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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
COMMITTEE ON  
GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS  
TRUST FUND RE-CREATION ANALYSIS**

**BILL #:** HB 1335 (PCB GG 99-51)

**RELATING TO:** Re-creating the Marine Resources Conservation Trust Fund

**SPONSOR(S):** Committee on General Government Appropriations

**COMPANION BILL(S):**

**ORIGINATING COMMITTEE(S)/COMMITTEE(S) OF REFERENCE:**

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I. SUMMARY:

This legislation re-creates the Marine Resources Conservation Trust Fund without modification, effective November 4, 2000. The Marine Resources Conservation Trust Fund, FLAIR #37-2-467, is administered by the Department of Environmental Protection. This fund was last re-created effective November 4, 1996, by Chapter 95-42, Laws of Florida.

II. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS:

A. PRESENT SITUATION:

1. MAJOR STATUTES THAT CONTROL THE TRUST FUND:

Sections 370.0603 and 327.28, F.S. provide direction regarding the trust fund. Sections 327.25, 328.20, 370.021, 370.06, 370.0608, 370.0615, 370.062, 370.063, 370.07, and 370.142, F.S., create revenue sources and deposit instructions for the fund.

2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FUND'S USES OR PURPOSES:

The trust fund provides funding for various marine-related activities, including marine education, information, law enforcement, research, and fisheries enhancement.

3. MAJOR SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR THE FUND:

The major sources of revenue for this trust fund are recreational saltwater fishing licenses, vessel registration fees, and various saltwater regulatory fees. According to Comptroller data, receipts to this fund for FY 1997-98 were \$78.9 million.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

This bill re-creates the trust fund without modification.

C. STATUTE(S) AFFECTED:

None.

III. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:

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This legislation has no fiscal impact on state agencies or state funds, on local governments as a whole or on the private sector. It simply re-creates, without modification, an existing state trust fund and continues the current use of the fund.

IV. COMMENTS:

None.

V. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

None.

VI. SIGNATURES:

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