

By Senator Cowin

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to fish habitat restoration of public lakes; creating s. 372.0745, F.S.; creating a fish habitat restoration program for public lakes in the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 372.0745, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

372.0745 Fish habitat restoration program.--There is established within the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission a fish habitat restoration program for public lakes. The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission shall annually approve an aquatic resource enhancement funding list with input from state and local government agencies and the public. The approved funding list shall identify for each lake the proposed restoration activities, the proposed restoration budget, and the current work status. The commission shall prepare the funding list based upon the ability to receive timely permit approval for restoration activities, the estimated project costs, availability of other sources of funding for restoration, the degree of public access and use of the lakes, and legal and administrative considerations.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999.

SENATE SUMMARY

Creates a fish habitat restoration program for public lakes in the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.