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A bill to be entitled
 An act relating to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation
 Commission; amending s. 20.331, F.S.; creating an Office
 of Boating and Waterways; assigning duties to such office;
 amending s. 206.606, F.S.; providing for transfer of
 moneys from the Fuel Tax Collection Trust Fund to the
 Marine Resources Conservation Trust Fund; amending s.
 370.0603, F.S.; including boating and boating-related
 activities, programs, and law enforcement under purposes
 of the Marine Resources Conservation Trust Fund; providing
 for the uses of the funds transferred from the Fuel Tax
 Collection Trust Fund; creating s. 327.47, F.S.; providing
 for competitive grant programs developed and administered
 by the commission; authorizing the commission to adopt
 rules; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 20.331, Florida
 Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (e) is added to subsection
 (5) of said section, to read:

20.331 Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.--

(3) The following administrative units are established
 within the commission:

- (a) Division of Administrative Services.
- (b) Division of Law Enforcement.
- (c) Division of Freshwater Fisheries.
- (d) Division of Marine Fisheries.
- (e) Division of Wildlife.
- (f) Florida Marine Research Institute.



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 32 The bureaus and offices of the Game and Fresh Water Fish
 33 Commission existing on February 1, 1999, are established within
 34 the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. There is created
 35 within the commission an Office of Boating and Waterways.

36 (5) In further exercise of its duties, the Fish and
 37 Wildlife Conservation Commission:

38 (e) Shall assign to the Office of Boating and Waterways
 39 such powers, duties, responsibilities, and functions as are
 40 necessary to manage and promote the use of state waterways for
 41 safe and enjoyable boating, including oversight and coordination
 42 of waterway markers on state waters, providing programs for
 43 boating education and boating safety, improving boating access,
 44 coordinating the removal of derelict vessels from state waters,
 45 economic development initiatives to promote boating in this
 46 state, and coordinating the submission of state comments on
 47 marine events.

48 Section 2. Paragraph (d) is added to subsection (1) of
 49 section 206.606, Florida Statutes, to read:

50 206.606 Distribution of certain proceeds.--

51 (1) Moneys collected pursuant to ss. 206.41(1)(g) and
 52 206.87(1)(e) shall be deposited in the Fuel Tax Collection Trust
 53 Fund. Such moneys, after deducting the service charges imposed
 54 by s. 215.20, the refunds granted pursuant to s. 206.41, and the
 55 administrative costs incurred by the department in collecting,
 56 administering, enforcing, and distributing the tax, which
 57 administrative costs may not exceed 2 percent of collections,
 58 shall be distributed monthly to the State Transportation Trust
 59 Fund, except that:



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60 (d) Moneys collected from sales at marinas shall be
61 transferred to the Marine Resources Conservation Trust Fund in
62 the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission as follows:
63 1. \$5.0 million in fiscal year 2003-2004.
64 2. \$8.5 million in fiscal year 2004-2005.
65 3. \$10.9 million in fiscal year 2005-2006.
66 4. \$13.4 million in fiscal year 2006-2007 and each fiscal
67 year thereafter.

68 Section 3. Subsection (1) of section 370.0603, Florida
69 Statutes, is amended, and subsection (4) is added to said
70 section, to read:

71 370.0603 Marine Resources Conservation Trust Fund;
72 purposes.--

73 (1) The Marine Resources Conservation Trust Fund within
74 the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission shall serve as a
75 broad-based depository for funds from various marine-related and
76 boating-related activities and shall be administered by the
77 commission for the purposes of:

78 (a) Funding for marine and boating research.

79 (b) Funding for fishery enhancement, including, but not
80 limited to, fishery statistics development, artificial reefs,
81 and fish hatcheries.

82 (c) Funding for marine law enforcement.

83 (d) Funding for administration of licensing programs for
84 recreational fishing, saltwater products sales, and related
85 information and education activities.

86 (e) Funding for the operations of the Fish and Wildlife
87 Conservation Commission.

88 (f) Funding for titling and registration of vessels.



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89 (g) Funding for marine turtle protection, research, and
90 recovery activities from revenues that are specifically credited
91 to the trust fund for these purposes.

92 (h) Funding activities for rehabilitation of oyster
93 harvesting areas from which special oyster surcharge fees are
94 collected, including relaying and transplanting live oysters.

95 (i) Funding for boating-related activities, boating-
96 related programs, and law enforcement on all waters of this
97 state.

98 (4) Funds provided to the Marine Resources Conservation
99 Trust Fund from taxes distributed under s. 206.606 shall be used
100 for the following purposes:

101 (a) To provide additional water-related law enforcement,
102 including enforcement of laws and regulations related to the
103 protection of manatees.

104 (b) Placement of uniform waterway markers on state waters.

105 (c) To provide funding for construction and maintenance of
106 publicly owned boat ramps, piers, and docks, directly and
107 through grants to counties and municipalities.

108 (d) Implementation and administration of programs,
109 including competitive grant programs, related to boating safety,
110 boating education, manatee technical avoidance technology, and
111 economic development initiatives to promote boating in the
112 state.

113 (e) Other activities of the Office of Boating and
114 Waterways.

115 Section 4. Section 327.47, Florida Statutes, is created to
116 read:

117 327.47 Competitive grant program.--The commission shall
118 develop and administer competitive grant programs to use funds



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119 transferred pursuant to s. 206.606(1)(d) for the construction
120 and maintenance of publicly owned boat ramps, piers, and docks,
121 boater education, deployment of manatee avoidance technology,
122 and economic development initiatives to promote boating in the
123 state. The commission may adopt rules pursuant to chapter 120 to
124 administer this section.

125 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.