a non-voting liaison to the Committee. Each chair and vice chair shall serve for a one-year term and may be reelected but shall be limited to two successive annual terms, at which point they would be ineligible to chair the committee for at least one year.

7. MEETINGS.

A meeting may be called at the request of either staff, a liaison commissioner, or the chair of the Committee. The agenda for each meeting shall be established by the chairman in coordination with the liaison and County staff. The chairman, Committee member, or staff may place matters on the agenda. Any Committee member may make an oral or written report on committee activity at a subsequent Board of County Commissioners meeting under its liaison "Commissioners Items."

8. CONSULTANT/VENDOR CONTACT.

The chair or individual Committee members are prohibited from contacting consultants or vendors retained by the County.

The resolution was moved for adoption by Commissioner Fran B. Adams, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Caroline D. Ginn, and, upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Chairman Kenneth R. Macht	Aye
Vice Chairman Caroline D. Ginn	Aye
Commissioner Arthur R. Neuberger	Aye

